

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Do you support the development of an MPA network in Scotland's Seas?	Yes
What do you think about the location and size of the proposed South Arran MPA ?	We feel the size and locality of the proposed MPA is appropriate. Ideally it would be even greater as the biodiversity of the seabed is important to preserve species and to increase sea life
What should the management measures be for the proposed South Arran MPA?	We feel it's important to fully support COAST's proposed management options and disagree with Scottish Natural Heritage's management recommendations. We do not want bottom trawlers and dredgers around the shoreline of Arran. A piecemeal approach will be difficult to maintain.
What social and economic effects do you think the South Arran MPA will have?	Arran Trust wishes to encourage sustainable fishing as an industry around Arran once again. For visitors there is potential for this to be a huge attraction - to see sealife at its best - glass bottomed boats, scuba diving etc could all flourish and as a result the economy will be given a positive boost.
Other Comments	As the Scottish Government has to ensure well-managed networks of MPAs are in place by the end of 2016, then this is the way forward. But it has to be an all or nothing scheme. The proposal to do this in part is laughable - as would be the management of such a scheme. COAST is to be applauded for their hard work and perseverance in this proposal and the Scottish Govt should listen to those who really know and understand the impact.
Organisation	Arran Trust