

Planning Scotland's Seas

Consultation on Priority Marine Features

Priority Marine Features

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Thank you for taking the time to consider this consultation paper. Marine Scotland is consulting on a number of proposals to take forward integrated marine planning for Scotland's seas. Chapter 4 of The National Marine Plan proposes that Priority Marine Features should be specifically taken into account in future planning and decision making.

1.2 The recommended list of Priority Marine Features (PMFs) represents 80 habitats and species of marine conservation importance for which it would be appropriate to use either area based measures such as Marine Protected Areas, or non-area based mechanisms or a mixture of both to achieve better protection. Action will be prioritised via a three-pillar approach, i.e. species measures, site-based measures, and wider seas policies and measures as set out in Marine Scotland's Marine Nature Conservation Strategy¹.

1.3 PMFs as a whole will be protected by a range of mechanisms as appropriate and individual features may benefit from action under more than one pillar, or indeed under all 3 pillars. Marine planning and other measures could potentially provide additional benefits under the wider seas pillar by considering the sensitivities of habitats and species in marine decision making.

1.4 The PMF work brings a Scottish focus to existing marine species and habitat listings, and will be used to help target conservation work in Scotland's seas more effectively.

1.5 This list reflects current knowledge and understanding and will be subject to periodic review to take account of the best available evidence.

1.6 Please note that the closing date for responses is: 13 November 2013. All comments from the consultation will be considered and used to inform the finalisation of the Priority Marine Features list.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 There are a number of species and habitats lists which have been developed at a Scottish, UK and international level with the purpose of directing nature conservation action. These include lists in EC Directives, domestic legislation, Biodiversity Action Plans and the OSPAR list of threatened or declining habitats and species. The concept of Priority Marine Features is not intended to replace these lists but provides a new focus for marine conservation activities across the three pillar approach.

¹<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/marine-environment/Conservationstrategy/marineconstrategy>

2.2 The list will be used to support advice on marine biodiversity, guide future research priorities and help deliver marine planning and licensing systems set out in the Marine (Scotland) Act which delivered new powers to protect other habitats and species of national and international importance. For example, a subset of the PMFs, are being used to support the selection of a network of Nature Conservation Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) as outlined in the Scottish MPA Selection Guidelines². The Marine Protected Areas proposals, also being consulted on, are designed to offer protection to many of these features.

How was the PMFs list developed?

2.3 To produce the recommended list of PMFs in Scotland's seas (Tables 1-3 below), species and habitats on existing conservation registers were assessed against criteria that considered whether a significant proportion of their population occur in Scotland's seas, whether they are under threat or in decline, and what functional role they play. All the features which have passed the criteria are considered important components of the biodiversity of Scottish seas and should be prioritised for conservation action.

2.4 Various marine and taxonomic specialists were consulted throughout development of the recommended PMF list and an external review of the overall process was completed by an independent expert. A targeted peer review of the draft list, and evidence behind it has also been undertaken.

2.5 Further detail on the processes followed to identify PMFs in Scotland's seas is available through reports published by SNH³ and JNCC⁴.

2.6 Until the final list has been formally adopted, PMFs represent a prioritised list of marine habitats and species of conservation importance in Scotland's seas, and should be taken account of in Environmental Statements and through relevant licensing/consenting decisions.

2.7 We seek your comments on the recommended species and habitats to be included as Priority Marine Features in Scotland's seas. The recommended list of Priority Marine Features in Scotland's seas is presented in **Annex A**. It is intended that the PMFs list will be used to target future marine conservation action based on the three pillar (sites, species and wider seas measures) approach, and will seek to focus action for the benefit of a range of features.

Q1. Do you agree with the recommended list of Priority Marine Features as the basis for targeting future marine conservation action in Scotland's seas?

2.8 If your response includes a suggestion to amend the list, please indicate the specific species and habitats that your comments apply to and, where possible, provide

² <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/marine-environment/mpanetwork/mpaguidelines/>

³ Howson, C. M., Steel, L., Carruthers, M. and Gillham, K. (2012). Identification of Priority Marine Features in Scottish territorial waters. Scottish Natural Heritage Commissioned Report No. 388.

⁴ JNCC, (2012), Identification of Priority Marine Features in Scottish offshore waters

or reference any evidence or data sources which have influenced your comments. Amendments to the list will be considered where there is a scientific basis for the proposed change.

Q2. Are there other issues that have not been highlighted in this consultation that you would like to mention?

APPENDIX A: HOW TO RESPOND

Responding to this consultation

You are invited to respond to this consultation by 13 November 2013.

Please send your response with the completed Respondent Information Form (see 'Handling your Response' below) to:

Responses can be sent by email, by post or by online electronic response form:

Email: Marine_Environment_Mailbox@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Post: Priority Marine Features Consultation
Scottish Government
Marine Planning and Policy Division
Area 1-A South
Victoria Quay
Edinburgh
EH6 6QQ

On line: www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations

If you have any enquiries please send them to nikki.milne@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or call Nikki Milne on 0131 244 3671.

We would be grateful if you would use the consultation questionnaire provided in your response as this will aid our analysis of the responses received. This consultation, and all other Scottish Government consultation exercises, can be viewed online on the consultation web pages of the Scottish Government website at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations>.

The Scottish Government has an email alert system for consultations, <http://register.scotland.gov.uk>. This system allows stakeholder individuals and organisations to register and receive a weekly email containing details of all new consultations (including web links). It complements, but in no way replaces SG distribution lists, and is designed to allow stakeholders to keep up to date with all SG consultation activity, and therefore be alerted at the earliest opportunity to those of most interest. We would encourage you to register.

Handling your response

We need to know how you wish your response to be handled and, in particular, whether you are happy for your response to be made public. Please complete and return the **Respondent Information Form** which forms part of the consultation questionnaire as this will ensure that we treat your response appropriately. If you ask for your response not to be published we will regard it as confidential, and we will treat it accordingly. All respondents should be aware that the Scottish Government are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and would therefore have to consider any request made to it under the Act for information relating to responses made to this consultation exercise.

Next steps in the process

Where respondents have given permission for their response to be made public and after we have checked that they contain no potentially defamatory material, responses will be made available to the public in the Scottish Government Library and on the SEConsult web pages. You can make arrangements to view responses by contacting the SG Library on 0131 244 4552. Responses can be copied and sent to you, but a charge may be made for this service.

What happens next?

Following the closing date, all responses will be analysed and considered to help us make a decision on the content of the final version of the Scottish Marine Litter Strategy. We aim to issue a report on this consultation process in January 2013.

Comments and complaints

If you have any comments about how this consultation exercise has been conducted, please send them to Nikki Milne (contact details as above).

The Scottish Government Consultation Process

Consultation is an essential and important aspect of Scottish Government working methods. Given the wide-ranging areas of work of the Scottish Government, there are many varied types of consultation. However, in general, Scottish Government consultation exercises aim to provide opportunities for all those who wish to express their opinions on a proposed area of work to do so in ways which will inform and enhance that work.

The Scottish Government encourages consultation that is thorough, effective and appropriate to the issue under consideration and the nature of the target audience. Consultation exercises take account of a wide range of factors, and no two exercises are likely to be the same.

Typically Scottish Government consultations involve a written paper inviting answers to specific questions or more general views about the material presented. Written papers are distributed to organisations and individuals with an interest in the issue, and they are also placed on the Scottish Government web site enabling a wider audience to access the paper and submit their responses.

Consultation exercises may also involve seeking views in a number of different ways, such as through public meetings, focus groups or questionnaire exercises. Copies of all the written responses received to a consultation exercise (except those where the individual or organisation requested confidentiality) are placed in the Scottish Government library at Saughton House, Edinburgh (K Spur, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD, telephone 0131 244 4565).

All Scottish Government consultation papers and related publications (e.g. analysis of response reports) can be accessed at: Scottish Government consultations (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations>) The views and suggestions detailed in consultation responses are analysed and used as part of the decision making process, along with a range of other available information and evidence. Depending on the nature of the consultation exercise the responses received may: indicate the need for policy development or review; inform the development of a particular policy; help decisions to be made between alternative policy proposals; be used to finalise legislation before it is implemented. Final decisions on the issues under consideration will also take account of a range of other factors, including other available information and research evidence.

While details of particular circumstances described in a response to a consultation exercise may usefully inform the policy process, consultation exercises cannot address individual concerns and comments, which should be directed to the relevant public body.

APPENDIX B: Priority Marine Features



RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note this form **must** be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately

1. Name/Organisation

Organisation Name

Title Mr Ms Mrs Miss Dr *Please tick as appropriate*

Surname

Forename

2. Postal Address

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Postcode

Phone

Email

3. Permissions - I am responding as...

Individual

/

Group/Organisation

Please tick as appropriate

(a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

(b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis

Please tick ONE of the following boxes

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

or

Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address

or

Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

(c) The name and address of your organisation **will be** made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site).

Are you content for your **response** to be made available?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

(d) We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Please tick as appropriate Yes

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Q1. Do you agree with the recommended list of Priority Marine Features as the basis for targeting future marine conservation action in Scotland's seas?

If your response includes a suggestion to amend the list, please indicate the specific species and habitats that your comments apply to and, where possible, provide or reference any evidence or data sources which have influenced your comments.

Yes No

Comments

General

Q2. Are there other issues that have not been highlighted in this consultation that you would like to mention?

Yes No

Comments

ANNEX A

Recommended list of Priority Marine Features in Scotland's seas

Table 1 Seabed habitats

Priority Marine Feature (PMF)	Component biotopes / species (biotope / common name)	Component biotopes / species (biotope code / species name)	Scottish marine area
Blue mussel beds	<i>Mytilus edulis</i> beds on littoral sediments	LS.LBR.LMus.Myt	Territorial waters
	<i>Mytilus edulis</i> and <i>Fabricia sabella</i> in littoral mixed sediment	LS.LSa.St.MytFab	Territorial waters
	<i>Mytilus edulis</i> beds on sublittoral sediment	SS.SBR.SMus.MytSS	Territorial waters
	<i>Mytilus edulis</i> beds on reduced salinity infralittoral rock	IR.LIR.IFaVS.MytRS	Territorial waters
Burrowed mud	Seapens and burrowing megafauna in circalittoral fine mud	SS.SMu.CFiMu.SpMmeg	Both
	Burrowing megafauna and <i>Maxmuelleria lankesteri</i> in circalittoral mud	SS.SMu.CFiMu.MegMax	Both
	Tall seapen	<i>Funiculina quadrangularis</i>	Both
	Fireworks anemone	<i>Pachycerianthus multiplicatus</i>	Both
	Mud burrowing amphipod	<i>Maera loveni</i>	Both
Carbonate mound communities	Carbonate mound communities	No code	Offshore waters
Cold-water coral reefs	Coral reefs	SS.SBR.Crl	Both
Coral gardens	Coral gardens	No code	Offshore waters
Deep sea sponge aggregations	Deep sea sponge aggregations	No code	Offshore waters
Flame shell beds	<i>Limaria hians</i> beds in tide-swept sublittoral muddy mixed sediment	SS.SMx.IMx.Lim	Territorial waters
Horse mussel beds	<i>Modiolus modiolus</i> beds with hydroids and red seaweeds on tide-swept circalittoral mixed substrata	SS.SBR.SMus.ModT	Territorial waters
	<i>Modiolus modiolus</i> beds on open coast circalittoral mixed sediment	SS.SBR.SMus.ModMx	Territorial waters
	<i>Modiolus modiolus</i> beds with fine hydroids and large solitary ascidians on very sheltered circalittoral mixed substrata	SS.SBR.SMus.ModHAs	Territorial waters

Priority Marine Feature (PMF)	Component biotopes / species (biotope / common name)	Component biotopes / species (biotope code / species name)	Scottish marine area
Horse mussel beds <i>cont.</i>	<i>Modiolus modiolus</i> beds with <i>Chlamys varia</i> , sponges, hydroids and bryozoans on slightly tide-swept very sheltered circalittoral mixed substrata	SS.SBR.SMus.ModCvar	Territorial waters
Inshore deep mud with burrowing heart urchins	<i>Brissopsis lyrifera</i> and <i>Amphiura chiajei</i> in circalittoral mud	SS.SMu.CFiMu.BlyrAchi	Territorial waters
Intertidal mudflats	Littoral mud	LS.LMu	Territorial waters
Kelp and seaweed communities on sublittoral sediment	Kelp and seaweed communities on sublittoral sediment ⁵	SS.SMp.KSwSS	Territorial waters
Low or variable salinity habitats	Faunal communities on variable or reduced salinity infralittoral rock	IR.LIR.IFaVS	Territorial waters
	Kelp in variable or reduced salinity	IR.LIR.KVS	Territorial waters
	Submerged fucoids, green or red seaweeds (low salinity infralittoral rock)	IR.LIR.Lag	Territorial waters
	Sublittoral mud in low or reduced salinity (lagoons)	SS.SMu.SMuLS	Territorial waters
	Bird's nest stonewort	<i>Tolypella nidifica</i>	Territorial waters
	Baltic stonewort	<i>Chara baltica</i>	Territorial waters
	Foxtail stonewort	<i>Lamprothamnium papulosum</i>	Territorial waters
	Small brackish water snail	<i>Hydrobia acuta neglecta</i>	Territorial waters
Maerl beds	Maerl beds	SS.SMp.Mrl	Territorial waters
Maerl or coarse shell gravel with burrowing sea cucumbers	<i>Neopentadactyla mixta</i> in circalittoral shell gravel or coarse sand	SS.SCS.CCS.Nmix	Territorial waters
Native oysters	<i>Ostrea edulis</i> beds on shallow sublittoral muddy mixed sediment	SS.SMx.IMx.Ost	Territorial waters
	Native oyster	<i>Ostrea edulis</i>	Territorial waters

⁵ The following biotopes of 'Kelp and seaweed communities on sublittoral sediments' are specifically excluded: 'Mats of *Tralliella* on infralittoral muddy gravel (SS.SMp.KSwSS.Tra)'; & 'Filamentous green seaweeds on low salinity infralittoral mixed sediment or rock (SS.SMp.KSwSS.FiLG)'

Priority Marine Feature (PMF)	Component biotopes / species (biotope / common name)	Component biotopes / species (biotope code / species name)	Scottish marine area
Northern sea fan and sponge communities	<i>Caryophyllia smithii</i> and <i>Swiftia pallida</i> on circalittoral rock	CR.MCR.EcCr.CarSwi	Territorial waters
	Mixed turf of hydroids and large ascidians with <i>Swiftia pallida</i> and <i>Caryophyllia smithii</i> on weakly tide-swept circalittoral rock	CR.HCR.XFa.SwiLgAs	Territorial waters
	Deep sponge communities (circalittoral)	CR.HCR.DpSp	Both
	Northern sea fan	<i>Swiftia pallida</i>	Both
Offshore deep sea muds ^{6 & 7}	<i>Ampharete falcata</i> turf with <i>Parvicardium ovale</i> on cohesive muddy sediment near margins of deep stratified seas	SS.SMu.OMu.AfalPova	Offshore waters
	Foraminiferans and <i>Thyasira</i> sp. in deep circalittoral fine mud	SS.SMu.OMu.ForThy	Offshore waters
	<i>Levinsenia gracilis</i> and <i>Heteromastus filiformis</i> in offshore circalittoral mud and sandy mud	SS.SMu.OMu.LevHet	Offshore waters
	<i>Paramphinome jeffreysii</i> , <i>Thyasira</i> spp. and <i>Amphiura filiformis</i> in offshore circalittoral sandy mud	SS.SMu.OMu.PjefThyAfil	Offshore waters
	<i>Myrtea spinifera</i> and polychaetes in offshore circalittoral sandy mud	SS.SMu.OMu.MyrPo	Offshore waters
Offshore subtidal sands and gravels ⁸	<i>Glycera lapidum</i> , <i>Thyasira</i> spp. and <i>Amythasides macroglossus</i> in offshore gravelly sand	SS.SCS.OCS.GlapThyAmy	Offshore waters
	<i>Hesionura elongata</i> and <i>Protodorvillea kefersteini</i> in offshore coarse sand	SS.SCS.OCS.HeloPkef	Offshore waters
	<i>Echinocyamus pusillus</i> , <i>Ophelia borealis</i> and <i>Abra prismatica</i> in circalittoral fine sand	SS.SSa.CFiSa.EpusOborApri	Offshore waters
	<i>Abra prismatica</i> , <i>Bathyporeia elegans</i> and polychaetes in circalittoral fine sand	SS.SSa.CFiSa.ApriBatPo	Offshore waters
	Maldanid polychaetes and <i>Eudorellopsis deformis</i> in offshore circalittoral sand or muddy sand	SS.SSa.OSa.MalEdef	Offshore waters

⁶ In addition to the continental shelf biotopes listed, the PMF also includes Atlantic and Arctic influenced offshore deep sea muds occurring on and off the continental slope

⁷ The following components of the SS.SMu.OMu 'Offshore circalittoral mud' continental shelf biotope complex are specifically excluded from the 'Offshore deep sea muds' PMF: '*Styela gelatinosa*, *Pseudamussium septemradiatum* and solitary ascidians on sheltered deep circalittoral muddy sediment (SS.SMu.OMu.StyPse)'; & '*Capitella capitata* and *Thyasira* spp. in organically-enriched offshore circalittoral mud and sandy mud (SS.SMu.OMu.CapThy)'

⁸ In addition to the continental shelf biotopes listed, the PMF also includes Atlantic and Arctic influenced offshore subtidal sands and gravels occurring on and off the continental slope

Priority Marine Feature (PMF)	Component biotopes / species (biotope / common name)	Component biotopes / species (biotope code / species name)	Scottish marine area
Offshore subtidal sands and gravels <i>cont.</i>	<i>Owenia fusiformis</i> and <i>Amphiura filiformis</i> in offshore circalittoral sand or muddy sand	SS.SSa.OSa.OfusAfil	Offshore waters
Seagrass beds	<i>Zostera noltii</i> beds in littoral muddy sand	LS.LMp.LSgr.Znol	Territorial waters
	<i>Zostera marina/angustifolia</i> beds on lower shore or infralittoral clean or muddy sand	SS.SMp.SSgr.Zmar	Territorial waters
	<i>Ruppia maritima</i> in reduced salinity infralittoral muddy sand	SS.SMp.SSgr.Rup	Territorial waters
Sea loch egg wrack beds	<i>Ascophyllum nodosum</i> ecad <i>mackaii</i> beds on extremely sheltered mid eulittoral mixed substrata	LR.LLR.FVS.Ascmac	Territorial waters
Seamount communities	Seamount communities	No code	Offshore waters
Serpulid aggregations	<i>Serpula vermicularis</i> reefs on very sheltered circalittoral muddy sand ⁹	SS.SBR.PoR.Ser	Territorial waters
Submarine structures made by leaking gases	Submarine structures made by leaking gases	No code	Both
Tide-swept algal communities	Fucoids in tide-swept conditions	LR.HLR.FT	Territorial waters
	<i>Halidrys siliquosa</i> and mixed kelps on tide-swept infralittoral rock with coarse sediment	IR.HIR.KSed.XKHal	Territorial waters
	Kelp and seaweed communities in tide-swept sheltered conditions ¹⁰	IR.MIR.KT	Territorial waters
	<i>Laminaria hyperborea</i> on tide-swept infralittoral mixed substrata	IR.MIR.KR.LhypTX	Territorial waters
Tide-swept coarse sands with burrowing bivalves	<i>Moerella</i> spp. with venerid bivalves in infralittoral gravelly sand ¹¹	SS.SCS.ICS.MoeVen	Territorial waters

⁹ As well as the serpulid reefs biotope this PMF includes smaller aggregations of *Serpula vermicularis*

¹⁰ The following biotopes of 'Kelp and seaweed communities in tide-swept sheltered conditions' are specifically excluded: '*Laminaria saccharina* with foliose red seaweeds and ascidians on sheltered tide-swept infralittoral rock (IR.MIR.KT.LsacT)'; & 'Filamentous red seaweeds, sponges and *Balanus crenatus* on tide-swept variable-salinity infralittoral rock (IR.MIR.KT.FilRVS)'

¹¹ Recent data suggest that the community associated with this biotope may also be present in waters deeper than is characteristic of infralittoral biotopes. Pending further assessment and classification, this PMF includes examples of the community associated with SS.SCS.ICS.MoeVen even where it lies outside the depth range of the biotope.

Table 2 **Low or limited mobility species**

Priority Marine Feature (PMF)	Species name	Taxon group	Scottish marine area
Burrowing sea anemone	<i>Arachnanthus sarsi</i>	Sea anemones, sea fans and seapens	Territorial waters
Pink sea fingers	<i>Alcyonium hibernicum</i>	Sea anemones, sea fans and seapens	Territorial waters
White cluster anemone	<i>Parazoanthus anguicomus</i>	Sea anemones, sea fans and seapens	Territorial waters
Northern feather star	<i>Leptometra celtica</i>	Starfish and feather stars	Both
Fan mussel	<i>Atrina fragilis</i>	Snails, clams, mussels and oysters	Both
Heart cockle	<i>Glossus humanus</i>	Snails, clams, mussels and oysters	Territorial waters
Ocean quahog	<i>Arctica islandica</i>	Snails, clams, mussels and oysters	Both

Table 3 Mobile species

Priority Marine Feature (PMF)	Species name	Taxon group	Scottish marine area
European spiny lobster	<i>Palinurus elephas</i>	Lobsters and sand hoppers	Territorial waters
Eel (marine part of life cycle)	<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	Bony fish (catadromous)	Territorial waters
Atlantic salmon (marine part of life cycle)	<i>Salmo salar</i>	Bony fish (anadromous)	Territorial waters
European river lamprey (marine part of life cycle)	<i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i>	Bony fish (anadromous)	Territorial waters
Sea lamprey (marine part of life cycle)	<i>Petromyzon marinus</i>	Bony fish (anadromous)	Territorial waters
Sea trout (marine part of life cycle)	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	Bony fish (anadromous)	Territorial waters
Sparling (marine part of life cycle)	<i>Osmerus eperlanus</i>	Bony fish (anadromous)	Territorial waters
Anglerfish	<i>Lophius piscatorius</i>	Bony fish	Both
Atlantic halibut	<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>	Bony fish	Offshore waters
Atlantic herring	<i>Clupea harengus</i>	Bony fish	Both
Atlantic mackerel	<i>Scomber scombrus</i>	Bony fish	Both
Black scabbardfish	<i>Aphanopus carbo</i>	Bony fish	Offshore waters
Blue ling	<i>Molva dypterygia</i>	Bony fish	Offshore waters
Blue whiting	<i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	Bony fish	Offshore waters
Cod	<i>Gadus morhua</i>	Bony fish	Both
Greenland halibut	<i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	Bony fish	Offshore waters
Horse mackerel	<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>	Bony fish	Offshore waters
Ling	<i>Molva molva</i>	Bony fish	Both
Norway pout	<i>Trisopterus esmarkii</i>	Bony fish	Both
Orange roughy	<i>Hoplostethus atlanticus</i>	Bony fish	Offshore waters
Round-nose grenadier	<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>	Bony fish	Offshore waters
Saithe	<i>Pollachius virens</i>	Bony fish	Both
Sandeels	<i>Ammodytes marinus</i> & <i>Ammodytes tobianus</i>	Bony fish	Both (although only <i>A. marinus</i> occurs offshore)
Sand goby	<i>Pomatoschistus minutus</i>	Bony fish	Territorial waters
Whiting	<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Bony fish	Both

Priority Marine Feature (PMF)	Species name	Taxon group	Scottish marine area
Basking shark	<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>	Sharks, skates and rays	Both
Common skate	Formerly <i>Dipturus batis</i> now split provisionally into <i>D. cf. flossada</i> and <i>D. cf. intermedia</i>	Sharks, skates and rays	Both
Leafscale gulper shark	<i>Centrophorus squamosus</i>	Sharks, skates and rays	Offshore waters
Porbeagle shark	<i>Lamna nasus</i>	Sharks, skates and rays	Offshore waters
Portuguese dogfish	<i>Centroscymnus coelolepis</i>	Sharks, skates and rays	Offshore waters
Sandy ray	<i>Leucoraja circularis</i>	Sharks, skates and rays	Offshore waters
Spiny dogfish	<i>Squalus acanthias</i>	Sharks, skates and rays	Both
Atlantic white-sided dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus acutus</i>	Whales, dolphins and porpoises	Offshore waters
Bottlenose dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	Whales, dolphins and porpoises	Both
Fin whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Whales, dolphins and porpoises	Offshore waters
Harbour porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	Whales, dolphins and porpoises	Both
Killer whale	<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Whales, dolphins and porpoises	Both
Long-finned pilot whale	<i>Globicephala melas</i>	Whales, dolphins and porpoises	Offshore waters
Minke whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	Whales, dolphins and porpoises	Both
Northern bottlenose whale	<i>Hyperoodon ampullatus</i>	Whales, dolphins and porpoises	Offshore waters
Risso's dolphin	<i>Grampus griseus</i>	Whales, dolphins and porpoises	Both
Short-beaked common dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>	Whales, dolphins and porpoises	Both
Sowerby's beaked whale	<i>Mesoplodon bidens</i>	Whales, dolphins and porpoises	Offshore waters
Sperm whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Whales, dolphins and porpoises	Offshore waters
White-beaked dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus albirostris</i>	Whales, dolphins and porpoises	Both
Harbour / common seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	Seals	Both
Grey seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>	Seals	Both
Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>	Otter	Territorial waters



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