

MARINE PROTECTED AREA SOCIO-ECONOMIC MONITORING STEERING GROUP – SECOND REPORT

Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

Inception Meeting
28th August 2018 at 10:30 – 12:00 noon

Notes from inception meeting – 28/08/2018

Attendees: [REDACTED – 7 attendees including Chair]

1. Introductions

All in attendance, no apologies.

2. Background

Notes in annex 1 reviewed with the group. [REDACTED] confirmed that the first report was a good baseline for the socio-economic monitoring of MPAs. [REDACTED] noted that it recognised the high level impacts of MPAs and attempts to reconcile with the local impacts but more work was required to improve on this in this second report. [REDACTED] confirmed the new areas for designation and the time frame, which is late autumn for the next round of consultations.

3. Aims and objectives of the second report

Notes in annex 2 reviewed/ All agree that the aims and objectives are correct for the second report. [REDACTED] wanted the wording to reflect both positive and negative impacts, as people tend to assume only negative.

Action: [REDACTED]to update to reflect comments - **Completed**

4. Approach to data collection

Reviewed the approach used in the first report and [REDACTED] informed the steering group on the newly available data through Fish 1 forms which will improve analytical capacity of the inshore fleet. All agreed that the core data will be the analysis of activities data with the additional of Fish1 forms. [REDACTED] also highlighted the benefits of ground truthing the data with fishers and the links to SIFIDS for lesson learning and value added.

Case studies were discussed and all agreed that this approach will most likely be required again to gather evidence on localised impacts. It was agreed that the three case studies in the first report will need to be resurveyed, but at what depth will be reviewed after the initial finding from the analysis of activities data. It was also agreed that new case studies will most likely be added. Loch Sunart to Sound of Jura was discussed given the volume of community activity taking place. It was agreed additional case study select will be based on findings from the analysis of activity data and key informant interviews.

It was felt that key informant interviews would most likely need to be repeat, but possibly using a light touch approach and efforts made to include other stakeholders if required. Luce Bay (Solway) was a possible additional case study.

5. Steering Group membership and responsibilities

Reviewed annex 4 with the group. All agreed with the aims and responsibilities of the steering group. All agreed that a representative from the seafood industry would be a valuable addition to the group and possibly the Highland council.

Action: [REDACTED] to source contacts for the seafood industry and invite onto group.

6. Next steps

[REDACTED] outlined possible next steps (below). Group agreed.

Action: [REDACTED] to circulate notes of the meeting – **Completed**; and scoping out project to produce a work plan for review by the steering group. [REDACTED] to circulate by the end of October 2018

7. AOB

[REDACTED] checked timescale for next meeting. One proposed for before Christmas to review and sign off the project plan.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Introductions
2. Background (notes in Annex 1)
 - A. Findings from first report
 - B. Actions from first report
 - C. Current situation with MPAs socio-economic evidence base
3. Aims and objectives of the second report (notes in Annex 2)
4. Approach to data collection (notes in Annex 3)
5. Steering Group membership and responsibilities (notes in Annex 4)
6. Next steps
7. AOB

Annex 1: Background

A. Findings from first report

- High level of compliance with management measures
- No notable changes in the number of fishing voyages and effort days following the introduction of MPA management measures
- No concerns about the impact of MPA on current aquaculture operations or marine or coastal development
- No observed changes to tourism related businesses
- Representatives of seafood processing businesses reported no declines in overall supplies of raw materials
- Emerging evidence of other socioeconomic benefits for some local communities but still in developmental stages
- Overall conclusion is it is too early to observe significant changes due to MPA management measures

B. Actions from first report

- Marine Scotland continue to monitor the socioeconomic impacts of MPAs
- Commission another evaluation in 2018 to allow time for marine sectors to adapt.

C. Current status/situation with MPAs

- New data through Fish 1 forms
- Second phase of MPA management measures under consultation
- Four new areas proposed for MPA designation

Annex 2: Aims and objectives of the second report

Aim

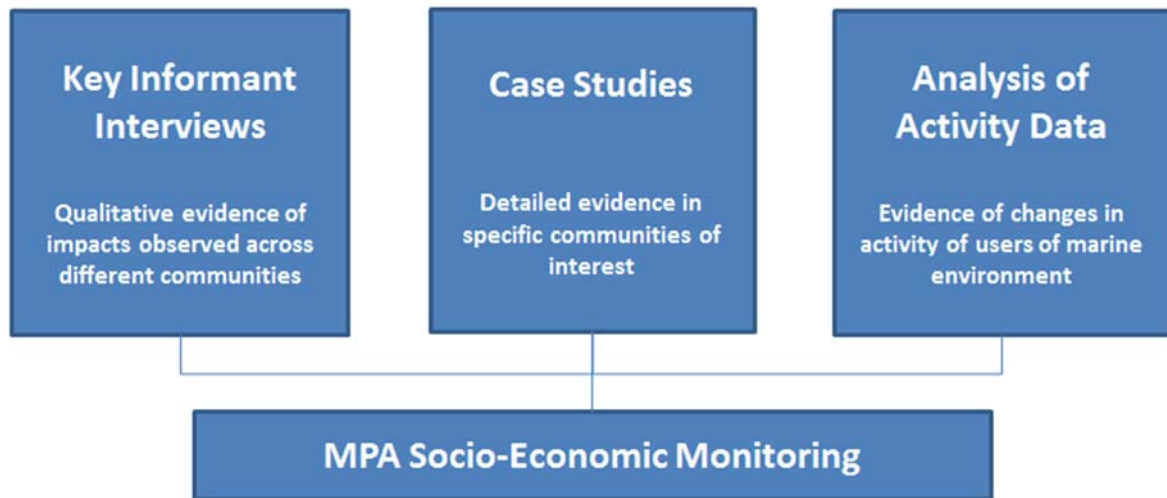
- To provide Scottish ministers with evidence of the observed **positive and negative** socioeconomic impacts of MPA management measures, across sites in Scotland, three years post implementation

Objectives

- To develop the methodology used in the first MPA socioeconomic monitoring report with second phase analysis;
- To gather, update and analyse new evidence on the **positive and negative** socioeconomic impacts of MPA management measures three years post-implementation;
- Provide Scottish Ministers with the evidence of the **positive and negative** socioeconomic impacts of MPAs by the end of 2019;

Annex 3: Approach to data collection

Approach used in the first MPA report



To be considered for the second report

- New data
- New case studies
- Baseline from first report

Annex 4: Steering Group membership and responsibilities

Aim

- To oversee the delivery of the second report on the socioeconomic impacts of MPAs

Objectives

- To guide the approach to evidence and analysis for the second report
- To provide insights on emerging **positive and negative** impacts
- To quality assure the second report on the socioeconomic impacts of MPAs ahead of submitting to Ministers

Membership

Chair – [REDACTED] (Marine Scotland Marine Analytical Unit)

1. Western Isles Council - [REDACTED]
2. West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group – [REDACTED]
3. Fauna and Flora International - [REDACTED]
4. Argyll and Bute Council – [REDACTED]
5. Seafood Processing Sector - ?
6. Marine Scotland Marine Conservation – [REDACTED]
7. Marine Scotland Marine Analytical Unit – [REDACTED]