

# MPA designation and management in Scotland

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# MPA network design

- **Scottish inshore & offshore zone – 61% of UK**
- **Science-led to deliver national & international priorities**
- **Based on OSPAR guidelines**
- **Stakeholder engagement (including 5 national workshops)**

# Consultation on MPA proposals

**Suite of papers for each of the possible MPAs:**

- **Site summary**
- **Conservation objectives**
- **Detailed assessment against MPA guidelines**
- **Data confidence assessment**
- **Impact assessment of costs and benefits**
- **Management options**
- **SEA of network**

**Roadshow involving local meetings**

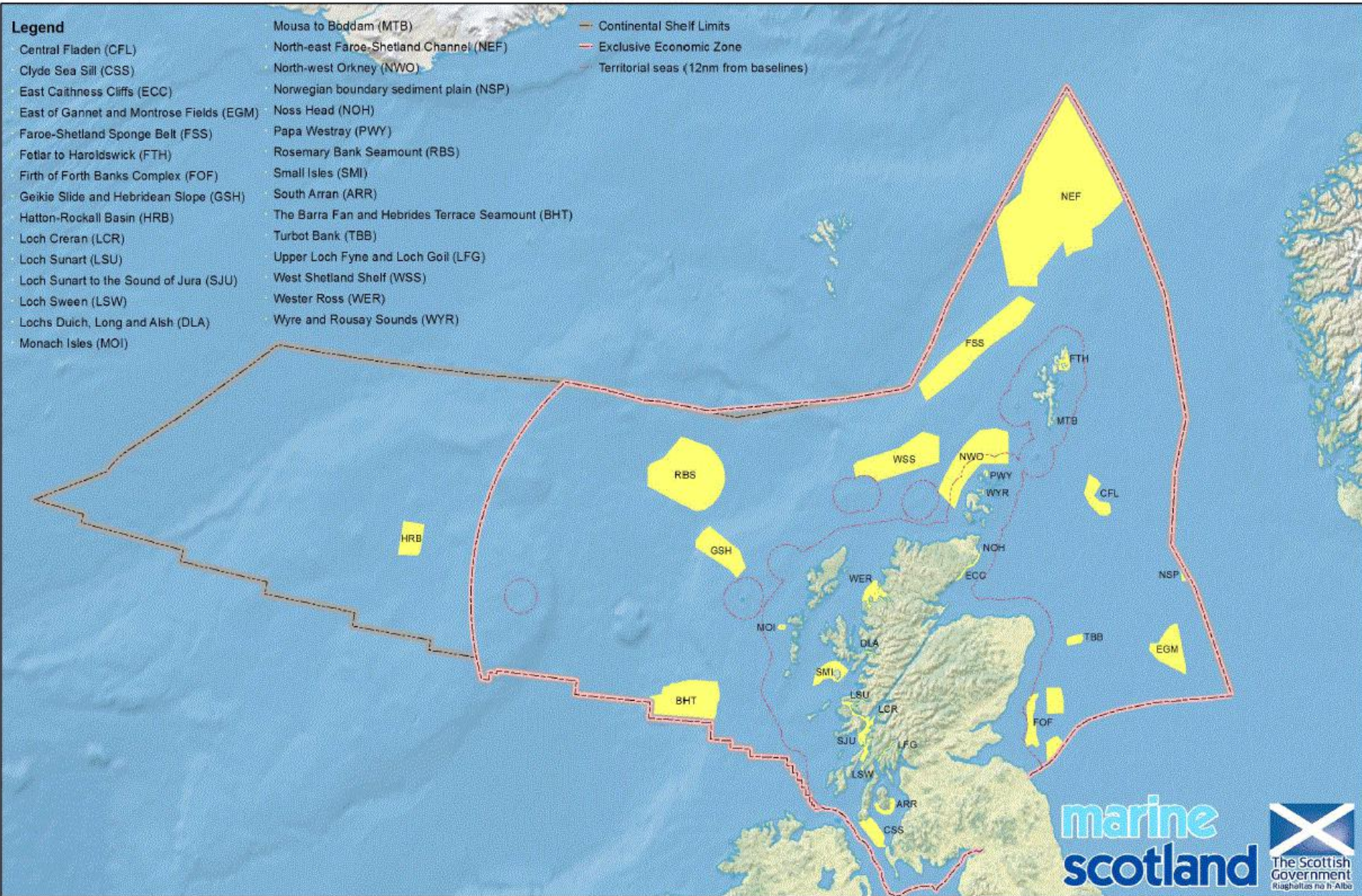
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## Progress so far

- **30 Nature Conservation MPA designated in July 2014**
- **One is the largest in the EU**
- **4 MPA search locations under consideration**
- **SACs, SPAs, SSSIs also form part of network**
- **Network covers 20% of Scotland's seas**



# Nature Conservation Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)



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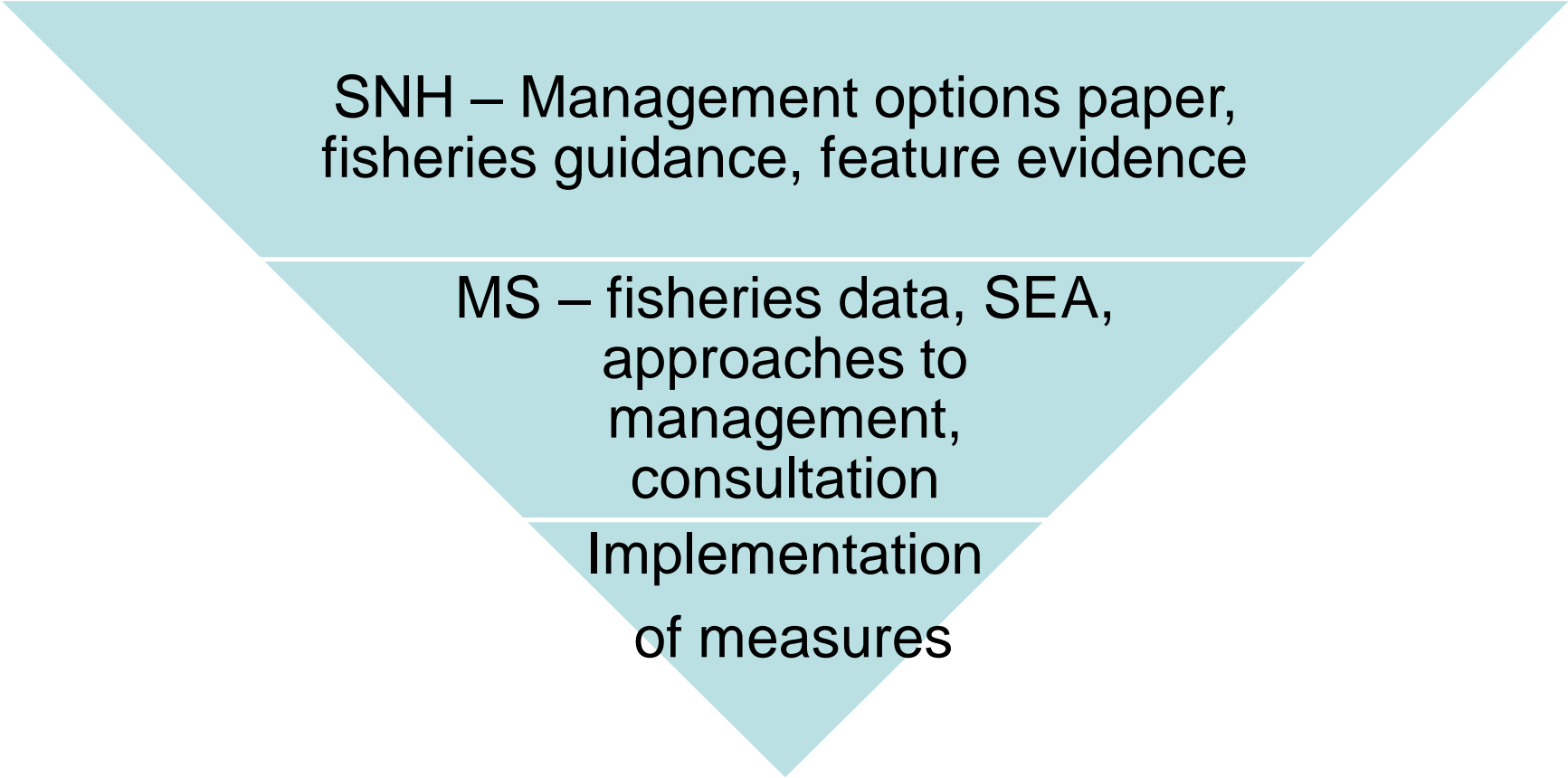
# Further work

## A well-managed network by end 2016

- Develop management plans for each site
- Review of fishing in inshore MPAs and SACs (20 currently being consulted on)
- Development of CFP proposals for relevant offshore MPAs and SACs

**Complete Natura designations (seabirds, mammals)**

# Developing and implementing the measures



SNH – Management options paper,  
fisheries guidance, feature evidence

MS – fisheries data, SEA,  
approaches to  
management,  
consultation

Implementation  
of measures

# Lessons learned

- **Knowing your audience**
- **Being clear about what you want**
- **People value early engagement**
- **Being clear how people can engage**
- **Being flexible and transparent**
- **Maintaining communication**
- **Engagement to support formal consultation**