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To whom it may concern.

8 years ago I went on a camping holiday up north with my husband and dog. We went right up to John O'Groats. The birds that we saw at Dunnet Head were fantastic. We saw Puffins at their burrows, fulmars and many other beautiful birds. We also saw a Basking Shark in the sea at the same time.

A couple of years later we went back and got a shock. We never saw one puffin and fewer fulmars. I was very upset at not seeing any puffins.

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We have to do our best to help this problem. The area around Arron has improved quite a lot over the last few years with protection. There seems to be too much talking and not enough action. MPA's are needed to protect Scotland's amazing marine wildlife including seabirds. It's legally required that an 'ecologically coherent network of MPA's should be created. It won't work unless we include protected seabirds feeding hotspots. There is reports from many sources that MPA's can and should really benefit seabirds.

Q2 Clyde Sea Sill; Q3 East Caithness Cliffs; Q6 Fethlar Hardswick; Q13 Menach Isles; Q19 Papa Westray; and Q21 Small. These sites should be designated to protect black guillemots. Also other

seabirds must be protected on these sites. The network will not be considered complete if there is no protection in place. MPA's are required to complement special Protection Areas as well as offering other seabirds the same level of protection. The decline in numbers of many seabirds has been drastic in the last 20 years. The Scottish Government must stand by their committion to the international agreement. Fulmars have been one of the worst hit birds to have declined so drastically never mind Puffins in the last decade.

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Yours sincerely



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