



# Towards a Coherent Network of Marine Protected Areas

**2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> October 2007**  
**Scarborough**

*The Marine Protected Areas Conference aims to bring together those involved in management, designation, science and policy development of MPAs. Delegates will be able to share information and learn about the latest MPA science, good practice and policies from speakers from the UK and overseas as we look towards achieving our MPA targets.*

**The objectives of the conference sessions will be to cover:**

**What can MPAs deliver?**

- Discuss the evidence of benefits (biodiversity and socio-economics) that MPAs can deliver with a focus on the UK

**The story so far: how are we doing in building our MPA network?**

- Discuss progress in completing the MPA network
- Showcase good management practices within existing MPAs and discuss management problems and solutions to solve these

**Approaches to selecting MPAs**

- Present possible approaches for establishing MPAs
- Discuss how to integrate industry and environmental desires into the network

**What else do we need to do to achieve our MPA targets?**

- Discuss the legislative tools and other actions delegates believe are needed to establish an effective, coherent network of MPAs in the UK

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## Programme

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**0930 Introduction to the conference** – Andrew Wood, Executive Director of Evidence & Policy, Natural England.

**Session 1: What can MPAs deliver? Chair:** Andrew Wood

**0940 Keynote speaker: 'What MPAs can deliver' – Prof Steve Gaines, University of California**

1015 What Natural England believes a network of MPAs can deliver – Mark Duffy, Natural England

1035 MPAs - benefits to biodiversity: from rare to representative - Jean-Luc Solandt, Marine Conservation Society

1055 What can MPAs deliver for fisheries? – National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations

1115 What can MPAs do for people and local communities? – Tony Child, Project Officer, Thanet Coast Project

1135 Group discussion on what else MPAs can deliver

1155 *Refreshment break 1*

### **Session 2: The story so far: how are we doing in building our MPA network?**

**Chair – Lynda Warren**

1240 **Keynote speaker: International progress towards a the Natura 2000 network of MPAs – Jochen Kause, Bundesamt für Naturschutz, Germany**

1310 Progress in completing the Natura 2000 and OSPAR networks – Annabelle Aish and Andy Webb, JNCC

1330 How the UK Governments will develop a MPA policy following the Marine Act: Emily Muson, Defra, Wendy Twell, Welsh Assembly Government and David Mallon, Scottish Executive,

1350 Achieving effective MPAs – Jen Ashworth, Natural England & Carol Daniels SNH

1410 Building public support for MPAs – Lisa Chilton, Wildlife Trusts

1430 Establishing local community support for a MPA – Don Macneish, Community of Arran Seabed Trust

1450 *Refreshment break 2*

**1530 Case studies of good practice in managing European marine sites**

5 minute presentations followed by a market place session

Including:

- Bill Parker, Project Officer Stour & Orwell European marine site – Findings of research on recreational disturbance in the Stour and Orwell
- Sue Burton, Project Officer Pembrokeshire Coast European marine site – Pembrokeshire Marine Code
- Leanne Stockdale, Project Officer Flamborough Head European marine site – Developing a shared vision for the Flamborough EMS
- Aisling Lannin, Project Officer Berwickshire & North Northumberland Coast European marine site – Bringing the Berwickshire and N Northumberland EMS and AONB closer together.
- Peter Rushmer, Project Officer Wash & North Norfolk Coast European marine site – Incident recording /Voluntary kites' initiative in the Wash & North Norfolk Coast EMS
- Nicola Saunders, Lundy warden – Managing Lundy

- Tom Roberts, UCL - Partnership approaches to achieving strategic marine conservation objectives
- Toward a coherent networks of MPAs – Priorities and Next Steps

1715 Close

1930 Conference dinner

## Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

### Session 3: Approaches for selecting MPAs. Chair – Carolyn Heeps, The Crown Estate

#### 0930 Keynote speaker – The PROTECT Project and its approach to selecting MPAs – John Pinnegar Cefas

1000 Designing regional MPA networks - the Finding Sanctuary approach – Tom Hooper, Finding Sanctuary

1020 Applying network design software to the UK – Prof Mike Kaiser, University of Bangor

1040 Investigating new marine SACs - current Natura 2000 survey work – Mat Cork & Pete Gaches, Royal Haskoning & Viv Blythe-Skryme JNCC

1100 Mapping fishing effort and its applicability to MPAs – Giles Bartlett, North Eastern Sea Fisheries Committee

1120 Investigating win-wins for conservation and renewable energy – Justine Saunders, ABPmer

1140 Reconciling conservation objectives and other commercial interests within MPAs – Ian Barrett, Defra

1200 Discussion

1230 Refreshment break 1

### 1330 Session 4 – What else do we need to do to achieve our MPA targets?

#### Chair Mark Duffy, Natural England

1340 MPA provisions in the Marine Bill: perspectives from LINK – Kate Tanner, Wildlife & Countryside Link

1400 The effectiveness of legislation for MPAs – Tom Appleby, University of Bristol

1420 Highly Protected Marine Reserves: their contribution to achieving MPA targets for Wales –

Mary Lewis, CCW

1440 Priority actions needed to achieve our MPAs targets: next steps - Sue Gubbay followed by discussion

1530 Thanks and conference close

1545 End and refreshments