

<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 COAST view that the MPA should be continuous, with no areas made available for trawling or dredging. Breaking up a conservation area into small pockets makes no sense, habitat areas need to be as large as possible, to enable sustainable diverse populations of plant and animal life to thrive. Small areas, cut off from each other by areas dredged and trawled are a threat to the eco system, not a help.
Management Options	I support COAST's proposed management options, but would like them to go further, with all fishing banned from some areas, ie in Lamlash Bay and round Pladda. Any fishing permitted should be by local boats, with length and crew number restrictions to avoid incursion by boats with no interest in the MPA.
Socioeconomic Assessment:	Healthier seas 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 Scottish Government is 38 years behind the curve on this one. New Zealand has been opening Marine Conservation Areas since 1975. Protected sea areas have had a significant effect on local economies through increased tourism.