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Marine Conservation Zones



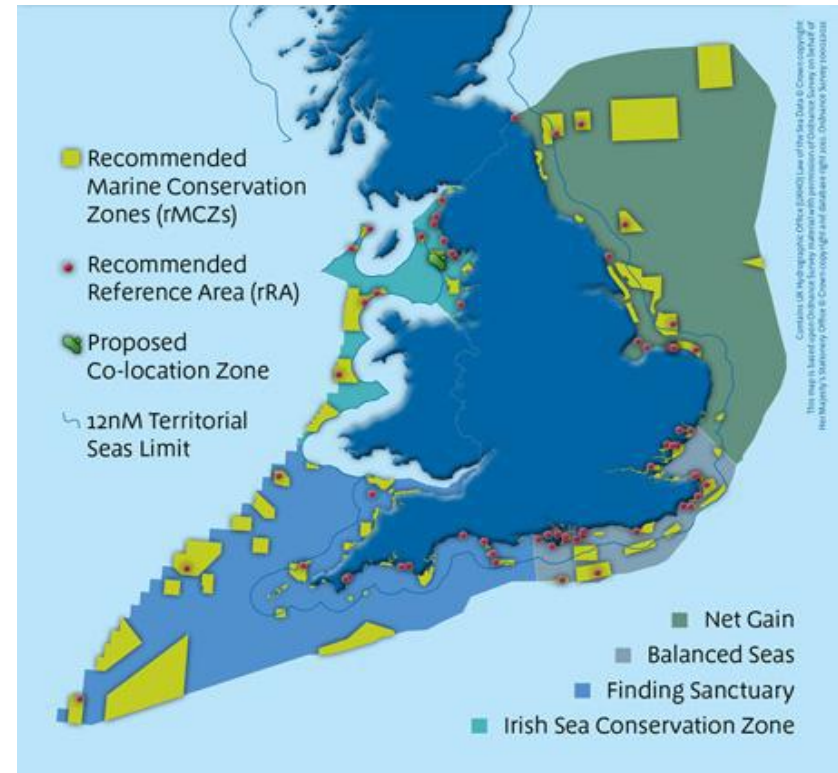
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Outline

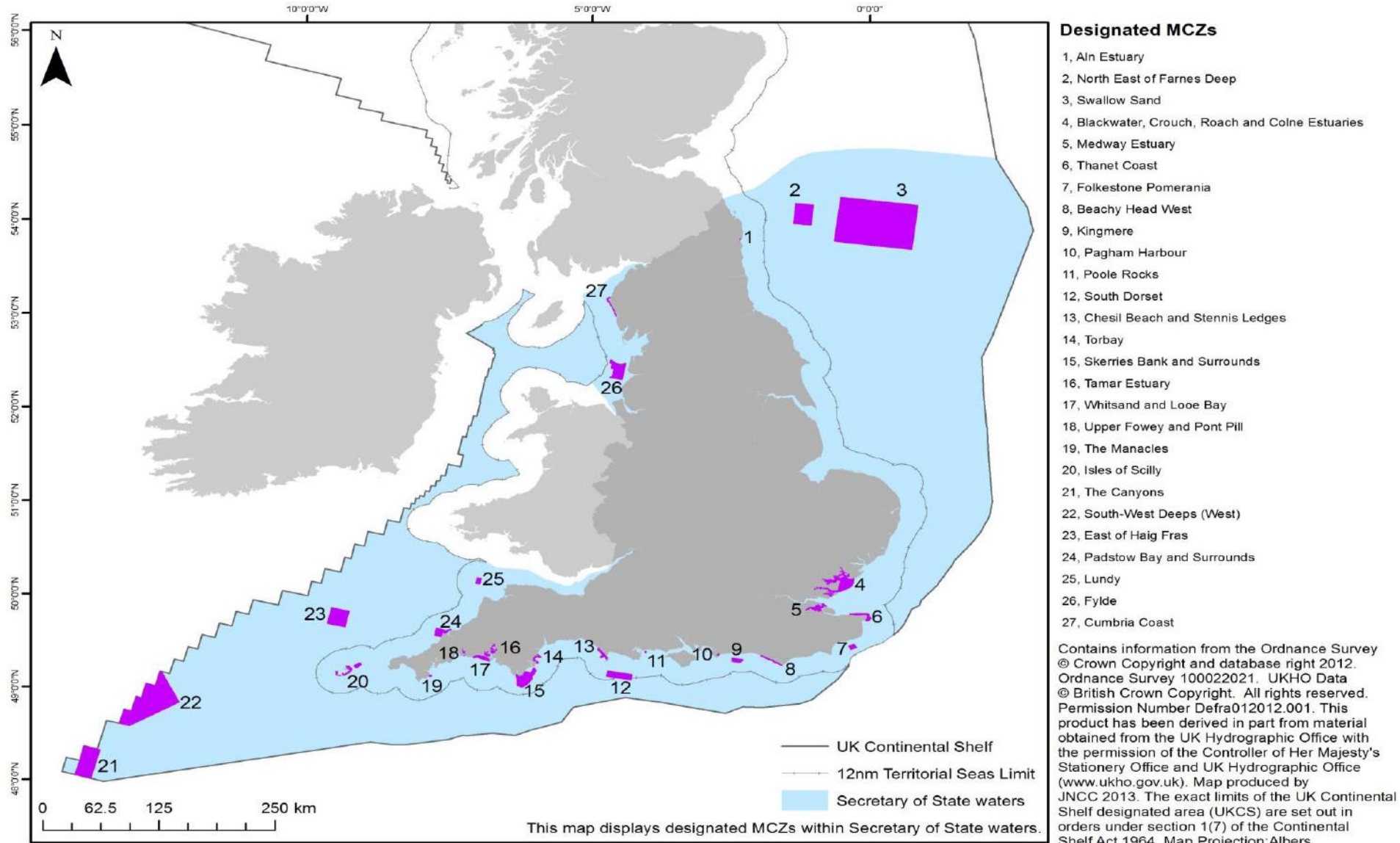
- Update on designating Marine Conservation Zones in England
- Progress to date
- The first tranche of MCZs
- MCZs as part of a network of Marine Protected Areas
- Next steps

Where have we come from?

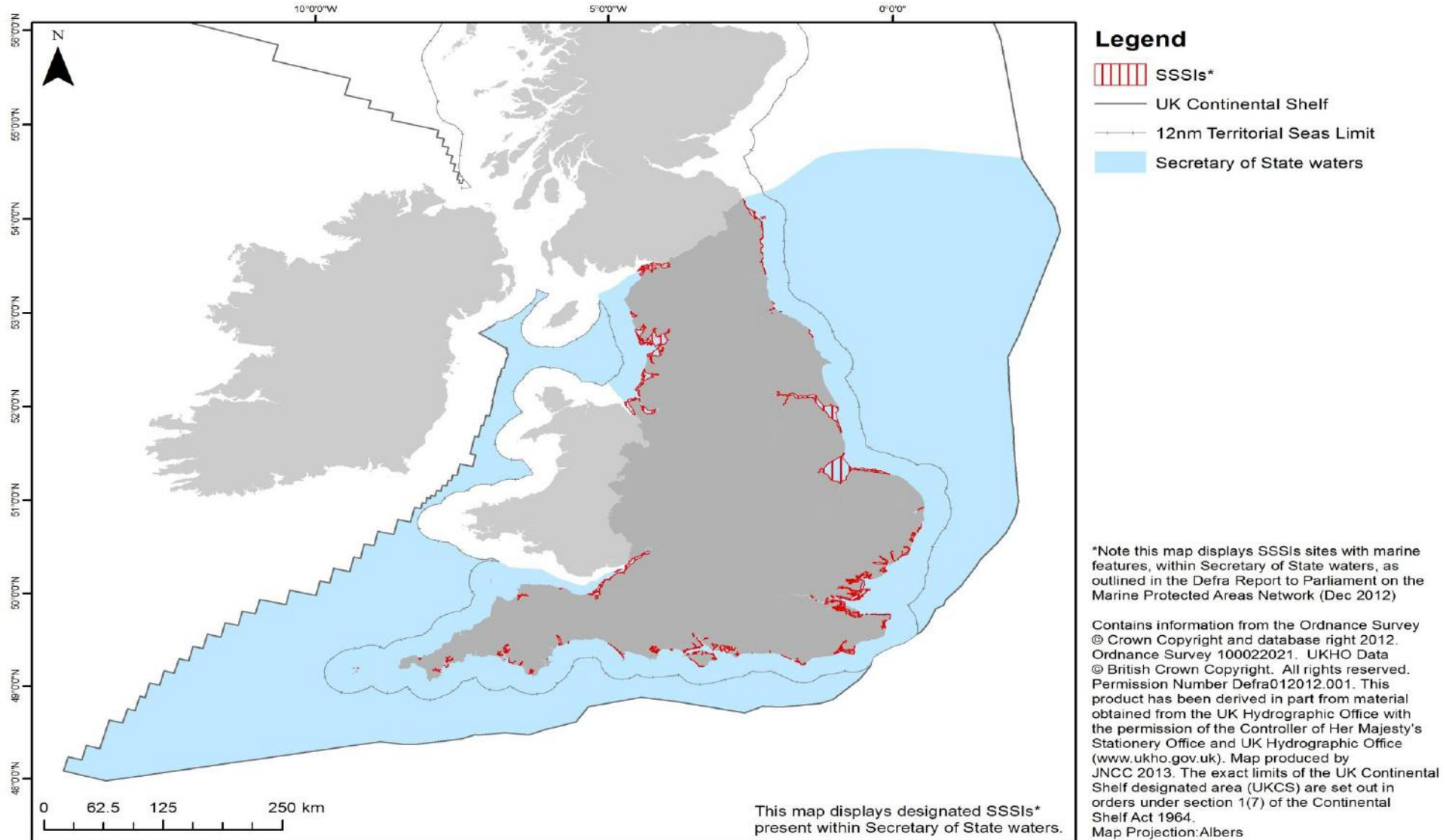
- Four Regional MCZ Projects making 127 site recommendations
- Extensive advice from Natural England and JNCC
- Impact Assessment
- Formal consultation generating 40,000+ responses
- All responses and new evidence carefully analysed and evaluated



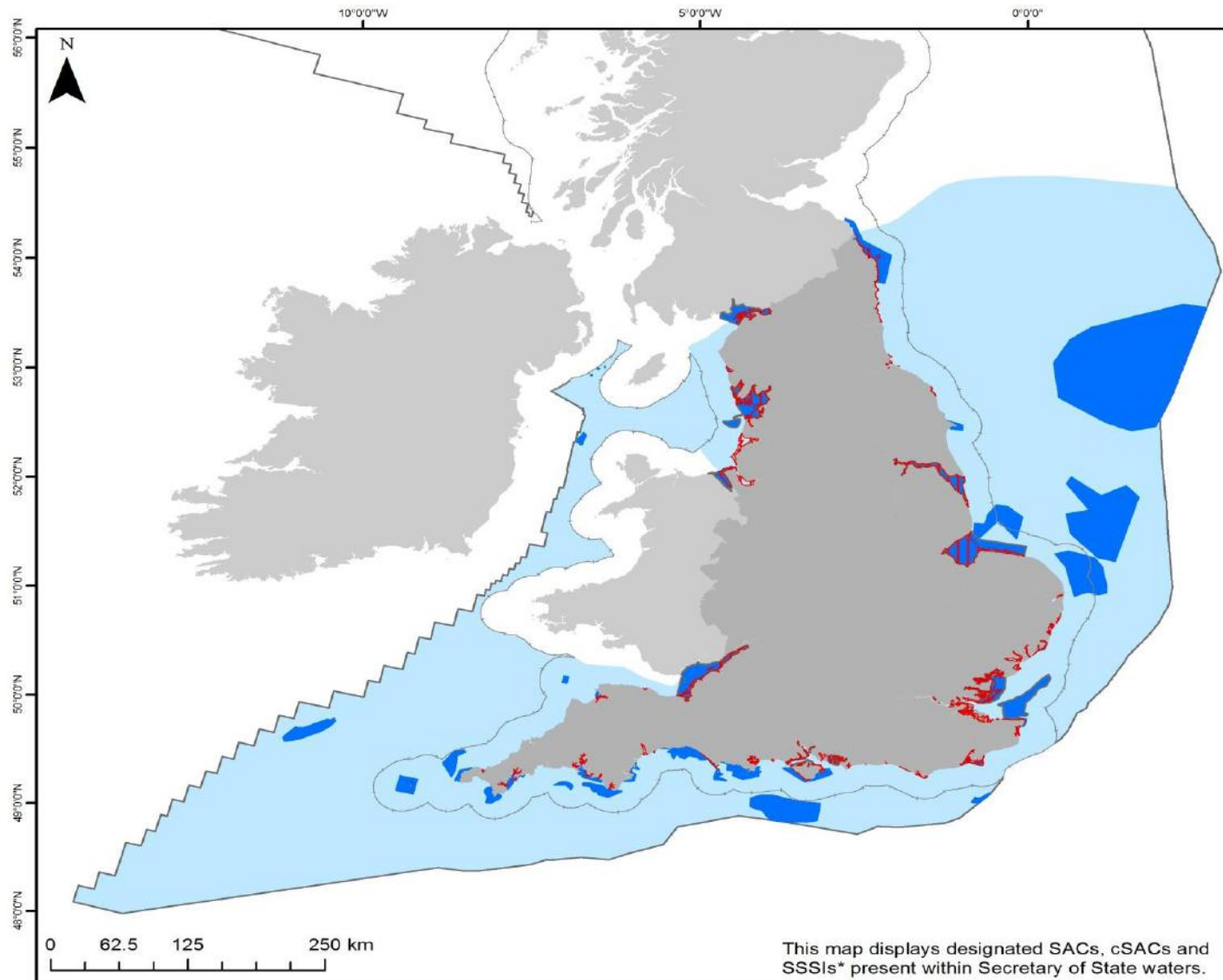
First tranche of 27 MCZs



MCZs complement the existing components of the network: SSSIs



SSSIs and SACs



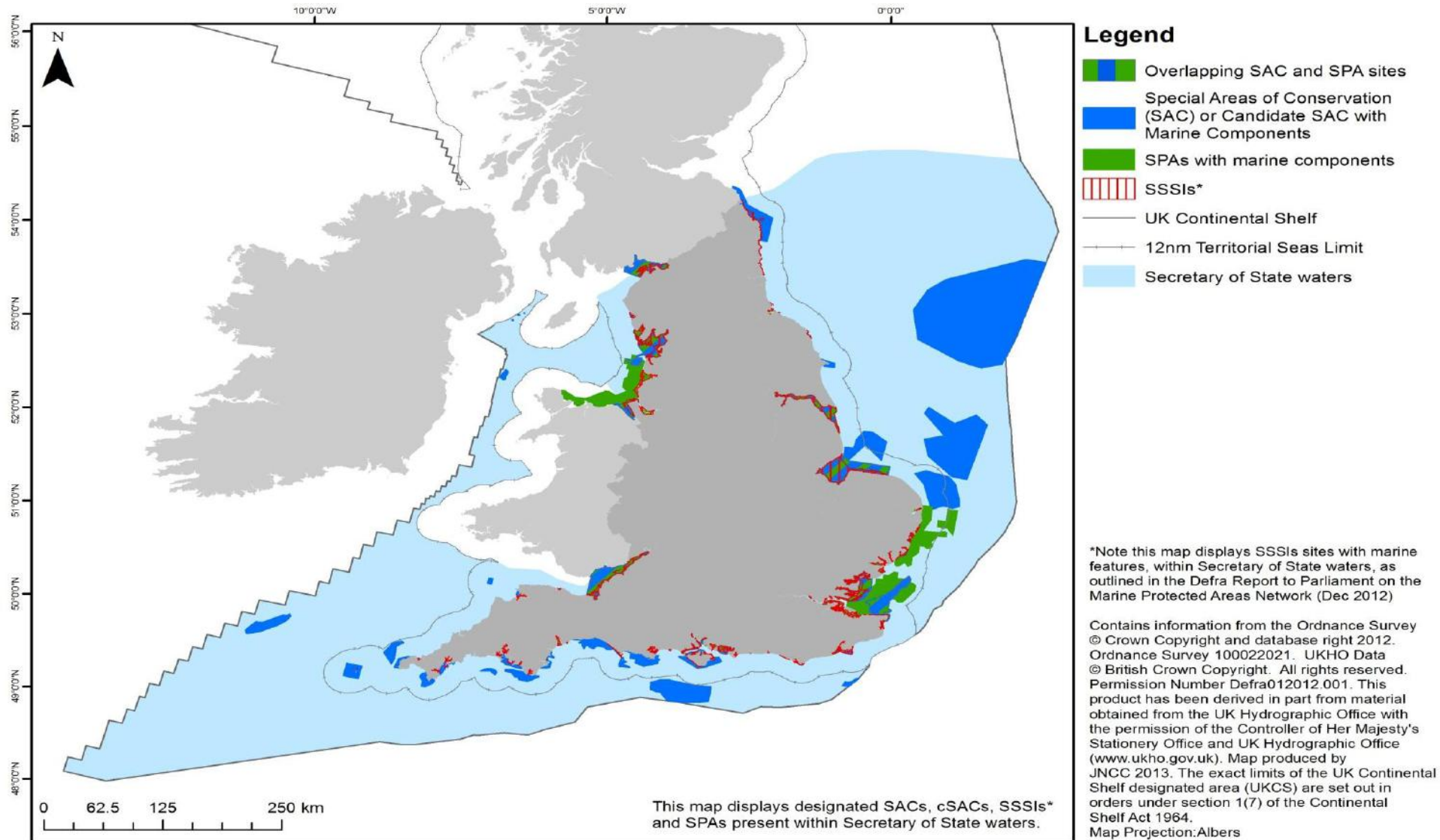
Legend

- Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) or Candidate SAC with Marine Components
- SSSIs*
- UK Continental Shelf
- 12nm Territorial Seas Limit
- Secretary of State waters

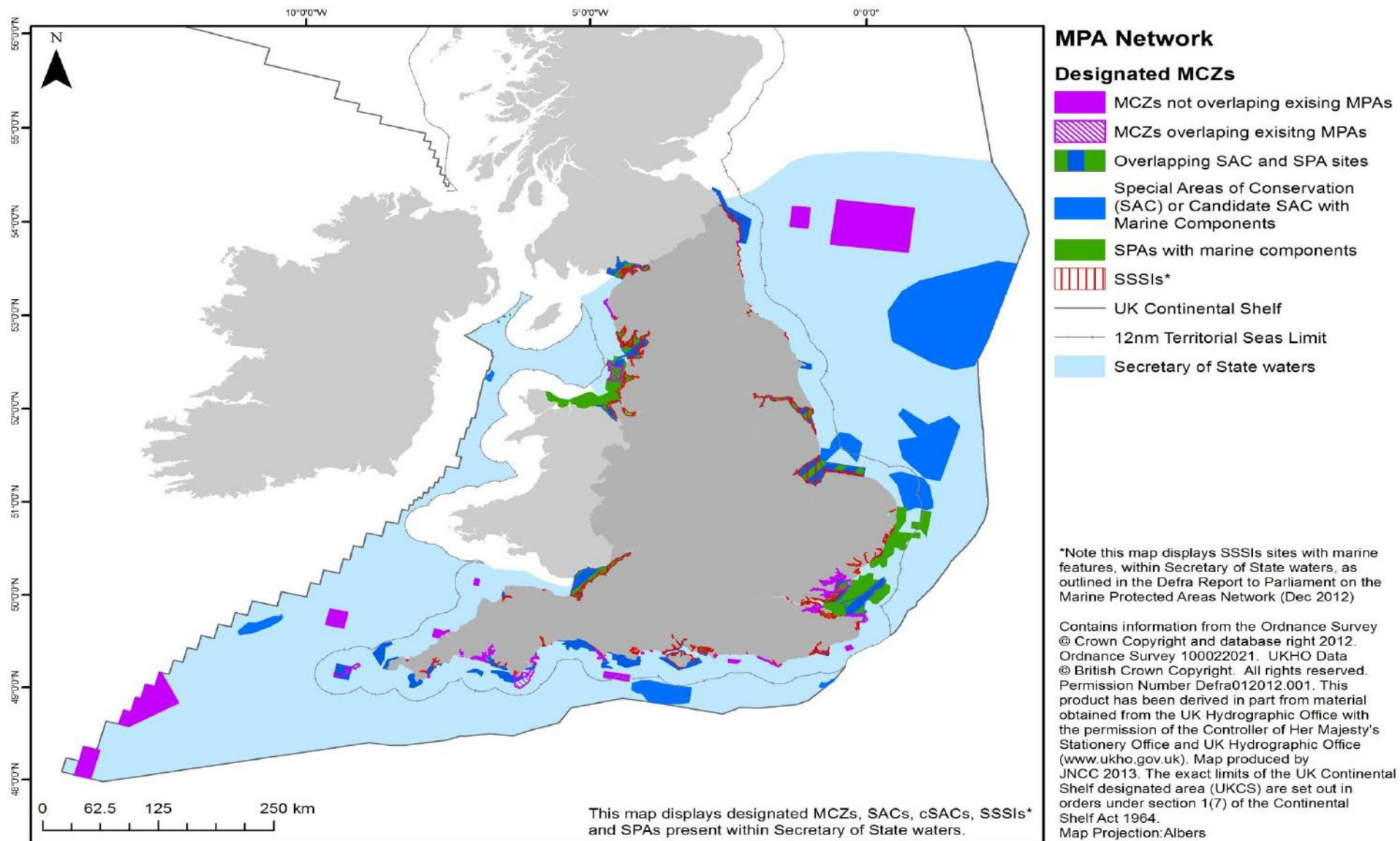
*Note this map displays SSSIs sites with marine features, within Secretary of State waters, as outlined in the Defra Report to Parliament on the Marine Protected Areas Network (Dec 2012)

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SSSIs, SACs and SPAs



And with the first tranche of MCZs



What next?

- Committed to completing our contribution to an ecologically coherent network of MPAs
- Two further tranches of MCZs over the next three years, one by the end of 2015 and the second by the end of 2016
- Sites selected to complete the contribution to an ecologically coherent network
- Not repeating the Regional MCZ Projects but engaging stakeholders throughout the process
- Full consultation on all proposals before designation
- More detailed plans will be provided shortly
- Review of reference areas to start soon
- Management measures

Not only Marine Protected Areas.....

- 377 coastal SSSIs, 113 with marine components
- 44 marine Special Areas of Conservation
- 44 Special Protection Areas for seabirds
- 27 Marine Conservation Zones
- Implementing reforms to Common Fisheries Policy
- Marine planning
- Marine Strategy Framework Directive
- Protective measures in place for cetaceans and being developed for sharks, skates and rays