



Natural England and Eastern IFCA

working in partnership

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Who I am & Who we are



- Natural England welcomes the opportunity to sit on Eastern IFCA
- Natural England is a non-departmental public body
- We are Government's statutory adviser on the natural environment.
- Provide advice on the marine environment to sea-users and managers around England out to 12 nautical miles.
- *'ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development'*.



What this means in practice

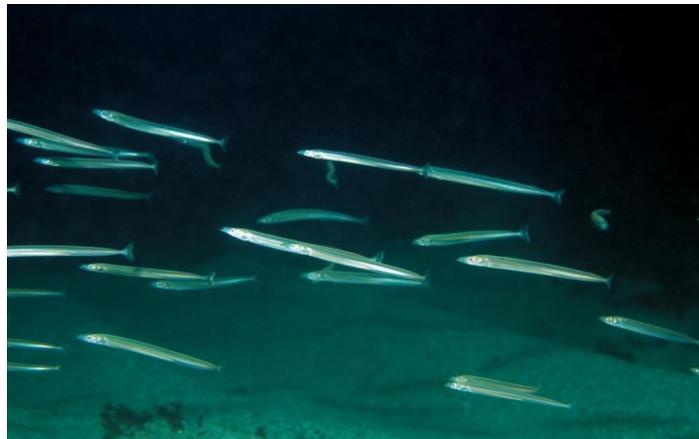


- A healthy marine environment which underpins vibrant and productive fisheries;
- Not putting the marine environment in a glass box and saying don't touch;
- The Marine & Coastal Access Act brings huge changes to marine management. NE are here to work through the issues with you;
- Evidence based advice

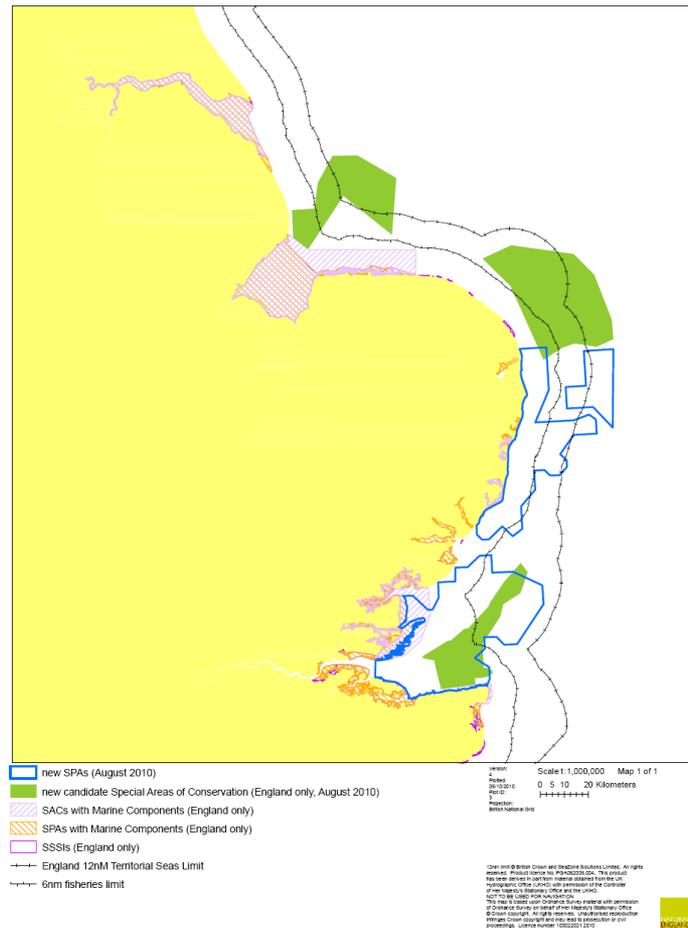
Our role in marine environment



- Marine Protected Areas – Give advice and guidance on how human activities (not limited to fishing), may be impacting the features the sites are protected for, and how they might be mitigated.
- Sit on steering group of Net Gain regional project, established to recommend Marine Conservation Zones to Government along with EIFCA



Protected areas in the Eastern IFCA region



Contribution and working in partnership with IFCAs



- Natural England will assist IFCAs deliver their new nature conservation duties
- Natural England will provide knowledge and expertise in marine nature conservation and how this relates to fishing and other activities.
- Through the Marine & Coastal Access Act, IFCAs have a duty to further the conservation objectives of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). Natural England's role is to advise on how this might be achieved.
- Natural England will work with IFCAs to develop and promote sustainable solutions to management issues and so increase the socio-economic value provided by the natural environment.

Examples of good working with current SFC



- Joint development of The Wash and North Norfolk Coast SAC conservation objectives and The Wash Shellfish Policies
- Multiple benefits:
 - Based on sound evidence, ensures conservation objectives are met;
 - Fostered the development of good working relationships with commercial fishers and ESFJC;
 - Has enabled speedy turnaround on our advice to ESFJC
- Recognising good management: Joint working to progress an Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) accreditation for Wash shellfisheries
- Future joint work areas: Ross worm Reef (*Sabellaria*) closed areas byelaw. Development and management of MCZs with EIFCA

IFCAs and NE working together



- NE and IFCAs are currently developing an MoU which will define our working relationship. We will develop a joint work programme with Eastern IFCA
- We are here to work as part of the committee and to assist it to function as a whole
- We will work to ensure the best use of resources and good value for money through joint working e.g. joint monitoring programmes
- We will work with you to promote sustainable management of Eastern's fisheries





**We look forward to working
with you. Any questions?**