

25 Year Environment Plan: implementing our marine objectives

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“..put the environment first..”

“..natural capital approach..”

Ambition

- ❖ Sets goals & targets for the state of our natural assets, their benefits & key pressures
- ❖ Vision for marine environment with broad actions
- ❖ Vision for international leadership & fulfil global responsibility
- ❖ New tools to support delivery

Successes

- ❖ Published new policy for sustainable fisheries
- ❖ New Fisheries Bill in Parliament
- ❖ Updating UK Marine Strategy underway
- ❖ MCZ consultation - 3rd tranche
- ❖ International plastics work
- ❖ Indicator framework to monitor progress in our vision
- ❖ Marine pioneer projects

Next steps

- ❖ Implement new fisheries management regime after EU Exit
- ❖ Complete network of well-managed MPAs
- ❖ Publish all Marine Plans
- ❖ Refine marine natural capital approach to management
- ❖ Explore blue finance & marine net gain
- ❖ Seek ambitious international actions

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“..leave .. in a better state..”

Vision



The Plan will deliver cleaner air and water in our cities and rural landscapes, protect threatened species and provide richer wildlife habitats.

Seeks an approach that puts the environment first.

Re-affirms our vision for clean, healthy, productive and biologically diverse seas and oceans

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Achieving our 25 year goals

	GOALS
Assets	Clean Air
	Clean Water*
	Thriving Wildlife
Benefits	Reduced risk from Environmental Hazards*
	Sustainable Resources
	Enjoyment of Nature
Pressures	Adapt to Climate Change
	Minimise Waste
	Exposure to Chemicals*
	Biosecurity

TOOLS
Pioneer projects
Net Gain
Natural Capital Trust
Green Finance
Indicators
Annual Report
5 Year Review
Independent Body
Bespoke Acts (Legal)

Marine Actions to deliver goals

DOMESTIC

Sustainable fisheries policy

Achieve Good Environmental Status

Well managed MPA network

Reduced marine plastic pollution

INTERNATIONAL

Global leadership

Support developing nations

Lower environmental footprint

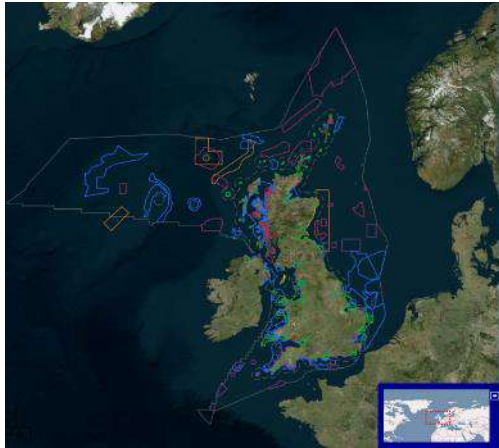
Successes



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- ❖ Published new policy for sustainable fisheries
- ❖ Fisheries Bill in Parliament
- ❖ Update of UK Marine Strategy nearly complete
- ❖ Consulted on a third tranche of MCZs
- ❖ International & national marine litter action
- ❖ England South Marine Plan published
- ❖ Consulted on marine licensing exemptions
- ❖ Indicator framework to monitor progress in our vision
- ❖ Marine pioneer projects

MPA Network



- ❖ Currently 314 sites protecting 24% of UK waters - a total area of ~209,000 km²
- ❖ Consulted on 3rd tranche of Marine Conservation Zones: 41 new sites & new features for 12 sites
- ❖ Published Reports to Parliaments in 2018 setting out the progress made during 2012-2018

Marine litter



- ❖ Commonwealth Clean Oceans Alliance (CCOA) has secured membership of 24 countries so far to pledge ambitious action on plastic pollution
- ❖ £66.4m of UK Aid to boost global research and help countries across the Commonwealth to stop plastic waste from entering the oceans
- ❖ Commissioned research into other sources of micro-plastic such as tyres and textiles from polluting our sea
- ❖ Consulted on plans to ban plastic straws, plastic-stemmed cotton buds and stirrers
- ❖ Published a [Resources and waste strategy](#)

International leadership



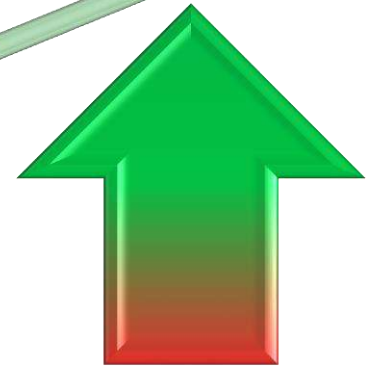
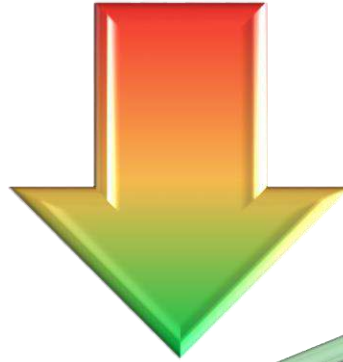
- ❖ Commonwealth Summit that resulted in the Commonwealth Blue Charter
- ❖ UK and Vanuatu co-lead Commonwealth Action Group on marine plastic (CCOA)
- ❖ UK joined Action Groups on coral reefs, ocean acidification, climate change
- ❖ UK called for 30by30 for protecting the world's oceans at UNGA.
- ❖ UN negotiations on Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction
- ❖ Re-engaged with International Coral Reef Initiative
- ❖ Blue Belt Programme with Overseas Territories

Natural capital approach



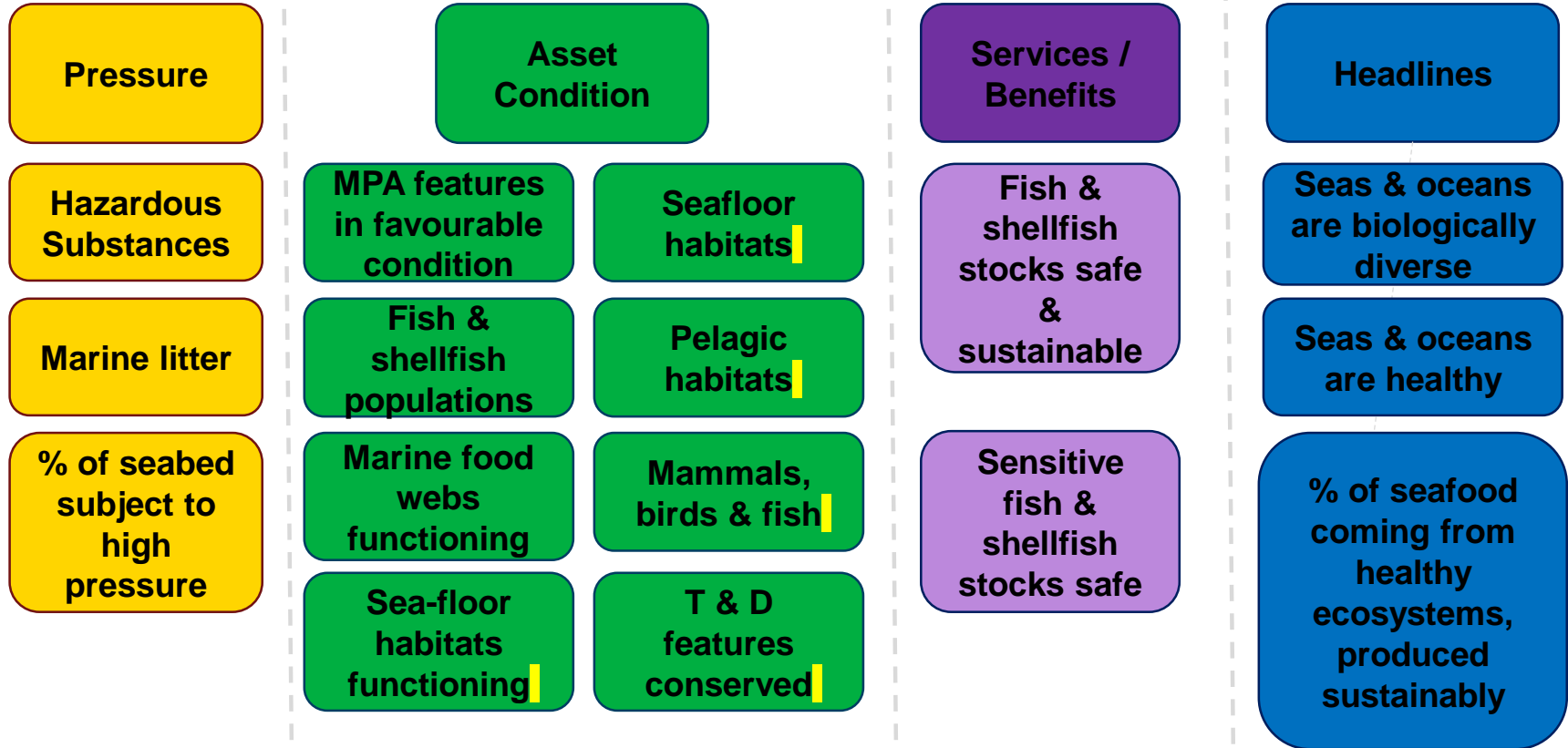
Dealing with trade-offs
to deliver benefits to
society

Pressure



Asset value

25 YEP Reporting: Marine indicators



Next steps



- ❖ Implement new fisheries management regime after EU Exit
- ❖ New Environment Bill into Parliament
- ❖ Complete our network of well-managed MPAs
- ❖ Revised UK Marine Strategy
- ❖ Publish remaining Marine Plans
- ❖ Refine marine natural capital approach to management
- ❖ Explore blue finance & marine net gain
- ❖ Lead ambitious international actions

Environment Bill



The Bill sets out how we will maintain environmental standards as we leave the EU and build on the vision of the 25 Year Environment Plan.

- ❖ Establish the Office for Environmental Protection.
- ❖ Statutory environmental principles
- ❖ Environmental Improvement Plan with monitoring and reporting

www.gov.uk/government/publications/draft-environment-principles-and-governance-bill-2018

Year of Green Action



- ❖ We aim to encourage action beneficial to the environment.
- ❖ We need more people from all backgrounds taking action that improves the natural world.
- ❖ The Year aims to inspire, to build momentum and to help us all understand how the choices we make affect the environment.

www.yearofgreenaction.org/

To come in 2019



- ❖ MCZ Designations by 7th June 2019
- ❖ Fisheries Act
- ❖ Environment Bill in Parliament
- ❖ Update of UK Marine Strategy (Part 1) and launch the Marine Online Assessment Tool
- ❖ Response to consultation on Marine Licensing Exemptions
- ❖ Commonwealth Litter Programme (CLiP) conferences in Vanuatu, Belize & Sri Lanka
- ❖ Ministerial Meeting of Commonwealth Clean Oceans Alliance
- ❖ Revised OSPAR strategy

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Thank you

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