

Open Environment & Environment policy: an NGO perspective:

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This talk will cover.....



- Defra cuts and the need for independent expertise and advice
- Europe and the upcoming in/out referendum
- 'New' ways of thinking about nature

Investing in expertise, guidance and regulation



Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zone: DRAFT Advice on Operations

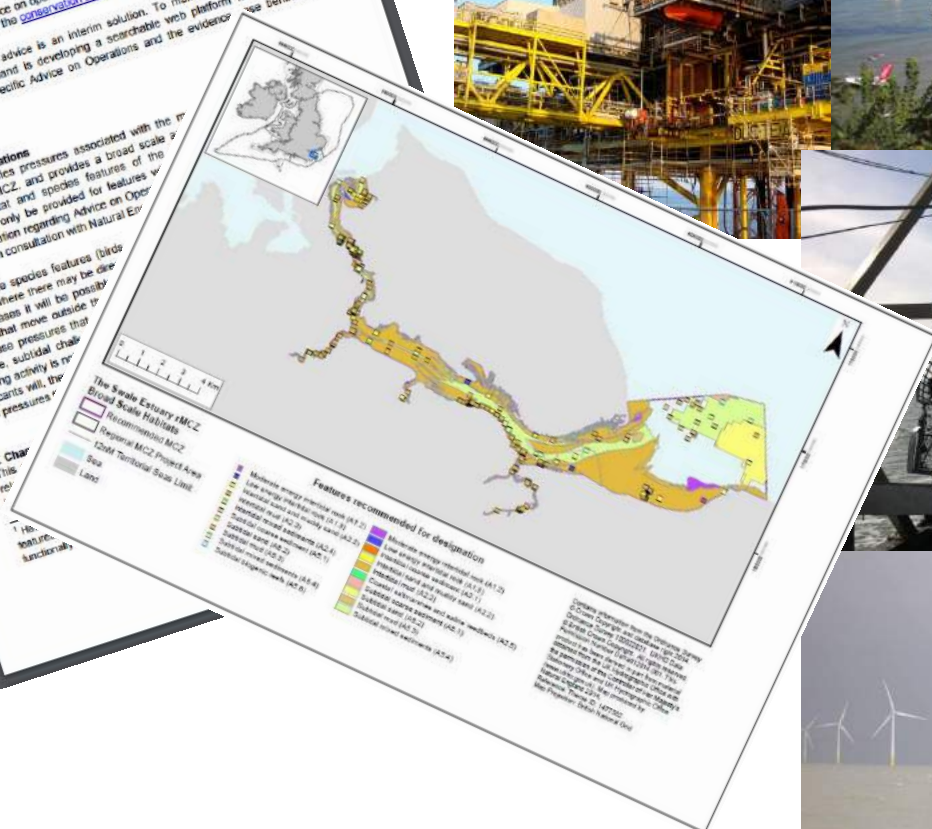
This document provides advice on operations for Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ), forming part of the [conservation advice package](#).

The presentation of this advice is an interim solution. To make this information more accessible, Natural England is developing a searchable web platform which will allow stakeholders to see specific Advice on Operations and the evidence used behind the sensitivity scores.

1. Advice on Operations
 This advice identifies pressures associated with the activities in the MCZ, and species features of the designated habitat and species features of the Operations will only be provided for features v-land'. Information regarding Advice on Operations to be sought in consultation with Natural England.

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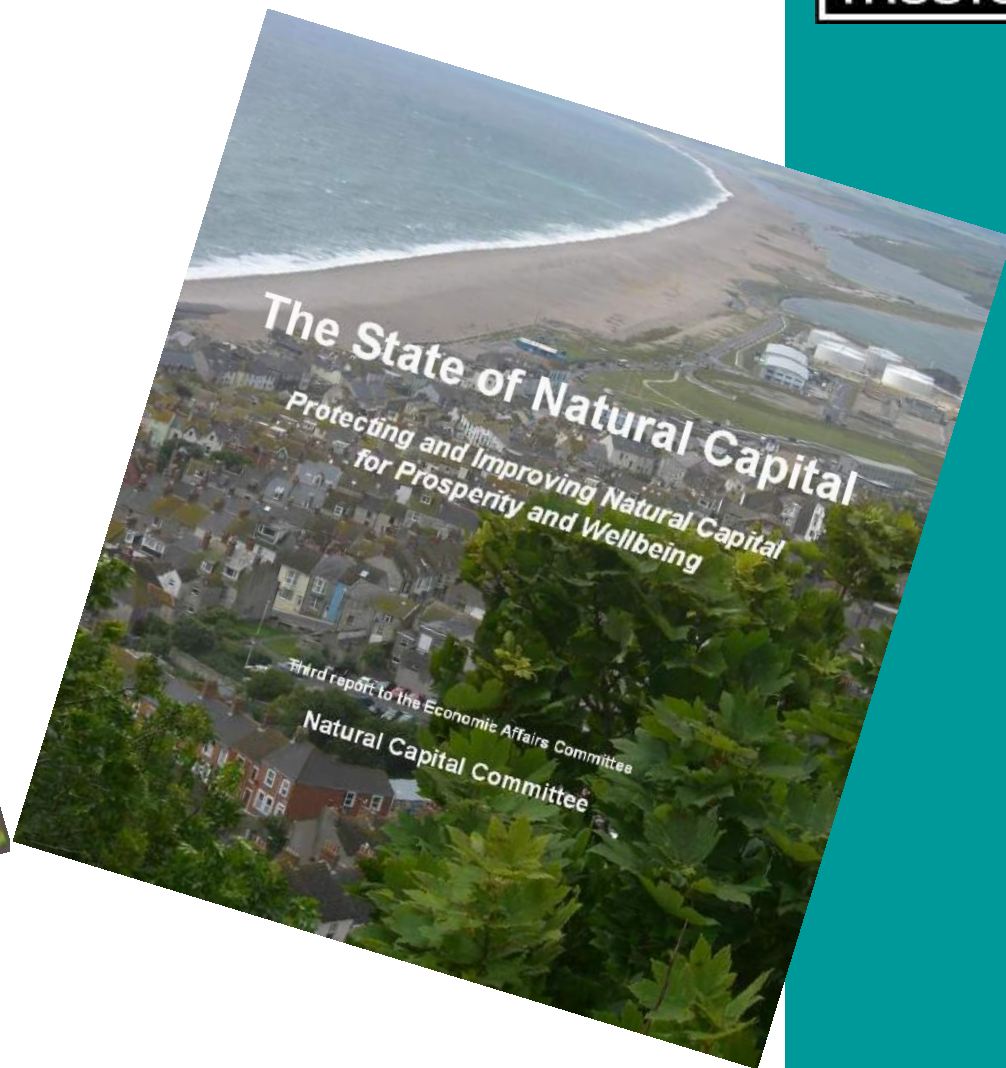
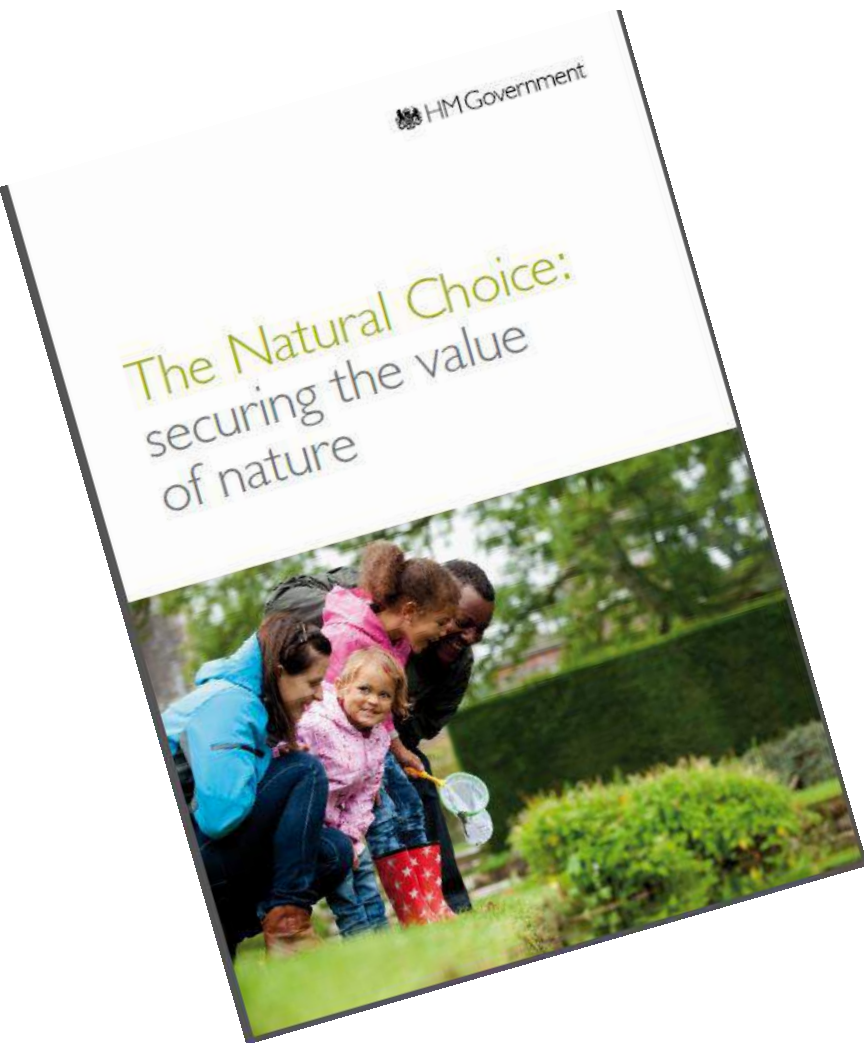
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The In/Out referendum



'New' ways of thinking about nature



Food for thought.....



- How well does current marine conservation policy and practice align with the wellbeing agenda? Is the evidence for the former better on land than at sea, and is this something that should be addressed?
- Likewise for the natural capital agenda – how confident are we with the evidence base to support a natural-capital led approach to managing and recovering our seas? If not, who should address this?
- What would leaving Europe mean to nature conservation and business?
- How can we ensure that government policy continues to be evidence based with reduced investment in independent nature conservation advisors?