

MPA CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1. Do you support the development of an MPA network in Scotland's Seas?

Yes No

Insert comments *Given the dire & still declining state of Scotland's marine environment MPAs are not just desirable but essential*

Individual possible Nature Conservation MPAs

2. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the possible Nature Conservation MPA(s)?

INSERT RELEVANT pMPA NAME(S) HERE *Small Isles*

Designation:

Yes No

Insert comments *While supporting the proposed designation I feel scarce attention is being paid to the sites seabird populations. Despite containing one of the world's largest concentrations of Manx Shearwaters & populations of chronically declining species such as Kittiwakes & Arctic Terns only Great Guillemots are listed.*

Management Options:

Yes No

Insert comments *There must ensure sustainability & must be rigorously enforced.*

Socioeconomic Assessment:

Yes No

Insert comments *There must reflect the desires of the majority of local populations which is for a healthy & sustainable marine environment. They should not pander to a vocal minority who's only interest is quiet profit.*

All of the above:

Yes No

Insert comments *The whole purpose of MPAs is to provide refuges for wildlife & produce a healthy marine environment. They must be created & their rules rigorously enforced.*

Sustainability Appraisal

3. Do you have any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal of the MPA network as a whole?

Yes No

Insert comments

The previous comments relate to the network as a whole.
A sustainable & healthy marine environment is the essential aim. Economic factors should be considered but only after this aim is achieved.

Final Thoughts

4. On the basis of your preferences on which pMPAs should be designated, do you view this to form a complete or ecologically coherent network, subject to the completion and recommendations of SNH's further work on the 4 remaining search locations?

Yes No

Insert comments

Given the current state of knowledge this is a good start & would provide a basis for an ecologically coherent network.

5. Do you have any other comments on the case for designation, management options, environmental or socioeconomic assessments of the pMPAs, or the network as a whole?

Yes No

Insert comments

MPAs are vital if we are to reverse the declining conditions of Scotland's marine environment. Healthy seas make socioeconomic sense for everyone in the long term. We owe it to future generations to reverse the current destructive pattern.

Thank You.