

# Have your say on the Arran MPA!

## Public Consultation: South Arran Marine Protected Area Proposal

Please complete this 2 page form and hand it in to the Brodick Tourist Information Office (or post to Marine Scotland at the address below). The questions are based on Marine Scotland's public MPA network consultation response form. You can also complete the response form online and find out more about the Arran MPA at [www.arrancoast.com](http://www.arrancoast.com). The public consultation ends on 13 November 2013.

Do you support the development of an MPA network in Scotland's Seas with 3 MPAs in the Clyde? Yes  No

### The following questions are for the South Arran possible Nature Conservation MPA

What do you think about the location and size of the proposed South Arran MPA?

Comments Excellent location - good + easily policed / surveyed boundaries  
Could be bigger!  
Deeper waters needed to be included, and a variation in habitats,  
current, waters, pH, salinity, temperature.  
I'm not against fishing + gathering of sea foods, but there MPA  
will act as an oasis for breeding + variety which will spill/cascade into the bigger environment  
- Not enough space Rachel Carron would be right behind you!

What should the management measures be for the proposed South Arran MPA?

Comments Guarding against pollution / effluent etc - monitoring elements of habitat.  
Careful habitat measurements to assess changes in the  
environment, viz. climate change, + the unexpected changes in pH, salinity  
temperatures, foreign life encroaching into these habitats

What social and economic effects do you think the South Arran MPA will have?

Comments I can only see good effects + benefits for the area.  
MPAs act as a refuge + enrich the surrounding seas  
Scuba diving could be much more of a tourist sport + specialist  
training on the island will bring more visitors for this specific activity  
- snorkelling / photography / field studies / coast + shore flora + fauna changes  
- endless really!

Any other comments  
Keep going. MPAs are Oases of recovery that must  
spill into the greater environment. Also a 'microscopic' investigation  
into climate change with change in flora + fauna in such a small area.

Please hand in to Brodick Tourist Office or post to: MPA Network Consultation, Scottish Government, Marine Planning and Policy Division, Area 1-A South Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH66QQ.

get local schools, leavers etc  
involved in monitoring, projects etc