

# Marine mammal monitoring



# Moray Firth Marine Mammal Monitoring Plan



- Focused studies around offshore sites
- Monitoring of regional populations

Pre-construction				Construction				Post-construction?	
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022



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## *What has worked well*

*Development of regional strategic monitoring*

*Collaboration*

*Studying early developments to inform new projects*



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## *Challenges we have encountered*

*Lack of broader national strategic monitoring*

*Lack of strategic funding framework*

*Uncertain timescales*

*Sustaining collaborations*

*The offshore environment*



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## *Priorities going forward*

*Integration across receptors & regions?*

*Focus strategic studies at key development sites?*

*Ensure post-construction monitoring assesses both  
positive and negative impacts?*

*Integrate monitoring sensors early in design phase*



