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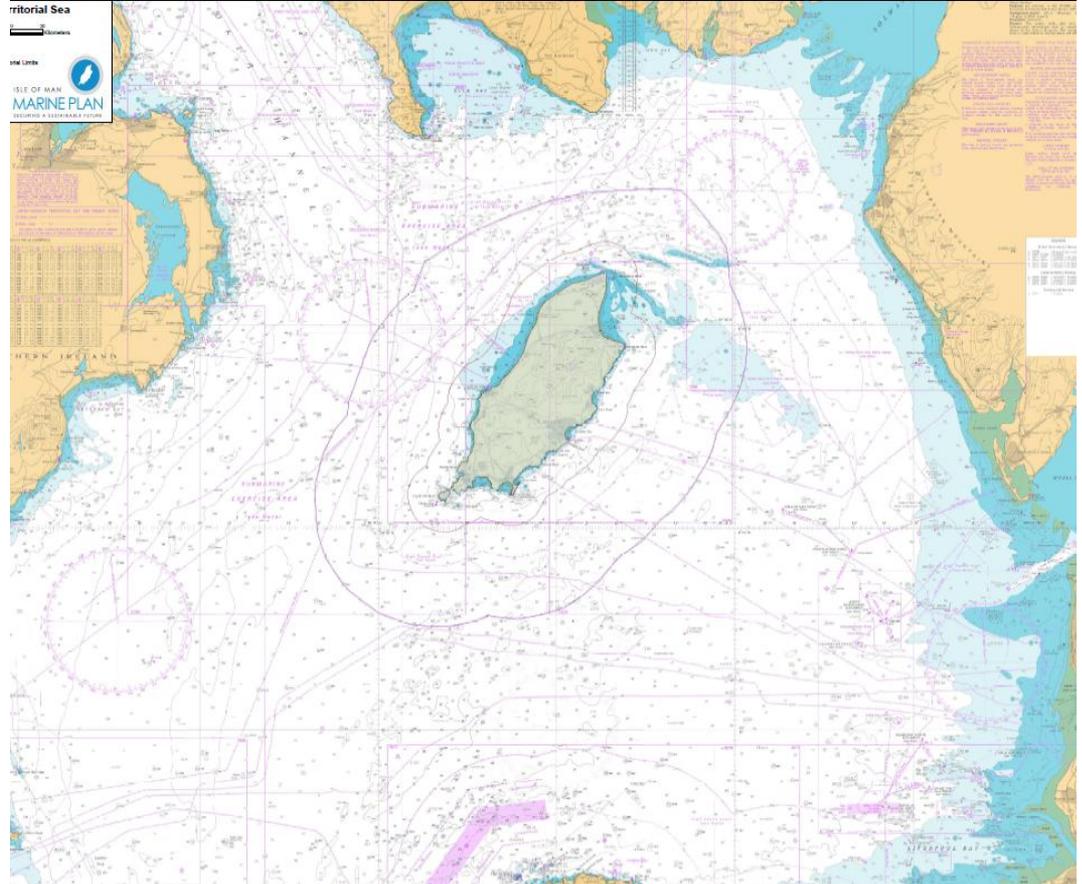
Developing a Marine Plan for the Isle of Man

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Isle of Man Government

The Isle of Man

- ❑ Constitution
- ❑ Not in EU
- ❑ Signed up to Conventions
- ❑ Collaborate through BIC



Conventions

- ❑ OSPAR (was Oslo and Paris Agreement – now extended to NE Atlantic)
- ❑ Bonn Migratory Species – Agreement on Small Cetaceans (ASCOBANS)
- ❑ Ramsar wetland convention (shallow sea)
- ❑ Convention on Biological Diversity (requested)



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Involvement with Irish Sea

- ❑ Irish Sea Forum
- ❑ Irish Sea Pilot
Regional Seas
- ❑ Irish Sea Regional
Platform (Interreg bid)
- ❑ Irish Sea
Conservation Zone
and now....
- ❑ Irish Sea Maritime
Forum



Isle of Man Marine Plan

- ❑ Cross government project (3 depts)
- ❑ 3 years to develop (start of last year)
- ❑ Address how we give consent
- ❑ Bring together government policies for the sea
- ❑ Follow best practice MMEA and EIA
- ❑ Consult surrounding jurisdictions



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Principles of the Marine Plan

- ❑ Enabling sustainable economic development
- ❑ Based on the ecosystem approach
- ❑ Developed in a joined up way by the Manx government
- ❑ Inclusive of stakeholders
- ❑ Irish Sea context with transnational co-operation



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Options for consenting process

- ❑ Status Quo – decision via Territorial Seas Committee
- ❑ Development of Primary Legislation for a consenting process for marine developments and provision to develop a Statutory Marine Spatial Plan
- ❑ Development of Secondary Regulations under existing Primary Legislation



Current Consenting Process

- ❑ Application for seabed lease submitted to Chair of Territorial Seas Committee (Director of Harbours)
- ❑ Application circulated to members of Territorial Seas Committee for consideration
- ❑ Comments reported to Chair by members for consideration
- ❑ Recommendation to Minister for Department of Infrastructure from Chair
- ❑ Ministerial decision on the agreement (or not) for lease of seabed



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Manx Marine Environmental Assessment

- Based on a Regional Environmental Assessment
- Collating all relevant information
- Consultation July/August 2012
- Map based information
- Completion by October 2012



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MMEA

AIM to bring together the baseline information currently available for Manx territorial waters.

covering

- Physical environment
- Marine renewable energy opportunities
- Commercial fisheries
- Infrastructure
- Legislation
- Marine habitats and species

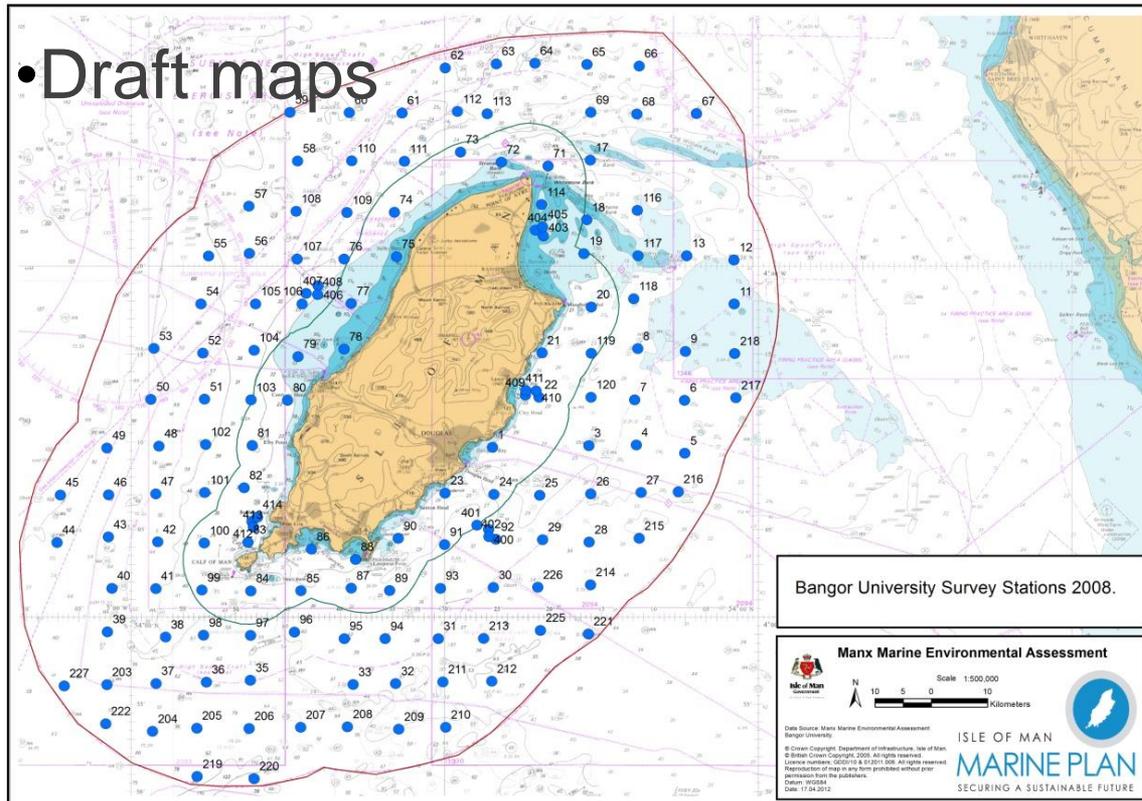
Seabed ecology

Points surveyed by Bangor University for the identification of seabed habitats and associated animal communities.



7,325 still images from 150 survey points have been analyzed.

NB: Locations of more recent survey work is not included on this map.



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Marine Economic Assessment

- Blue carbon, CO₂ sequestration
- Marine bird and wildlife watching and wildlife holidays
- Role of coast and nature in holiday making decisions
- Commercial and leisure fisheries
- Yachting
- Coastal protection



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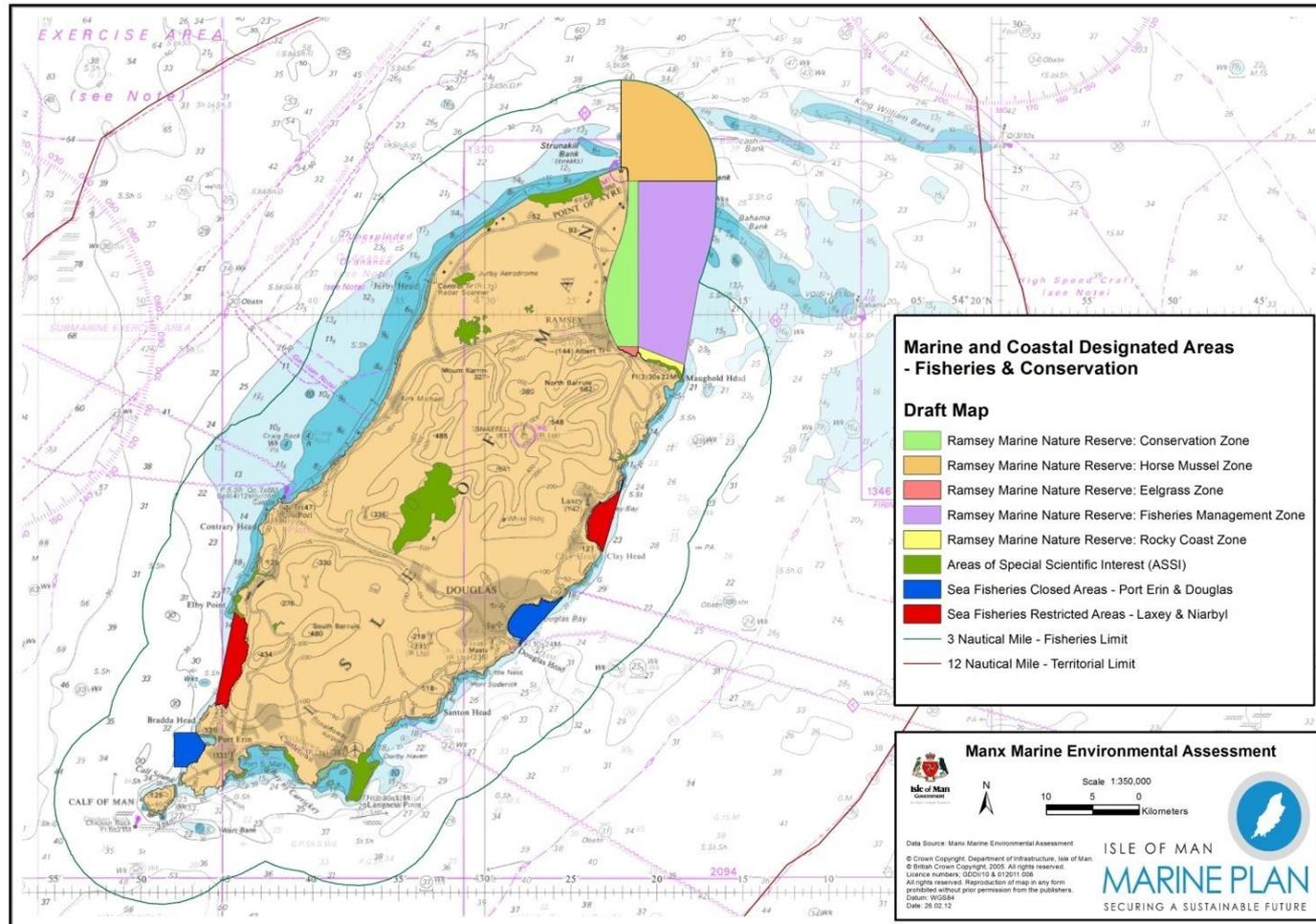
Transboundary issues

- ❑ Co-ordination (eg consistent requirements for post-development monitoring)
- ❑ Communication and consultation over policies and plans
- ❑ Conflicts of interest (wind turbines and ferries, fisheries and unburied pipelines)
- ❑ Complementarity and collaboration (eg designation of cross boundary ecological features)

Statutory designations

Fisheries and conservation areas

Draft map



Ramsey Marine Nature Reserve

- ❑ Eelgrass Zone (pink)
- ❑ Horse Mussel Zone (orange)
- ❑ Conservation Zone (green)
- ❑ Fisheries Management Zone (purple)
- ❑ Rocky Shore Zone (lime green)

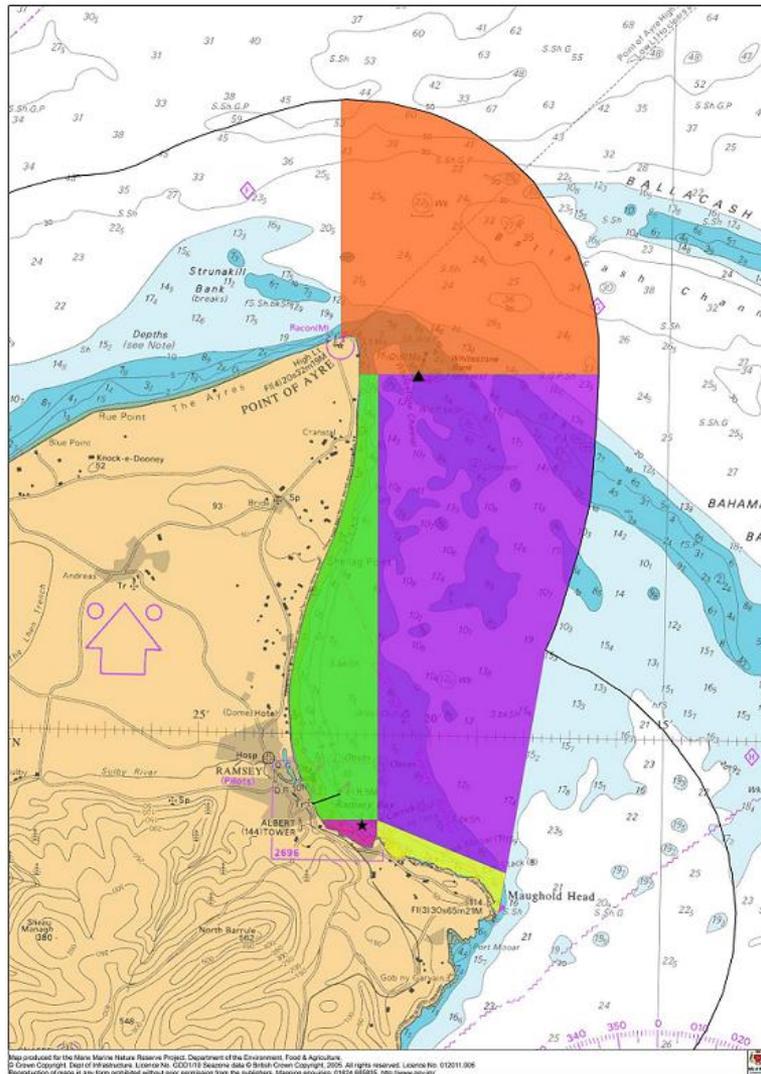
Total area = 94.5km²

Highly protected = 47km²

Fisheries Management Zone = 47.5km²

Whole area = 2.4% of Manx Waters

Highly protected area = 1.2% of Manx Waters



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Further information

www.gov.im/transport/planning/marinespatialplanning

Email project officer on msp@gov.im



The screenshot shows the Isle of Man Government website. The header includes the government logo and navigation links: Home, Accessibility, Search, News, Contacts, Privacy. A red banner for 'infrastructure bun-troggalys' is visible. The main content area is titled 'Marine Spatial Planning' and contains the following text:

The Isle of Man Marine Plan process aims to develop a stringent consenting regime which will give consent for all types of development within the marine environment. It is also expected that this project will develop a Marine Plan for the Territorial Seas out to 12 Nautical Miles which will take into consideration current and future uses of the marine environment and other relevant information. This will enable the identification of opportunity areas for suitable developments within the marine environment. This is a cross Government project, funded by the Department of Infrastructure, Department of Economic Development and Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture.

Key messages of this process are to:

- Maximise potential economic development opportunities through a sustainable approach to our marine environment;
- Ensure inclusiveness and accountability for the Isle of Man Marine Plan process;
- Enable joined up and consistent Government to take place; and
- Maintain the pivotal role of the Isle of Man within the Irish Sea.

Identification of stakeholders is an ongoing process and contacts will be regularly updated. It is necessary to consult at the local and regional levels, and should include other Jurisdictions, relevant Agencies, research institutions and Universities, all users of the seas, potential developers and local stakeholders including all Tynwald Members. All will be involved right throughout the process. Well established links within the Irish Sea Region will continue to be developed.

Methods of communication for this project will be via a dedicated webpage and electronic circulars (newsletters, bulletins, press releases) which are being developed. It may also be necessary to host workshops, information sessions and seminars to pass information onto stakeholders. It is essential that identified stakeholders contribute to this process. It will be the responsibility of the Marine Spatial Planning Officer Group to ensure all progress and issues are communicated appropriately to all stakeholders identified throughout this process.

Energy Expo 2011 provided the first opportunity for stakeholder involvement in the process. As part of our information gathering, we would like to hear from anyone who uses the marine environment, commercially or for recreational purposes, the activities you carry out within the Isle of Man territorial waters and the location of these activities. This will help us to produce maps of how Manx territorial waters are used, for inclusion within the Marine Spatial Plan, allowing policies to be developed based on the best possible information.

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MMEA consultation (from mid July)

<http://www.gov.im/transport/planning/mmea.xml>

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