

# How the UK Governments will deliver their MPA policies through new marine legislation

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# Overview

1. Drivers for UK MPA network: Emily Musson

Network policy in:

2. UK offshore and English territorial waters: Emily Musson
3. Welsh territorial waters: Wendy Twell
4. Scottish territorial waters: David Mallon
5. Next steps: David Mallon
6. Questions

# UK MPA policy

Safeguarding Sea Life: The joint UK response to the Review of Marine Nature Conservation, December 2005

“The Government is committed to the establishment of an ecologically coherent network of marine protected areas to conserve marine ecosystems and biodiversity”

# Global commitments

## Convention on Biological Diversity

- by 2012 a global network of comprehensive, representative, effectively managed national and regional protected area systems.

## World Summit on Sustainable Development

- by 2012 agreed to establish MPAs including representative networks

# Regional commitments

## EC Habitats and Birds Directives

- Requirement to designate SACs and SPAs to complete the European Natura network in the marine environment.

## OSPAR Convention

- Recommendation to establish by 2010 an ecologically coherent network of well managed MPAs.

# UK MPAs

Currently are 182 MPAs in UK inshore waters:

- 81 SPAs with marine habitats for birds
- 98 SACs with marine habitats or species
- 3 statutory marine nature reserves.

