

# **Consultation on Fisheries Management Measures within Scottish Offshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)**

## **Responding to the consultation using the Citizen Space Geospatial tool**

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## Introduction

As part of the public consultation on fisheries management measures within Scottish offshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), the Scottish Government have included a new geospatial tool into the consultation platform, Citizen Space.

This will allow users to navigate around an interactive map which highlights the location of the MPAs and provides an opportunity to comment at each individual MPA.

This consultation is hosted by Citizen Space and will look familiar and follow the same steps when responding to other consultations. At all stages, the traditional text-based version option is available.

If respondents do not wish to complete the consultation online other formats are available, please contact [marine\\_biodiversity@gov.scot](mailto:marine_biodiversity@gov.scot).

## Begin the consultation

The consultation home page is here in [Citizen Space](#).

The home page provides the overview of the consultation.

You are invited to answer all the questions and we recommend reading the full suite of documents. However, if you are unable to answer any question then please feel free to skip and move on to the next most relevant question.

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## **Part 1: Consultation overview - proposed fisheries management measures**

When you begin the consultation, the first page you come to asks you four high level questions on the policy approach for fisheries management measures for 20 offshore MPAs. These questions take the form of multi-choice, or open text responses.

At any point in the consultation you can click save and come back later.

### **Part 1a: Questions on documents**

This page consists of open text box responses for the assessments that have been undertaken.

The last question on this page asks if you want to comment on fisheries management measures for specific sites. Selecting 'yes' will take you to a new page with a map for site selection. You can choose to respond in a text-based format from this page as well. Selecting 'no' will take you to Part 2 of the consultation on the amendment of the West of Scotland MPA site boundary.

#### **11. Do you wish to comment on the measures proposed for any specific sites?**

Selecting yes will direct you to a page showing a map of the MPAs which will allow you to locate and select sites to comment on. You will also be able to select sites from a text list through this page.

Selecting no will direct you to part 2 of the consultation, the amendment of the West of Scotland MPA boundary.

(Required)

Yes

No

### 11. Do you wish to comment on the measures proposed for any specific sites?

Selecting yes will direct you to a page showing a map of the MPAs which will allow you to locate and select sites to comment on. You will also be able to select sites from a text list through this page.

(Required)

- Yes (this will direct you to a map to select sites for comment, you can also choose sites from a text list)
- No

## Part 1b: Site specific questions

We have now incorporated an interactive map-based tool to help you when responding.

Whether you use the map, or the text-based site selection list, you will be directed to the same site-specific question page to respond.

### Text based site selection response

If you select 'yes' for Question 11 (Do you wish to comment on the measures proposed for any specific sites?), you will be taken through to a page showing a map outlining the Scottish offshore region, and all the MPAs within that area which have measures proposed.

Using this map you can locate and select the site(s) you wish to comment on.

If you do not wish to use the map to choose specific sites, you can click 'Go to the Text Version' available to the top right of the map. Then, clicking continue will take you to a list of sites for you to select which you wish to comment on.

To answer questions on a site, select that site and click 'continue'. You will only be able to select one site at a time. Once you have answered

questions on that site you will have the option to come back to this page to select another site or to continue with the rest of the consultation. You can provide comments on as many sites as you wish.

### Multiple choice for site selection

Using this page you can select any sites you wish to comment further on the proposed fisheries management measures.

To answer questions on a site, select that site from the list and click continue. You will only be able to select one site at a time. Once you have answered questions on that site you will have the option to come back to this page to select another site or to continue with the rest of the consultation. You can provide comments on as many sites as you wish.

Please note that this section uses skip logic so the question numbers may not correlate to the order the sites were selected in.

#### 11b. Please select a site you wish to comment on.

- Anton Dohrn Seamount SAC
- Braemar Pockmarks SAC
- Central Fladen MPA
- Darwin Mounds SAC
- East of Gannet and Montrose Fields MPA
- East Rockall Bank SAC
- Faroe-Shetland Sponge Belt MPA
- Firth of Forth Banks Complex MPA
- Geikie Slide and Hebridean Slope MPA
- North West Rockall Bank SAC
- North-East Faroe-Shetland Channel MPA
- Norwegian Boundary Sediment Plain MPA
- Pobie Bank Reef SAC
- Scanner Pockmark SAC
- Solan Bank Reef SAC
- Stanton Banks SAC
- The Barra Fan and Hebrides Terrace Seamount MPA
- West of Scotland MPA
- West Shetland Shelf MPA
- Wyville-Thomson Ridge SAC

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Save and come back later...

Continue >

### Map based site selection response

The map shown displays all the MPAs where measures are proposed.

You can move and zoom in and out as required to locate any sites you wish to comment on.

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### Map for site selection

Using this page you can select any sites you wish to comment further on the proposed fisheries management measures.


To answer questions on a site, select that site on the map and click continue. You will only be able to select one site at a time. Once you have answered questions on that site you will have the option to come back to this page to select another site or to continue with the rest of the consultation. You can provide comments on as many sites as you wish.

To select a site without using the map interface, please click continue to select sites from radio buttons.

Please note that this section uses skip logic so the question numbers may not correlate to the order the sites were selected in.

#### 11a. Please select a site you wish to comment on

[Go to the Text Version](#)



The map displays the Scottish coastline and surrounding waters. A key in the top-left corner identifies the following elements:

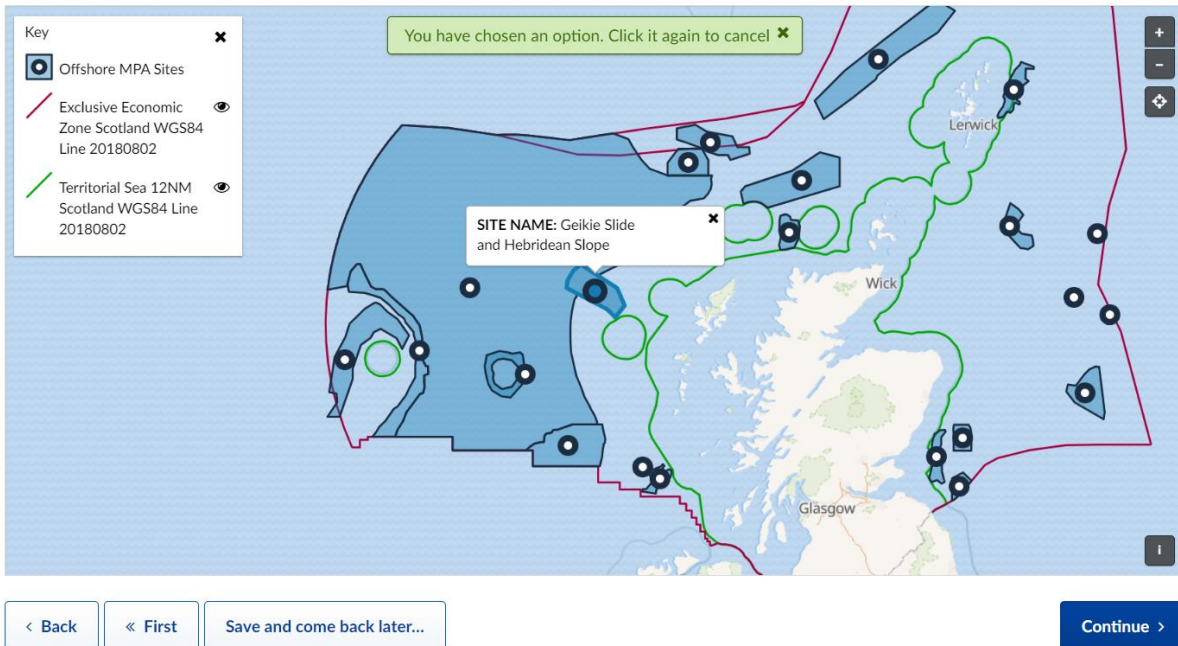
- Offshore MPA Sites:** Represented by blue circular icons with a white center.
- Exclusive Economic Zone Scotland WGS84 Line 20180802:** Represented by a red line.
- Territorial Sea 12NM Scotland WGS84 Line 20180802:** Represented by a green line.

A pop-up box above the map reads: "Click to choose an option from 'Offshore MPA Sites'". The map includes navigation controls such as zoom in (+) and zoom out (-) buttons, a search bar, and a full-screen button. Labels for various locations are visible, including Glasgow, Manchester, Birmingham, and cities in neighboring countries like Oslo, Copenhagen, and Berlin. At the bottom of the map interface, there are navigation buttons: "< Back", "<< First", "Save and come back later...", and a blue "Continue >" button.

To select a site to comment on, click the area of interest and the name will appear in a pop up.

11a. Please select a site you wish to comment on

Go to the [Text Version](#)



By selecting a site and clicking 'continue' you will be taken to the relevant site page. This presents key information on the MPA and outlines the options proposed for fisheries management, including maps to show each option.

A summary and high-level information is provided for each of the sites. We recommend you read the full suite of consultation documents before submitting your response. A link to the relevant document has been provided.

The key assessed impacts for each management option at this site are also shown. These are displayed in drop down menus. The socio-economic information includes estimated loss in value of landings, job impacts and ecosystem service costs and benefits. The environmental impacts include benefits within the site, spill over benefits and displacement effects. There is also a drop-down menu linking you to the site-specific assessment within each of the relevant impact assessments.

This will provide you with the information to help inform your response to the questions.

You can then choose whether to comment on any further sites.

Do you want to comment on any further sites?

(Required)

- Yes
- No

Selecting 'yes' will direct you back to the map, where you will be able to navigate to the text-based site list again if you wish.

Selecting 'no' will take you to Part 2 of the consultation.

## **Part 2: Amendment of the West of Scotland MPA site boundary**

Once you have finished providing site specific comments, or if you choose not to, you will be taken to Part 2 of the consultation. This page provides the overview of the proposed boundary amendment and asks two questions relating to the proposed amendment.

### **About You section**

Once you have answered all the questions you wish to, you will be asked for some personal information and how you wish your response to be handled. To find out how we handle your personal data, please see our [privacy policy](#).

### **Evaluation**

The final page is an evaluation page for your thoughts on the consultation platform and the consultation itself. This is a mix of closed and open questions to provide your feedback and help us improve our consultations.

### **Almost done**

This page confirms you are about to submit your response and lets you know you will not be able to go back into the consultation and change any of your answers once you click submit.



## **Response submitted**

Once you have submitted your response, you will receive an email to the email address you inputted with an individual reference number. If you need to contact us about your response, please quote this number in your query.