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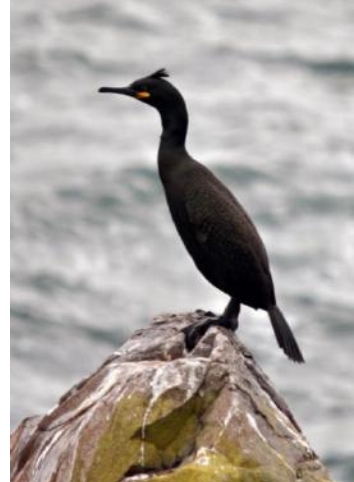
# An Update on the East and South Marine Plans

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# Key messages

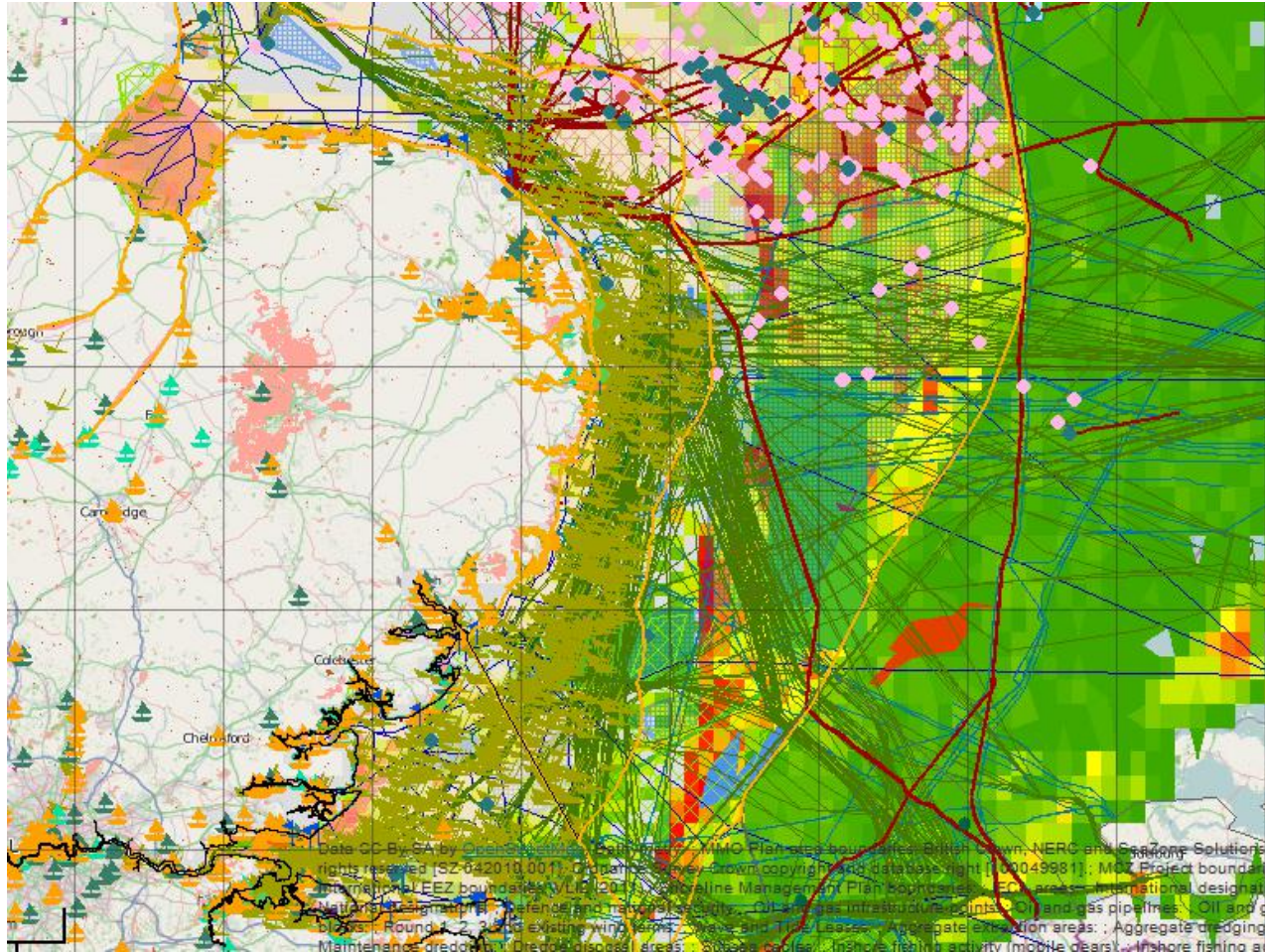
- **Work is ongoing on a number of fronts**
- **Learning through doing**
- **Not one size fits all**
- **.....but first a little background information**





# Why do we need marine planning?

**Overarching driver** – Increasing use of marine space and resources, impacting on the sustainability of the marine environment.



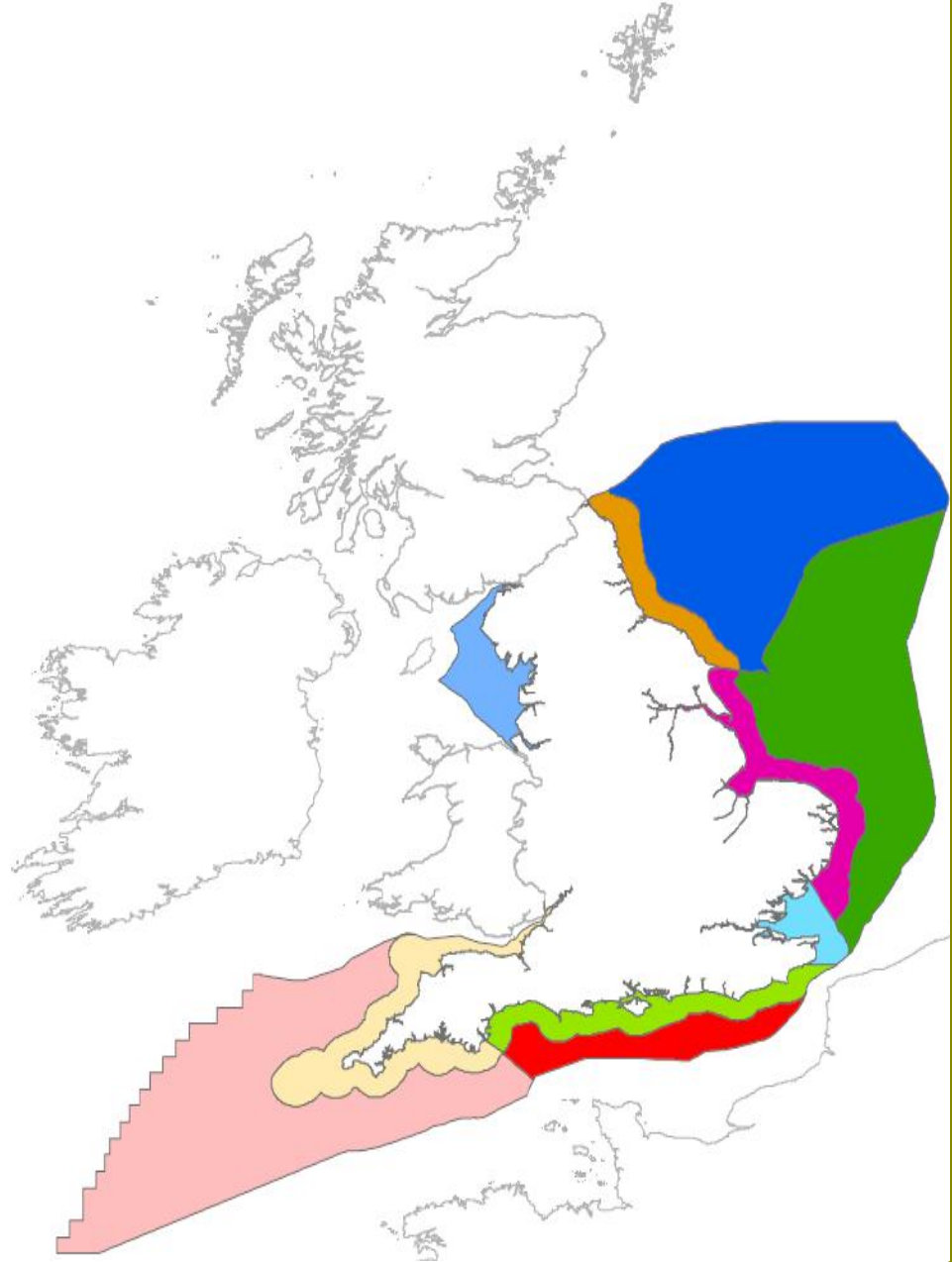
# Where and when

## Areas/Boundaries

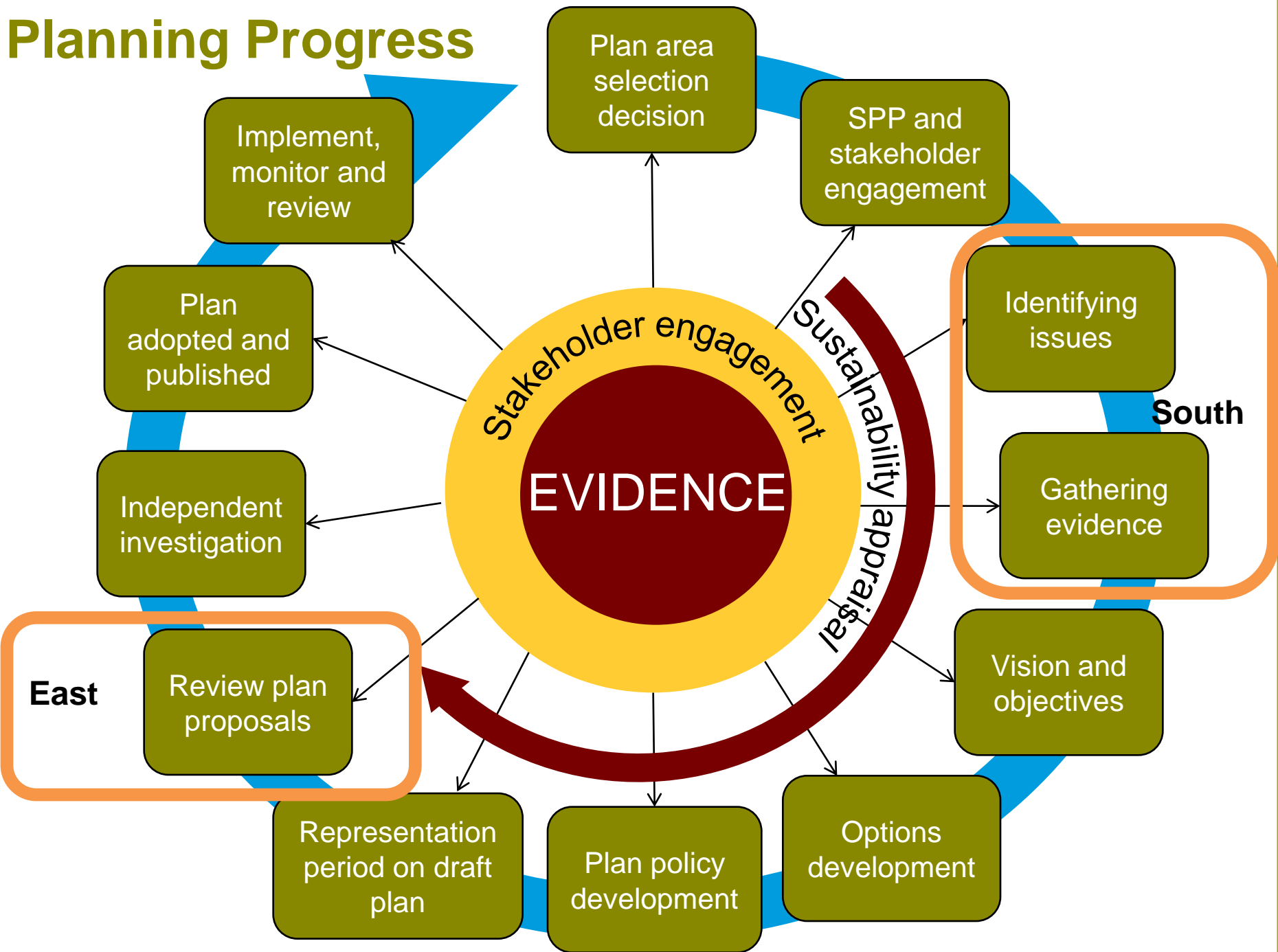
- English marine area  
231,200km<sup>2</sup>
- 11 areas (10 plans)
- Limit of tidal influence to UK  
REZ/EEZ

## Overall timetable

- All marine plans by 2022
- Rolling programme
- Evaluate  $\leq 3$  years  $\Rightarrow$   
Review?



# Planning Progress

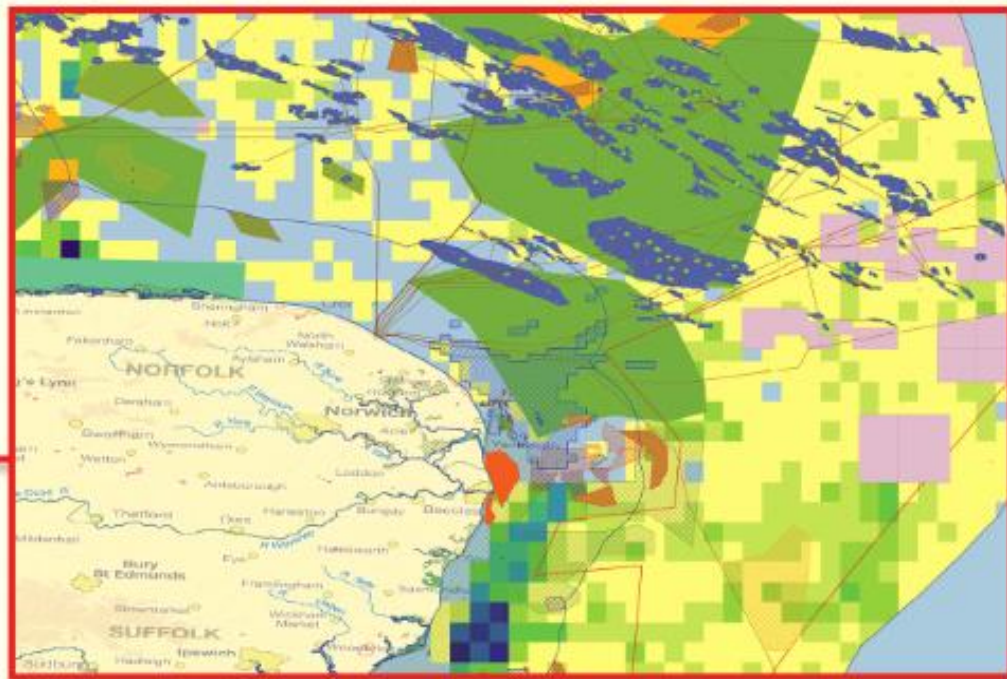




# Marine Planning in the East Marine Areas

We are producing the first marine plans for the East plan areas because they are some of the busiest areas for shipping and port activity, fishing and have huge potential for offshore renewable energy.

Flamborough Head to Felixstowe  
= area of 58,700km<sup>2</sup>



~ Netherlands marine area

~ 40 % of England's land area



# East Marine Plan components

About 150 pages (note = 2 plans)

Executive summary

Chapter 1. Background

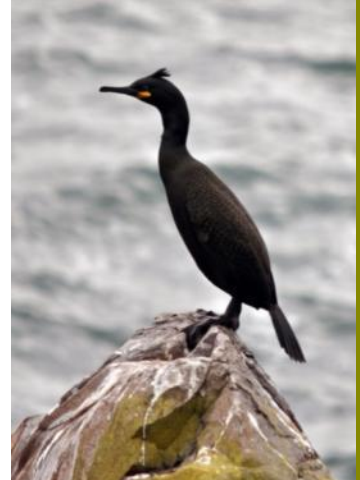
Chapter 2. Vision and objectives

Chapter 3. Policies

Chapter 4. Implementation, monitoring, review and evidence

## Supporting documents:

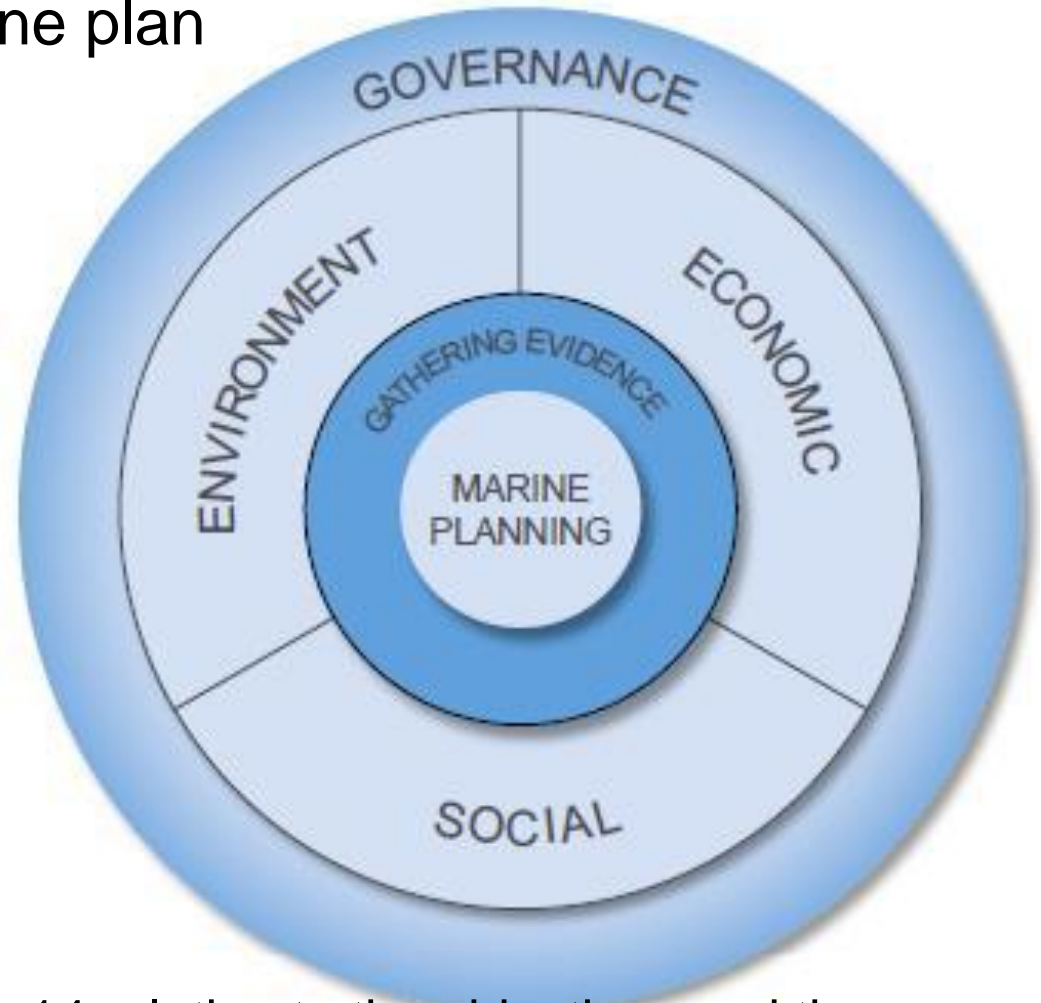
- Sustainability Appraisal
- Habitats Regulations Assessment
- Analysis of Impact
- Guidance document
- Implementation and monitoring plan



# What do the plan objectives look like?

There are 11 draft marine plan objectives

- 3 Environment
- 3 Economic
- 2 Social
- 1 Climate change
- 1 Governance
- 1 Evidence



- There are 38 plan policies, 14 relating to the objectives and the remaining 24 relate to sector specific areas



# Consultation and steps to adoption

- 12 week consultation ended 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013
- 11 public drop-ins including 'reporting areas', various media interest, attend 1:1 meetings, others' events
- Various ways to respond including CONNECT and portal
- 100 + responses, 2000+ comments
- A range of interests, lots of specific comments & generic points

## Steps to adoption

- Assessment and summary of responses
- Follow up discussion
- Consider recommendation for Independent Investigation
- Review



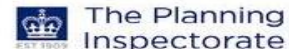
# The effect of marine plans – implementation, monitoring and review

- Implementation MCAA S.58
  - Principally through decisions made by public authorities
  - Other legislation and drivers still relevant!
  - Internal and external development
- Monitoring and review MCAA S.61
  - Reporting requirements at <3 years intervals from plan adoption and
  - < 6 years intervals after the passing of the Act.
  - Importance of links with SA, HRA and IA.



# Decision Makers Workshops

- Workshops held in September in Hull, Peterborough and London
- 60 attendees over the three workshops
- National bodies



- Statutory nature conservation bodies



- East Marine Plan area specific decision makers







## Developing the Monitoring Approach

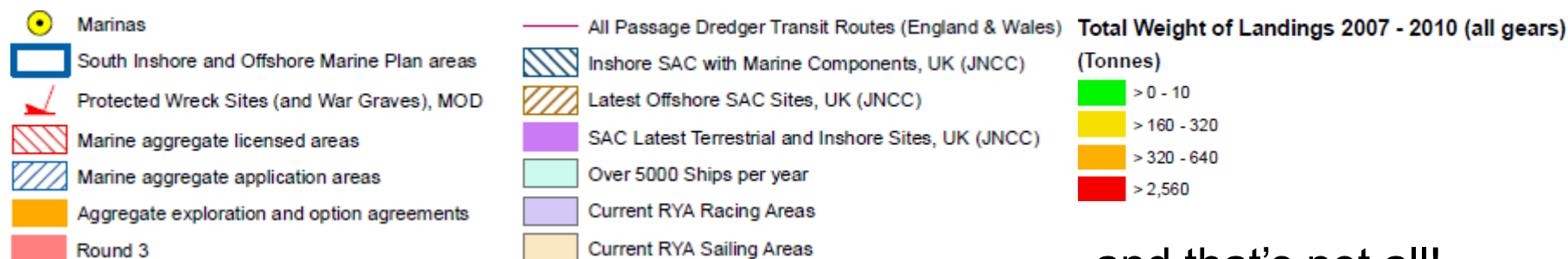
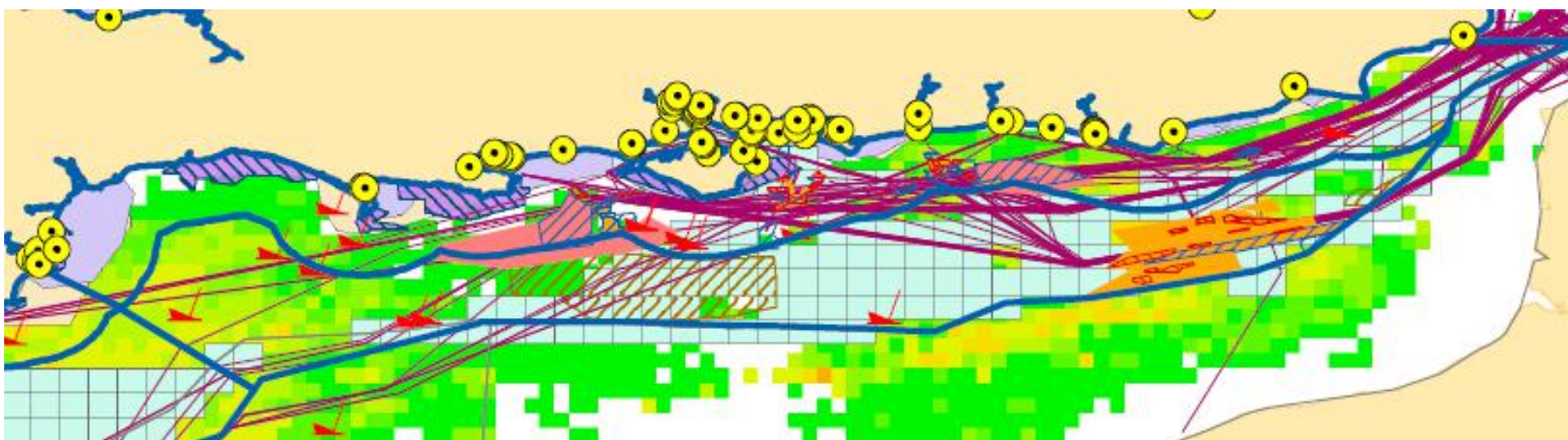
# What did we learn from the East?

- The process is as important as the product
- Strategic evidence gathering
- Try to cut to 'key' issues early in the process
- Conveying the implications of strategic level plans
- Better engagement
  - Liaison Officers essential
  - Coastal partnerships



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# Marine Planning in the South Marine Areas



... and that's not all!



# Building the evidence base

Some examples...

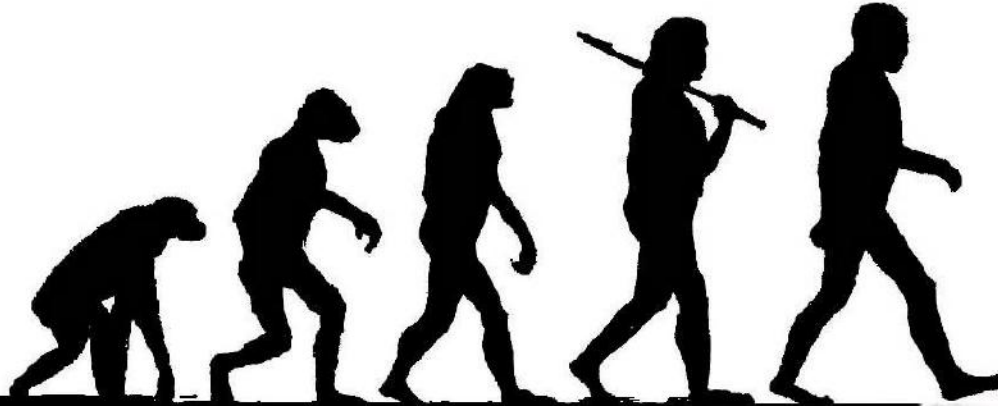
- MMO 1040: Spatial Trends in Aquaculture Potential
- MMO1044: Development of Spatial Models of Essential Fish Habitat
- MMO 1013: Compilation of spatial data on marine recreational activities
- MMO1050: Economic baseline assessment
- MMO 1039: South plan areas futures analysis
- MMO1060: Social Interactions
  
- MMO 1048: Practical framework for the integration of the ecosystem approach into marine planning
- MMO 1049: Scoping of a robust strategic assessment tool for co-location of activities in marine plan areas
- MMO1055: Development of a common approach to CE in the MMO

# South Plans Analytical Report (SPAR)

- Summary of evidence and key issues
- Revised format compared to East
- **Themed, cross cutting issues**
- Consultation
  - Closed on 1 Nov 2013
  - 70 + responses, 1000+ comments
- 5 Workshops
  - Working with coastal partnerships
  - C. 200 stakeholders
  - 2000+ comments
- Will inform next steps in the South



# Do lessons from East hold true in the South? A step too far?



## Next steps

- East plans to adoption
- Implementation and Monitoring Plan
- South Visions and Objectives
- Developing MSP Directive



# Any questions?

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