

<b><u>Question</u></b>	<b><u>Answer</u></b>
Designation	I agree with the designated area of the proposed MPA but would prefer if it were extended all around the island of Arran to a limit of three miles
Management Options	I agree with COAST's proposals that well-managed creel fishing, diving and sea angling should be allowed, but that there should be absolutely no dredging or trawling at all, to protect the sea bed environment and fish nursery grounds
Socioeconomic Assessment:	By protecting the sea bed the whole marine environment is protected, and a healthier habitat for all species will result, including human tourism, etc
Other Comments	Since fishermen took to dredging and trawling the sea bed, I have absolutely no doubt that these methods have been responsible for the disappearance of almost all fish from around Arran, apart from visiting mackerel. Even the basking shark disappeared for several years, so obviously something was amiss. In the '50s and '60s sea angling for cod and haddock "for the pot" was always successful and enjoyable, but by the mid-1970s these species had vanished. I and my family have been visiting Arran, and fishing there, for over 40 years, almost to the point that we would no longer come there.