

Coastal Futures

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Where do we want to get to?

- Clean, healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse oceans and seas
- Framework to regulate marine activities that ensures sustainable use and protection of our marine resources

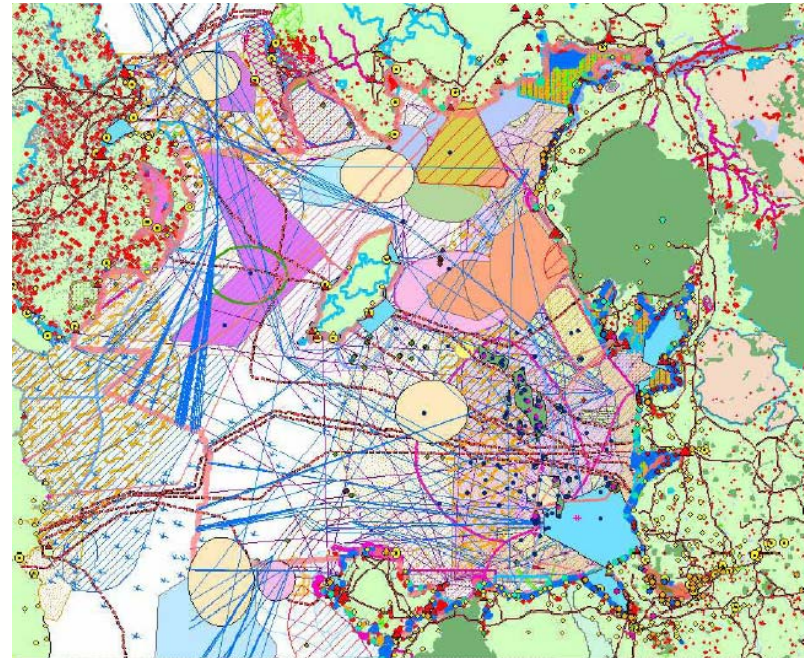


What will a Marine Bill do?

- Statutory system for marine planning
- Streamline some of the regulatory regimes for development licences
- Framework for protection of important marine areas, species and habitats including criteria for conserving marine ecosystems
- Revised marine fisheries management measures
- New marine management organisation

How data is needed

- Crucial for marine planning system (SEA Directive, creation of marine plans)
- Better informed licensing decisions
- Directed and effective enforcement
- Informed MCZ advice
- Greater certainty for developers



Where we are now

- Queens Speech
- Draft Marine Bill spring 2008
- Science and Technology Committee 'investigating the oceans' Report
- Concurrent work to inform the co-ordination of marine information and data standards (MDIP, MEDAG, UKMMAS)
- Engaging with data suppliers

Science and Technology Committee

- Published 18 October 2007
- Recommendation 37: *“...collect once, use many times be applied to marine data across government. Recommend that the new agency, or equivalent body, be charged with finding mechanisms to facilitate the release of data and interaction between producers, suppliers and users of data to maximise it’s value to the community at large...”*

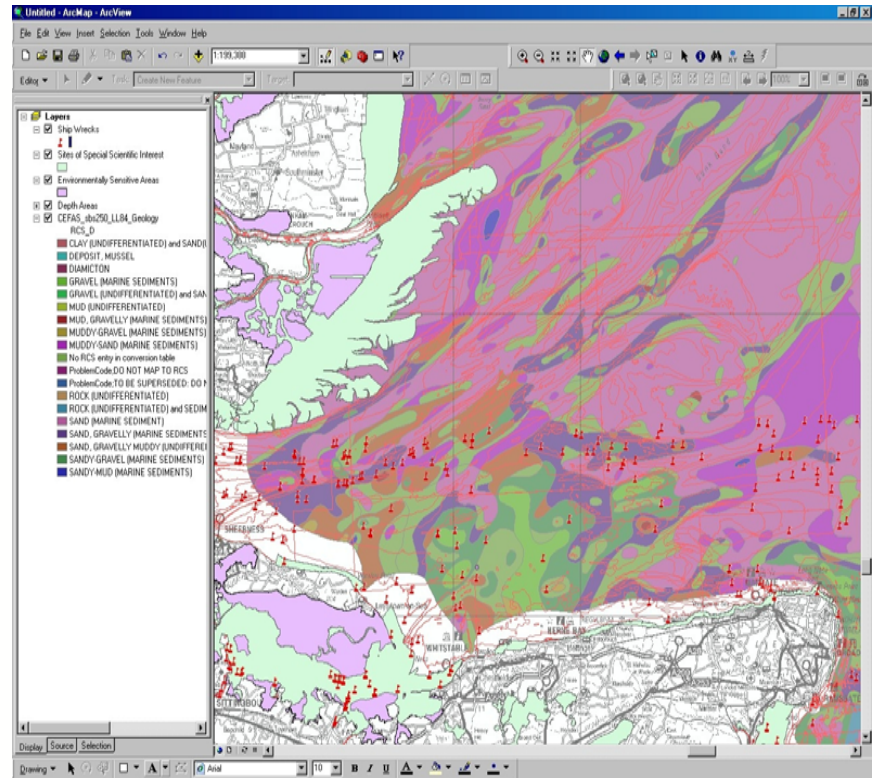
Marine Management Organisation

- Balanced approach to decision making
- Focus for the way marine information and data are collected
- Public access to marine plans



Next Steps

- Identify essential data layers
- Establish clear data policy (how we obtain data layers required)
- Gaining access to data sets
- UK data framework – to work to agreed principles of data sharing
- Develop IT system to gather, store and display data
- Devolution?



Questions for discussion

- Do we have enough data to make a difference?
- Obstacles to data sharing?
- Is there a perceived need for Legislative provisions – Bill or secondary?
- Do the science and research data gatherers involve industry enough?



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