



Coastal gardening?

Putting the management back in ICZM

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Defra strategy for flood and coast defence in England and Wales (1993)

"When considering applications for grant-aid the Ministry and Welsh Office will start from the presumption that, except where life or important natural or man-made assets are at risk, natural river and coastal processes should not be disrupted."
(MAFF, 1993)

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Protecting what we value...



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Article 6(2) Habitats Directive avoid deterioration

Where we cannot prevent site deterioration, are we required to provide compensatory habitat in a way analogous to the requirement to compensate under Article 6(3) & 6(4) of the Habitats Directive?



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Article 2 Habitats Directive - general provisions



"Measures taken pursuant to this Directive shall be designed to maintain or restore, at favourable conservation status, natural habitats and species of wild fauna and flora of Community interest." (Article 2(2) Habitats Directive)

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Article 3 Habitats Directive - maintain a site network

"A coherent European ecological network of special areas of conservation shall be set up..." "shall enable the natural habitat types and the species' habitats concerned to be maintained or, where appropriate, restored at a favourable conservation status in their natural range." (Article 3(1) Habitats Directive)

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Article 3 Habitats Directive - maintain a site network



RSPB Images

SPA network = "the most
suitable territories"

SAC network = representative
network of sites

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Article 4 Birds Directive - Special measures



*"The species mentioned in Annex I shall be the subject of special conservation measures concerning their habitat in order to ensure their survival and reproduction in their area of distribution."
(Article 4(1) Birds Directive)*

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Article 3 Birds Directive - Sufficient area of habitat

"In the light of the requirements referred to in Article 2, Member States shall take the requisite measures to preserve, maintain or re-establish a sufficient diversity and area of habitats for all the species of birds referred to in Article 1." (Article 3(1) Birds Directive)



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Wider provisions of the Habitats Directive (1)



Wider provisions of the Habitats Directive (2)



To conclude:

- The Directives are about preserving habitats - not natural processes
- Intervention is required by policy and law
- The Directives provide a range of mechanisms for managing dynamic coastal habitats
- A policy and financial framework - along with a willingness is needed to make it happen

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