

Regional/local approaches for protection and management of underwater cultural heritage and integration of this topic within MSP – the situation for England (UK)

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The role of English Heritage

English Heritage, as an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body, which works in partnership to conserve the historic environment, broaden public access to our cultural heritage and increase people's understanding and appreciation of the past.

We advise on management, planning and development of the English area of the UK Territorial Sea and adjacent area of UK Continental Shelf:

- we work with Government and other agencies to deliver EU and international marine environment programmes;
- we promote collaborative efforts to gain greater knowledge of the marine historic environment;
- we produce guidance and commission projects through our National Heritage Protection Plan and participate in EU funded projects; and
- we provide advice for coastal and marine development projects or other activities that might target archaeological sites.

Council of Europe Valletta Convention (1992)

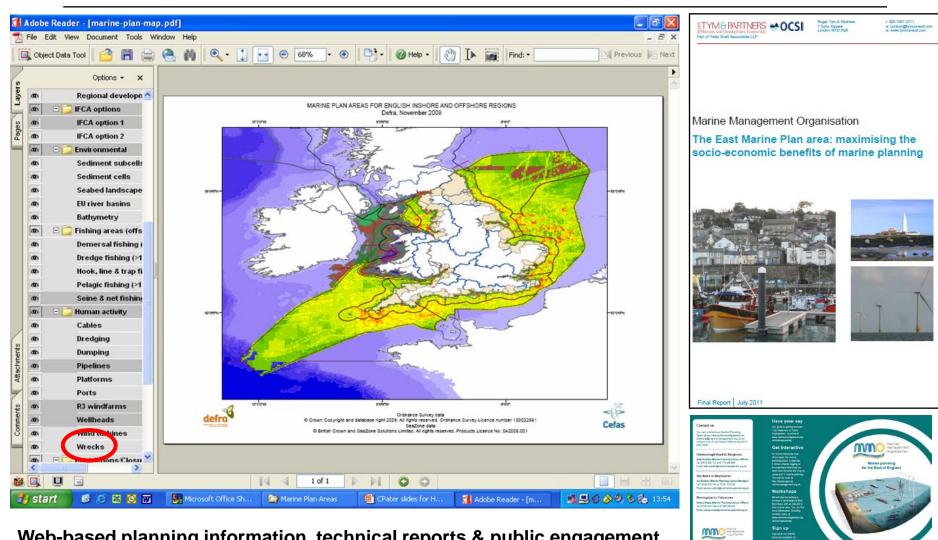


Articles in brief:

- I. Broad definition of "archaeological heritage";
- 2. Maintenance of an inventory of archaeology heritage, including creation of "archaeological reserves" for the preservation of material evidence;
- Application of appropriate procedures for intrusive archaeological investigation;
- Provision of resources to acquire and conserve sites and monuments including archive and find repositories;
- 5. Integration of archaeology into the planning regime;
- 6. Private or public sectors to meet costs of preliminary archaeological operations and collection and dissemination of information;
- Preliminary publication of excavation results (similar provision also made in Article 8);
- 9. Develop public awareness of the value of archaeological heritage; and
- 10. Control of illicit trade in antiques.

17 years later...





Web-based planning information, technical reports & public engagement



National Marine Historic Records



Maritime records (total):

46,000

Wrecks: 33,000

Casualties, position to be verified:

27,400

Wrecks position known: 5,200

Designated Historic Shipwrecks

(England): 46 (UK total = 61)

British aircraft: 1,100

Fishermen's fastenings: 7,400

Isolated finds etc: 1,300

www.pastscape.org.uk

Information on England's archaeology and architecture





Protection of Wreck Act 1973: Designated Wreck Sites 3. Swash Channel (C. 17th)

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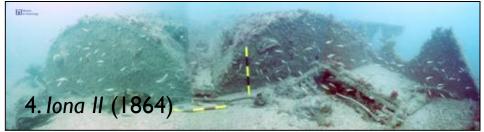


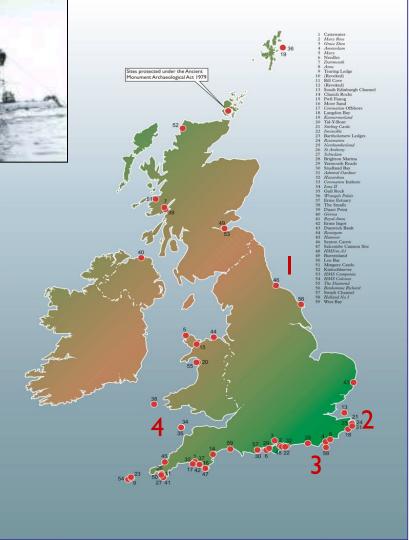




2. HMS Stirling Castle (1703)







English Heritage "Conservation Principles"



- The historic environment is a shared resource;
- Everyone should be able to participate in sustaining the historic environment;
- Understanding the significance of places is vital;
- Significance places should be managed to sustain their value;
- Decisions about change must be reasonable, transparent and consistent; and
- Documenting and learning from decisions is essential.



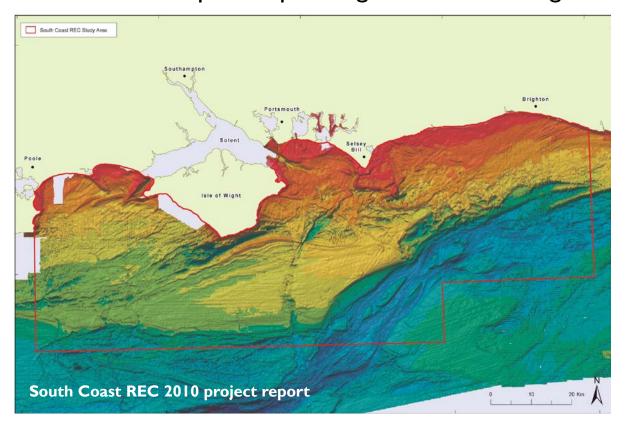


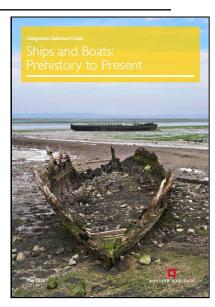
Constructive conservation: a positive and collaborative approach to conservation that focuses on actively managing change. The aim is to recognise and reinforce the historic significance of places, while accommodating the changes necessary to ensure their continued use and enjoyment – "Preserving significance is what we do, Constructive Conservation is how we do it"

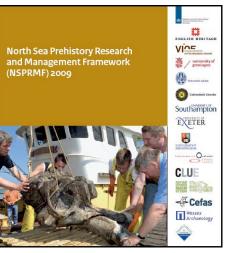
UK Marine Planning, Policy, Development and Research



- High Level Marine Objectives (2008)
- Marine & Coastal Access Act (2009)
- UK Marine Policy Statement (2011)
- Marine development, planning & cultural heritage







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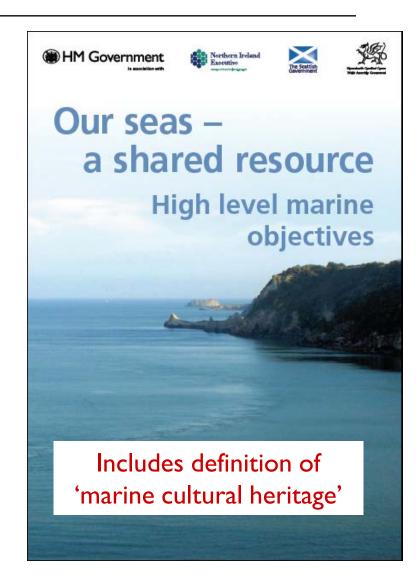


"...society getting more benefit from the use of the marine environment than previously, whilst its rich natural and cultural heritage are better protected..."

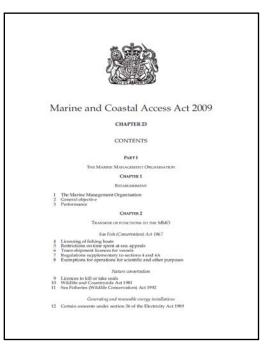
"We will be responding to this in our actions so that the integrity of marine ecosystems and underwater cultural heritage is conserved."

"...management for the coastal zone will support sustainable development and the cultural heritage of coastal areas."

"People appreciate the value of the marine environment, its natural and cultural heritage and its resources and act responsibly."



- Section 54 (Marine Plans) duties to keep certain matters under review: inclusive of 'cultural characteristics'
- Section 69 (Marine Licensing) the need to protect the environment: inclusive of any site of historic/archaeological interest
- Section 117 (Marine Conservation Zones) the designating authority may have regard to social consequences: inclusive of any site of historic/archaeological interest
- 2.6.6.5 "The absence of designation for such (heritage) assets does not necessarily indicate lower significance and the marine plan authority should consider them subject to the same policy principles as designated heritage assets."
- 2.6.6.7 "In considering the significance of heritage assets and their setting the marine plan authority should take into account the particular nature of the interest in the assets and the value they hold for this and future generations"





UK Marine Policy Statement

HM Government
Northern Ireland Executive
Scottish Government
Welsh Assembly Government

Published 2011

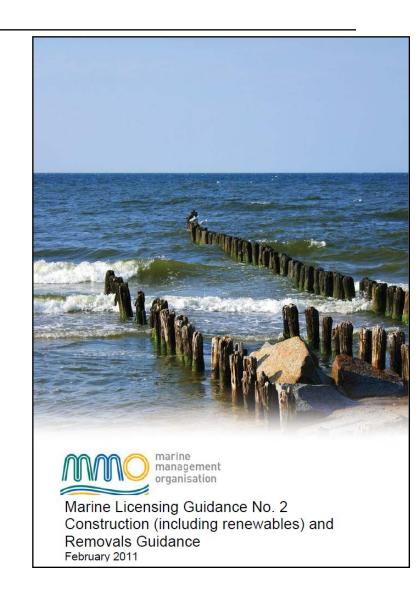


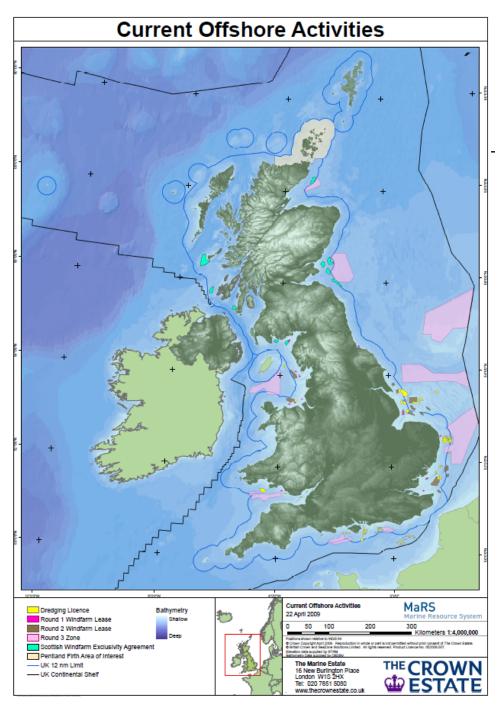
Marine Licensing and Cultural Heritage



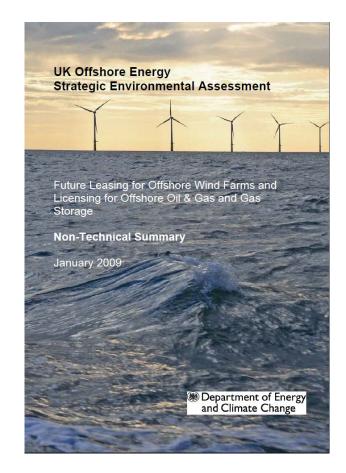
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- The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) carries out licensing and enforcement functions (with the exception of oil/gas projects which rests with DECC)
- The MMO will make decisions in accordance with marine policy documents and marine plans
- Licensing will include removal of objected from wreck
- Excavations and surface recovery from designated wreck sites will be licensable
- The MMO are directed to operate on a cost-recovery basis
- Diver Investigation trails are exempt on designated wreck sites





- The Crown Estate lease seabed for offshore renewable power generation projects within the UK Marine Renewables Zone
- DECC have conducted SEA
- Developers prepare (non-statutory)
 Zone Appraisal Plans

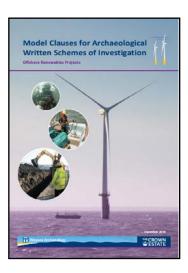


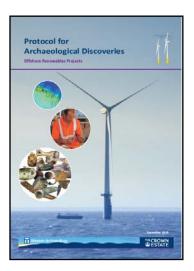
Marine development guidance



- COWRIE Historic Environment Guidance for the Offshore Renewable Energy Sector:
 - EIA methodologies (2007);
 - Cumulative & in combinations effects (2008); and
 - Geotechnical survey and analysis (2011)
- The Crown Estate 2010(a) Model Clauses for Archaeological Written Schemes of Investigation
- The Crown Estate 2010(b) Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries







The context for Marine Spatial Planning





Marine Spatial Planning and the Historic Environment

> Antony Firth February 2013

A report for English Heritage

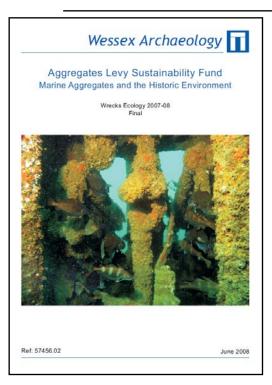
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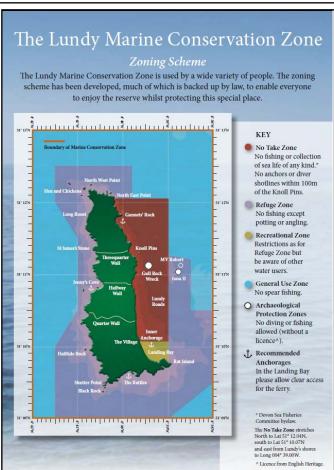
- 2002 EU recommendation: Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- 2006 Green Paper: "Reclaiming Europe's Maritime Heritage and Reaffirming Europe's Maritime Identity"
- 2007 An Integrated Maritime policy for the European Union
- 2008 Marine Strategy Framework
 Directive
- 2011 MMO English East Coast marine plans: start of process
- 2012 EU project Combining Sea and Coastal Planning in Europe (Pilots concluded in England & Belgium)
- 2013 Draft Directive MSP

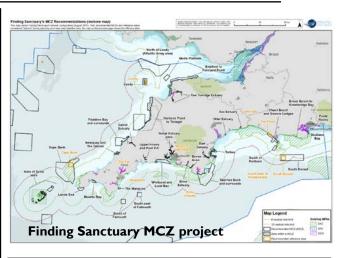
Action to protect the marine environment: Marine Conservation Zones

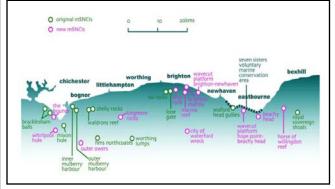


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A co-ordinated approach to conservation is important, it's easy if legal requirements support shared benefits, but harder if objectives are mutually exclusive