

National Marine Plan for Scotland

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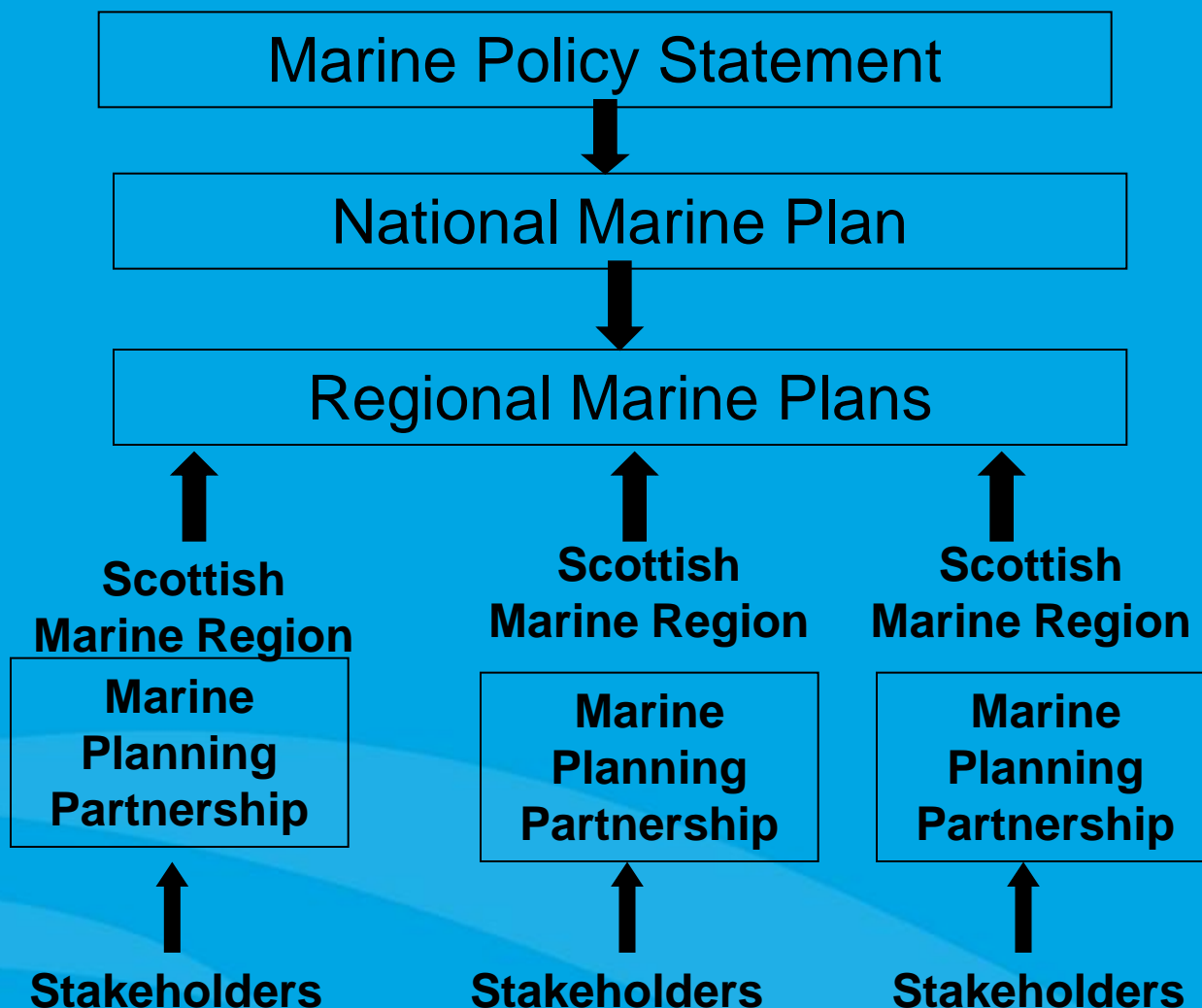
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Background

- Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 & UK legislation
- Framework to manage demand for marine resources
- First statutory basis for marine planning – out to 200nm
- Binding on decisions of public authorities
- Covers all marine sectors - reserved issues with agreement
- UK, national, regional tiers



Legislative requirements

- The condition of the area – summary of significant pressures and human impacts
- Policies for sustainable development
- Economic, social, marine ecosystem and climate change objectives
- Policies on MPAs and other relevant nature conservation designated sites
- Conformity with MPS/coherence with other plans
- Public participation; consultation; Parliament; Ministerial adoption
- Monitoring
- Validity



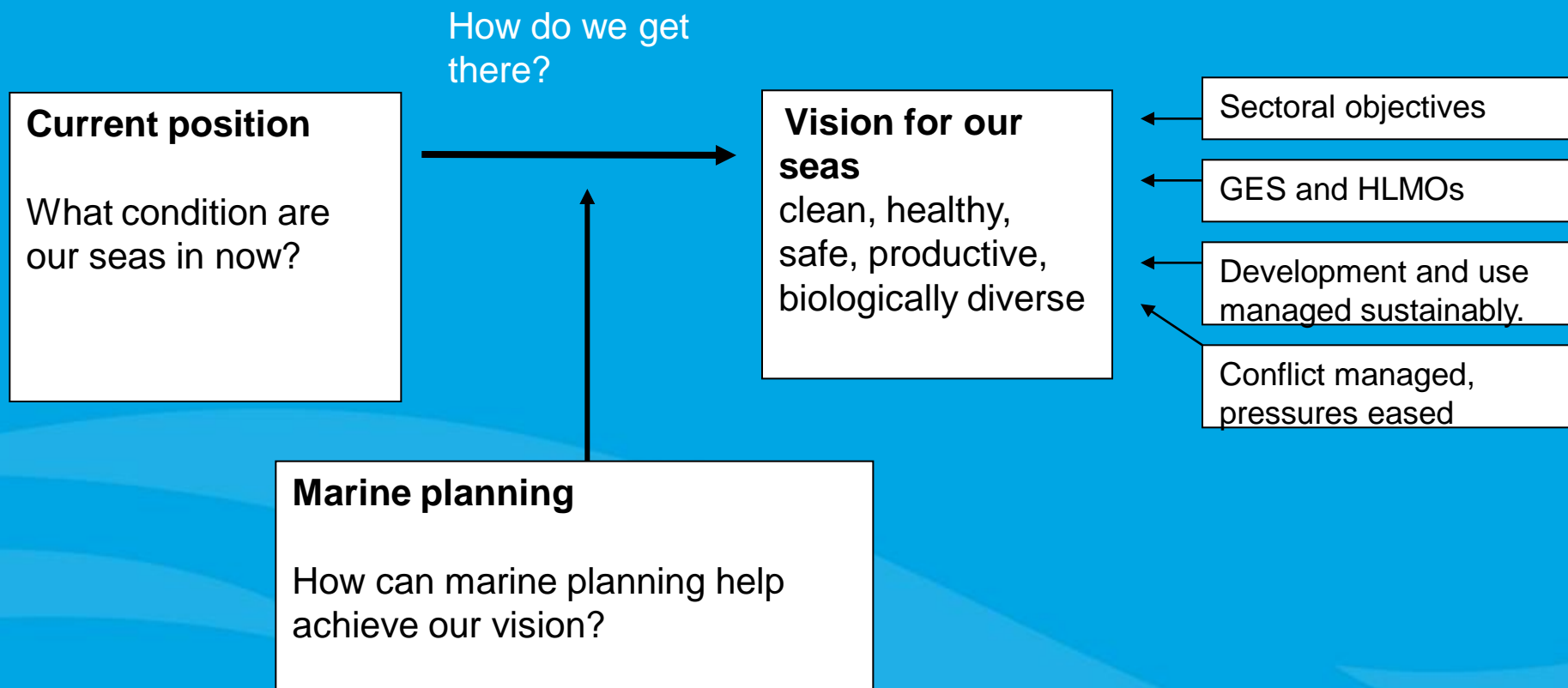
Marine planning



- Promote sustainable use of marine resources and economic development
- Manage conflict in the marine environment and inform decision making
- Contribute to the delivery of Good Environmental Status

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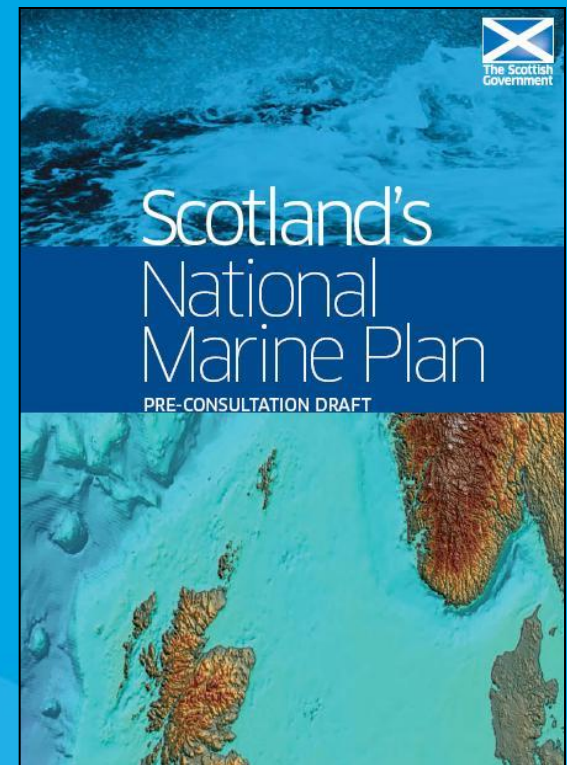
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Marine Atlas and pre-consultation plan



- **Atlas = baseline assessment of condition and pressure/impacts**
- Mapping issues against vision
- **Plan = Approach to sustainable development**
- Socio-economic, marine ecosystem and climate change objectives Interactions matrix
- Sectoral chapters – key challenges, objectives, current situation, environmental and economic impacts, spatial constraints, future (short, medium, long).



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Current development

- From 'essay' to plan
- More directive and more spatial where possible
- Incorporating new developments
- Integration – policy development?
- Sustainability appraisal/BRIA
- Approach to sustainable development/eco-system approach
- Clearer link to evidence base?
- Sectors – sharper; focus on objectives & planning policies; developed interactions matrices; clearer narrative
- Future work

What's next...

- Finalising content
- Sustainability appraisal/BRIA
- Complicated clearance processes...
- Consultation – Parliamentary scrutiny – adoption
- Independent investigation?
- Developing a regional approach
- Culture shift??
- Impact of constitutional reform??
- Review – adaptive management