

<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 ?	As a start, the location and size are fine although an MPA right around Arran would be better.
What should the management measures be for the proposed South Arran MPA?	While SNH are recommending a Remove/avoid pressures policy, i.e. exclusion of trawls, dredges and hydraulic methods from areas of maerl beds etc., they state that it would be possible to focus management around these features because 'they occur at discrete, widely spaced locations within the site.' I remain unconvinced of this despite the SNH explanation (Marine Scotland meeting Brodick, 29th Oct.) that a system of banding the shore is envisaged with complete exclusion on the band nearest the shore. It has been found impossible to prevent commercial boats fishing in the Lamlash NTZ, so will it not be easy for trawlers etc. deliberately or inadvertently to fish in prohibited zones with the inevitable destruction of the seabed plants and creatures? - the growth of years destroyed in minutes. It would seem sensible to eliminate any possibility of this by keeping such boats completely outwith the proposed MPA.
What social and economic effects do you think the South Arran MPA will have?	<p>Apart from increasing the recreational activities such as kayaking and diving and sea-angling, the activities being enhanced by the greater variety and profusion of fish and plants and other sea creatures to be seen, the MPA would allow nursery beds to develop, eventually bringing back a variety of fish which commercial fishermen could fish, though hopefully not by trawling and dredging inshore waters.</p> <p>Businesses related to increased use of the sea would flourish - hotels, restaurants, boat hiring and transport.</p> <p>Perhaps the shipbuilders of Govan could make us some patrol boats.</p>
Other Comments	The south Arran MPA is a fantastic opportunity to show what can be done to bring back sustainable fishing in the Clyde. Already the evidence from the Lamlash NTZ is proving the value of letting the sea alone. We can use the MPA for more very useful research to enable Scotland as a whole to develop a sustainable fishing policy.
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