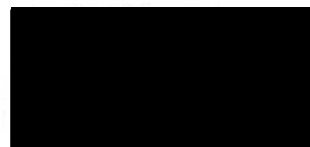


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- Q1 I support the development of any system which adds protection for marine wildlife. Scotland has some of the largest and most spectacular colonies of seabirds in the world and it is essential to their survival for there to be protection for their feeding as well as their breeding areas. These must be included if MPAs are to be ecologically coherent.
- Q2 It is important that Black Guillemots are protected in these areas, but these are shared with other seabirds, all of whom deserve protection and should be named for inclusion.
- Q28+  
29 There are large and important seabird colonies in the Firth of Forth which should be included in any MPA, also there should be protection for sandeels which are an important food source. These have been over exploited in the past and are now at risk from climate change and need whatever help they can get.
- Q35 Without protection for seabirds and their food sources the MPA network cannot be complete. I have visited seabird colonies and had an interest in birds for over fifty years and am all too aware of the drastic reduction in numbers of recent years. Anything the Scottish Government can do to reverse this for future generations of humans and of birds is of prime importance.



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