

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Do you support the development of an MPA network in Scotland's Seas?	Yes
Designation	I agree with the location and designation of the possible South Arran MPA. It would be really good if it could be extended to all around the Isle of Arran in the very near future. Seabirds and coastal mammals (otters and Seals etc) should be included as "marine priority features" Also the shoreline flora, fauna and geology should be taken into account.
Management Options	I support COASTs proposed Management options. All destructive equipment for the seabed such as bottom towed trawls, dredgers and hydraulic gear should be excluded from the entire proposed MPA. Well managed Creeling, Shellfish diving, and Line fishing Should be allowed.
Socioeconomic Assessment:	A sea rich in variety of life and plenty of young fish mean healthier economics for Commercial fishermen, recreational sea anglers, plus the largest economic business around the Clyde "Tourism". Proper designation and management of the MPA will help address the decline in the Clyde environmentally and economically.
Other Comments	The proof is out there! in the present 'No take Zone'. Having dived there over 30 years ago and then seeing it now, the recovery of the habitat is very noticeable. To be able to lie on a Jetty and watch a school of large fish feeding around it is a sure sign of a recovery of fish numbers. 50 years ago as kids we could go out and pull up a full line of huge Mackerel regularly but now one is lucky to get a bite let alone a catch. I am not against commercial fishing but there are more sensitive less destructive ways of making a living from the sea other than dragging and scooping up absolutely everything from the bottom... Yes a lot gets chucked back in but it is probably fatally injured and the habitat destroyed...