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# MPA Designation & Management in England

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Couch's goby (*Gobius couchi*) © Lin Baldock

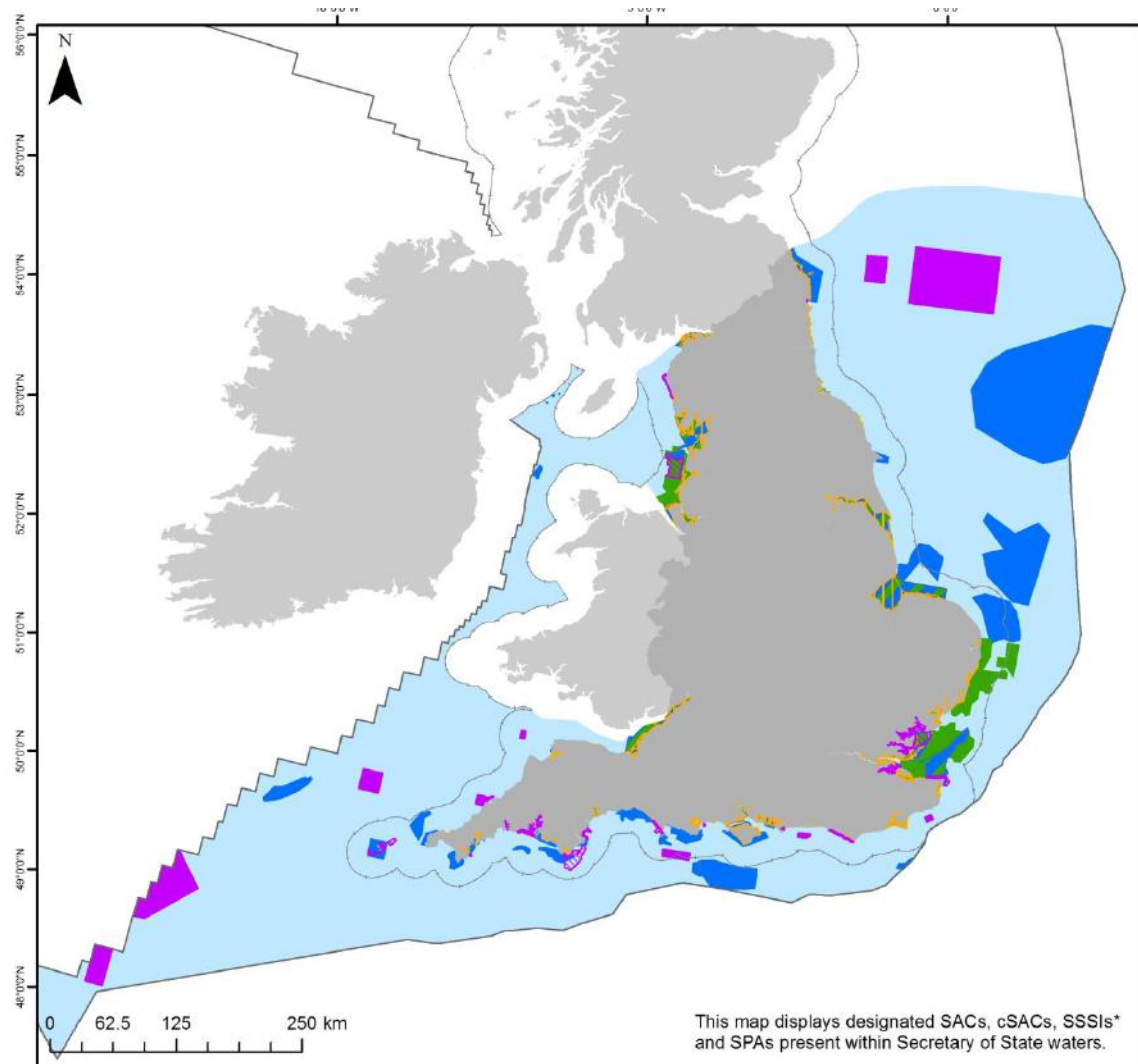
# Clean, healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse oceans and seas

- Ecologically coherent network of MPAs
- Marine Plans
- Reformed CFP
- Species-specific measures, e.g. Shark, Skate & Ray Conservation Plan
- MSFD:  
GES by 2020



# The MPA network: progress to date

- SACs (blue)
- SPAs (green)
- MCZs: 1<sup>st</sup> tranche (purple)



# MCZs: second tranche

- Focus on filling big ecological gaps in the network
- Third tranche to follow to complete the network
- Dialogue with stakeholders during 2014
- Updated scientific and economic evidence
- Consultation on second tranche starting soon...





Sea pen and burrowing megafauna communities © Sue Scott (JNCC)



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Seagrass bed (*Zostera marina*) with snakelocks anemones © Paul Kay



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# MPAs: Management implementation

- Prevent degradation and damage to features due to human activity
- Achieve the conservation objectives of the sites
- Well managed network by 2016



# MPAs: Who does what?

- No lead organisation in marine management
- A number of authorities manage different activities such as IFCA, MMO, EA, local authorities
- NE and JNCC provide conservation advice

# MPAs: What to manage?

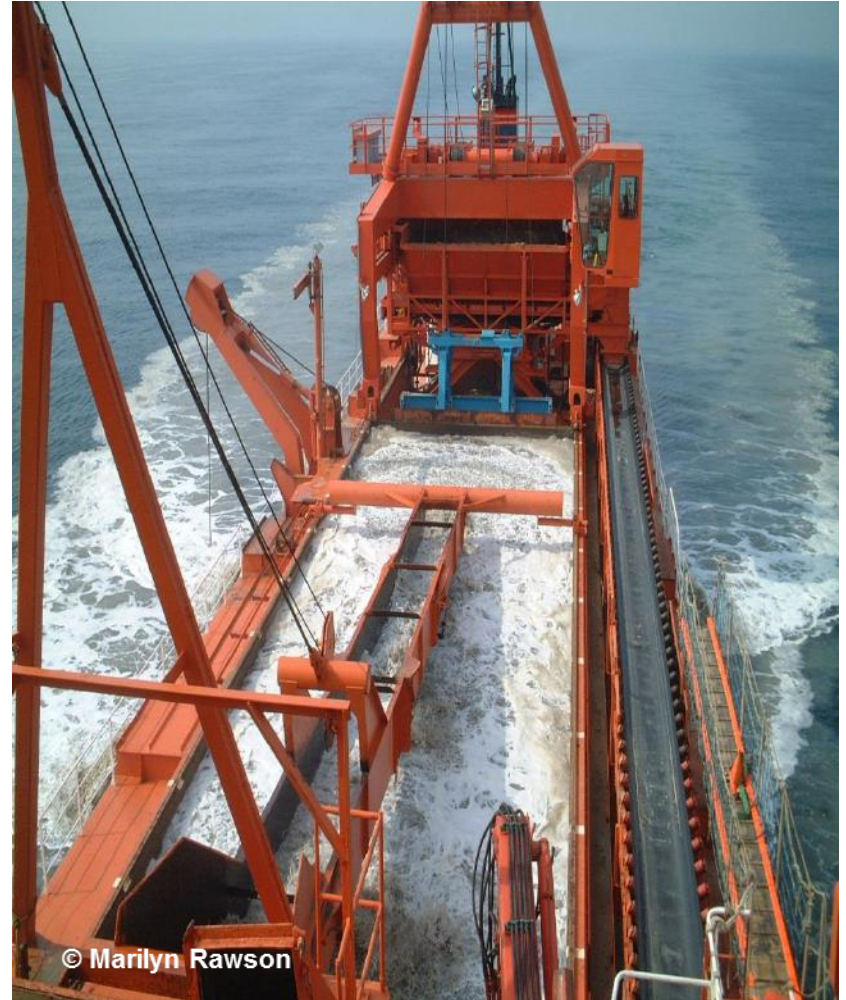


- Does not mean all activities have to stop
- Reviewed on a case by case basis
- Only manage activities which have detrimental impacts on features



# MPAs: Licensed activities

- Many activities within the marine environment are regulated through marine licences
- Additional evidence is needed to assess effects on protected features



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# MPAs: Non licensed activities

- These include commercial fishing and recreational activities
- Revised approach taken in 2012 regarding commercial fisheries
- Risk-prioritised, phased approach to management implementation

# MPAs: Fisheries management



- Within 6nm management applies to UK vessels only
- Within 6-12nm management applies to UK and EU vessels with historic fishing rights
- Beyond 12nm management applies to all EU vessels

# MPAs: Fisheries management

- 17 new statutory byelaws in place
- IFCA byelaws protect areas 15 times the size of the Isle of Wight
- MMO byelaws protect an area twice the size of Jersey

