

# Marine Planning

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**Marine planning & coastal integration**

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- Marine planning provisions in The Marine and Coastal Access Bill
  - Marine Policy Statement
  - ‘Marine Regions ‘ & ‘Marine Plan areas’
- Marine plan structure & content
- Plan areas – the consultation
- Feeding into the process

# Objectives of marine planning

- Planning is proactive marine management: not just waiting for things to happen, setting policies then delivering them.
- Marine planning will clarify our marine objectives and priorities for the future, and direct decision-makers and users towards more efficient, sustainable use and protection of our marine resources.
- Marine planning will encompass all marine activities, take a wider view of the way in which activities interact, the conflicts between them, and their cumulative impacts.

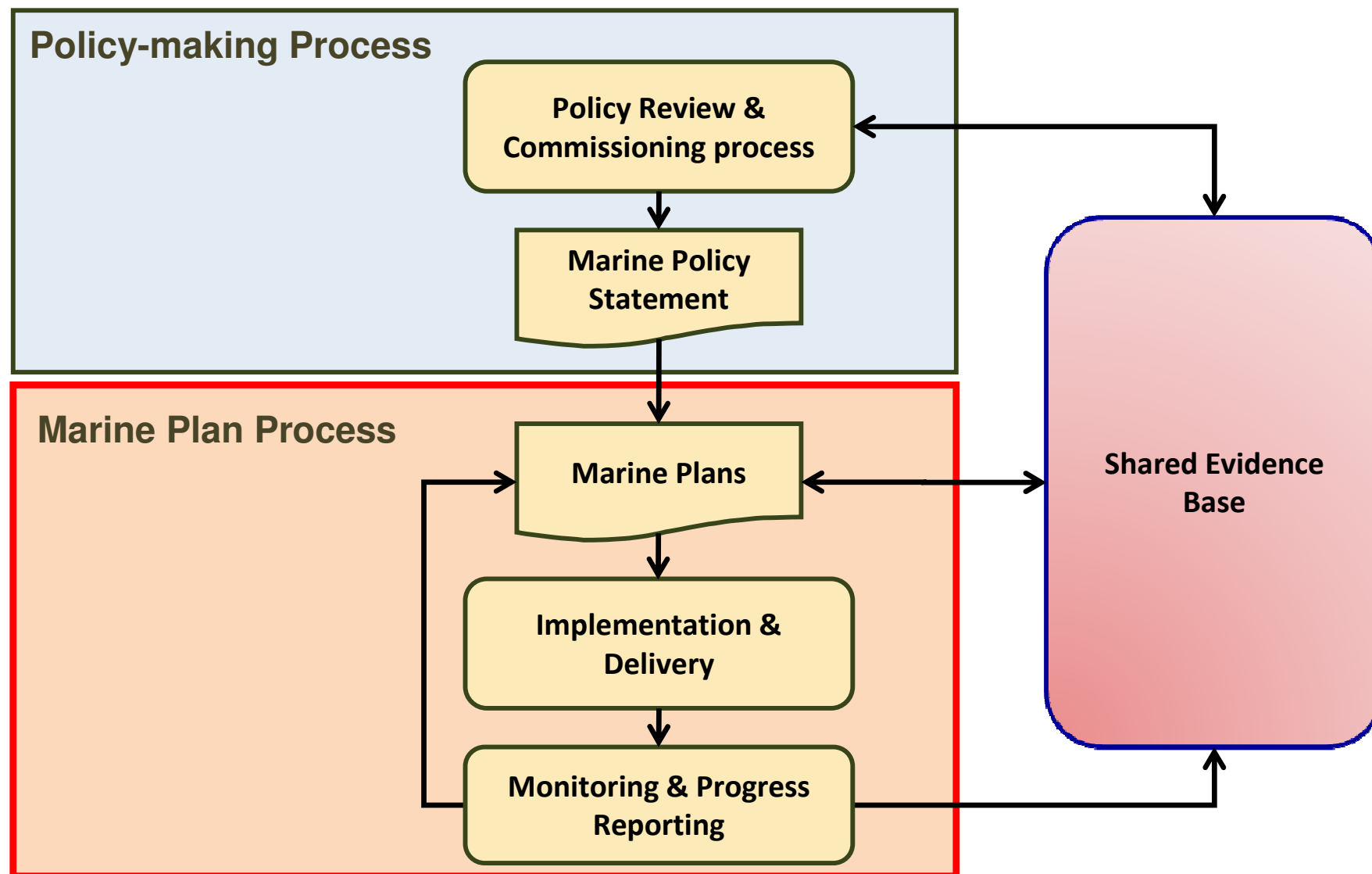
# The Marine & Coastal Access Bill

# Marine and Coastal Access Bill

- Part 1 – Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
- Part 3 – Marine Planning
- Report Stage & Final Reading - October
- Royal accent - November
- Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)



# The marine planning process



# The Marine Policy Statement (MPS)

- Consistent policy steer on sustainable development for UK Marine area
- Applicable before and after Plans are prepared
- Tool to meet EU and international obligations
- Relationship with Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) and National Policy Statements (NPSs)

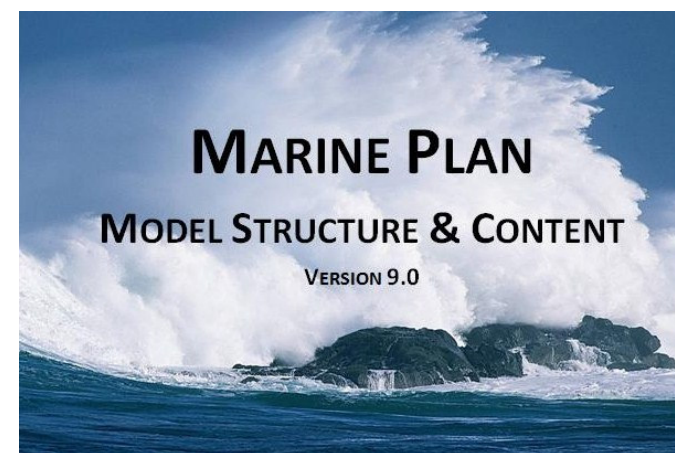
- 8 UK Marine Planning Regions
- 4 Planning authorities

Inshore (0-12nm)	Offshore (12-200nm/EEZ)
English	English
Scottish	Scottish
Welsh	Welsh
Northern Ireland	Northern Ireland

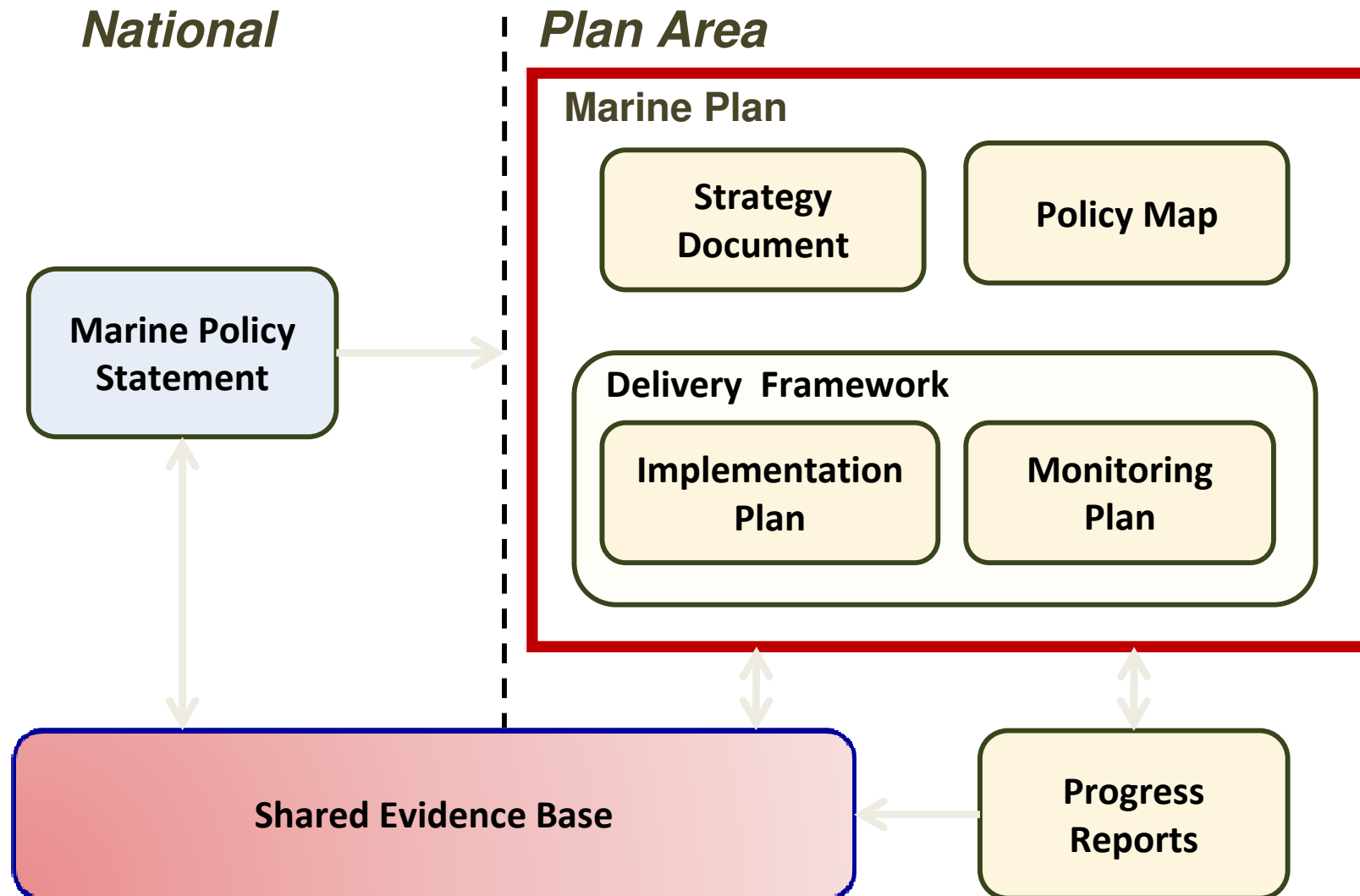
Region/s	Plan authority
English on & offshore	The Secretary of State (delegated to MMO)
Scotland offshore only	The Scottish Ministers
Welsh on & offshore	Welsh Ministers
Northern Ireland offshore only	The Department of Environment in Northern Ireland



# The MMO: The model marine plan



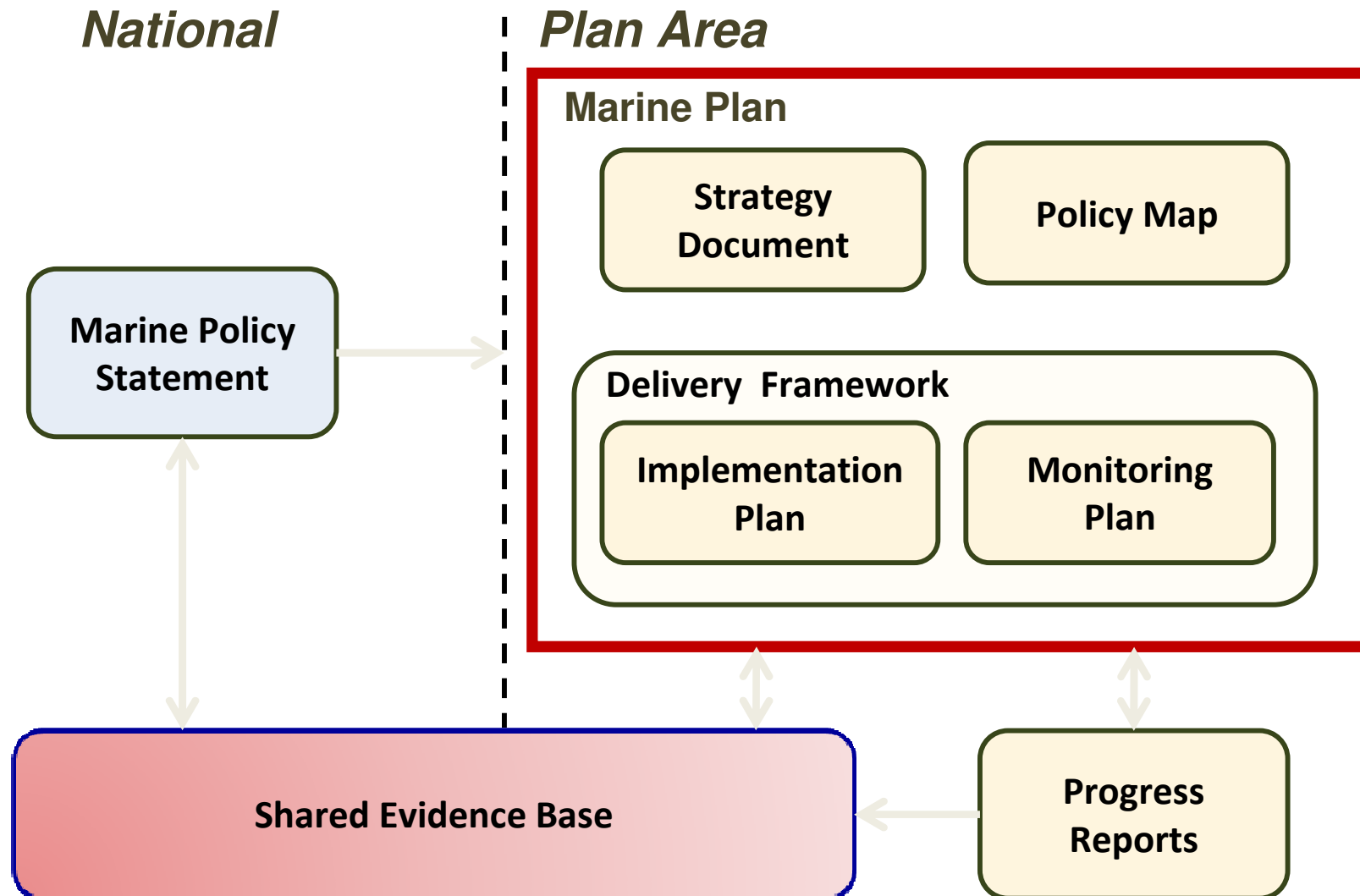
# Marine plan, structure and context



# STRUCTURE OF THE STRATEGY DOCUMENT

- Part A: **Scope**
- Part B: **Context**
- Part C: **About this Plan**
- Part D: **Plan Policies**
- Part E: **Delivering the Policies**
- Part F: **Relationships**

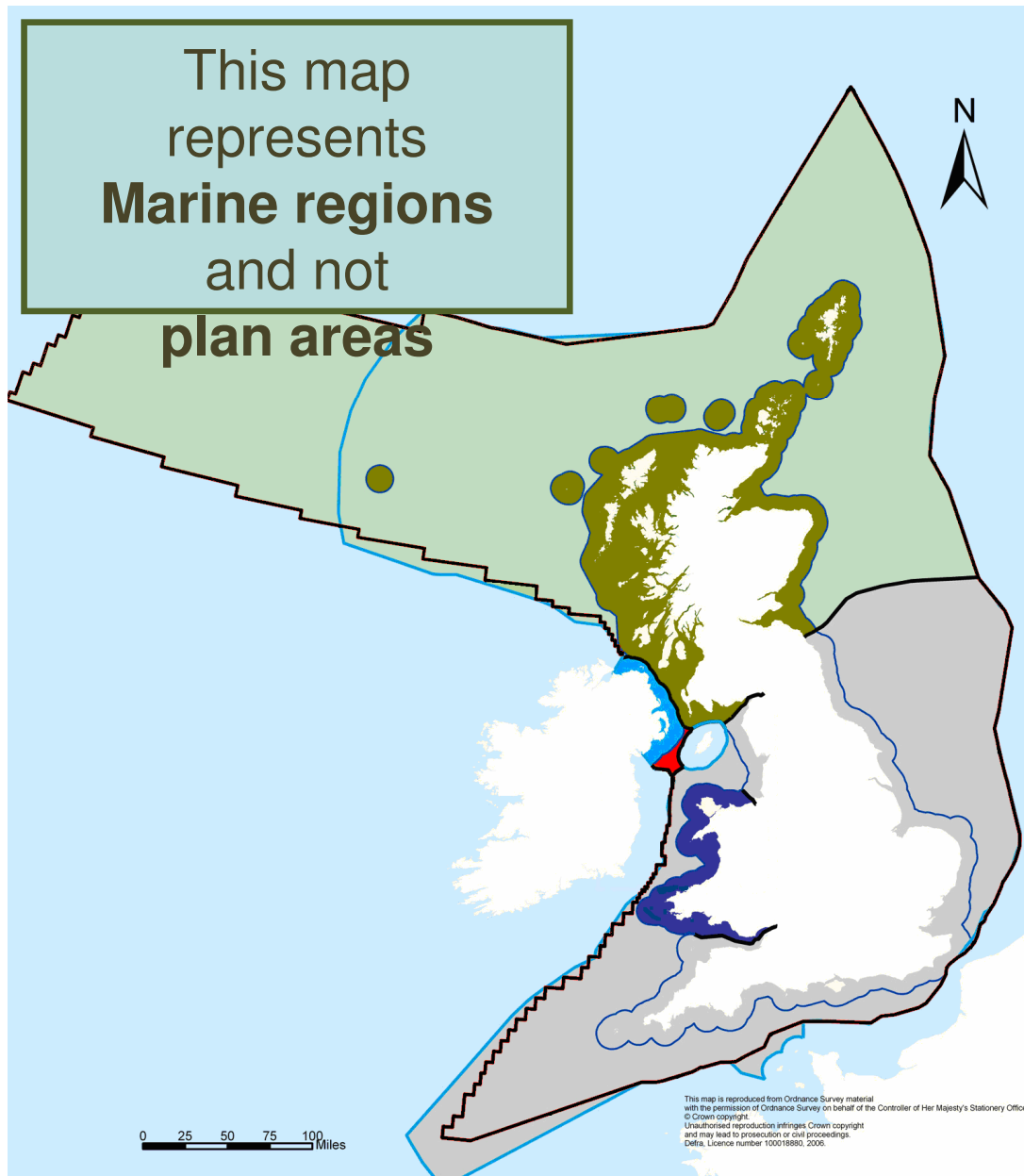
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# Marine planning areas in English onshore and offshore regions (MMO marine planning)

- Boundaries
- Order of production
- Consistency

# Marine plans - boundaries



- existing regional sea divisions
- Charting Progress
- ecosystem approach
- bio-geographic rather than political boundaries
- Water Framework Directive River Basin Districts
- Sea Fisheries Committee / Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority Districts
- International Council for Exploration of the Seas eco-regions.....

Watch this space.....



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Consultation will commence in November 2009

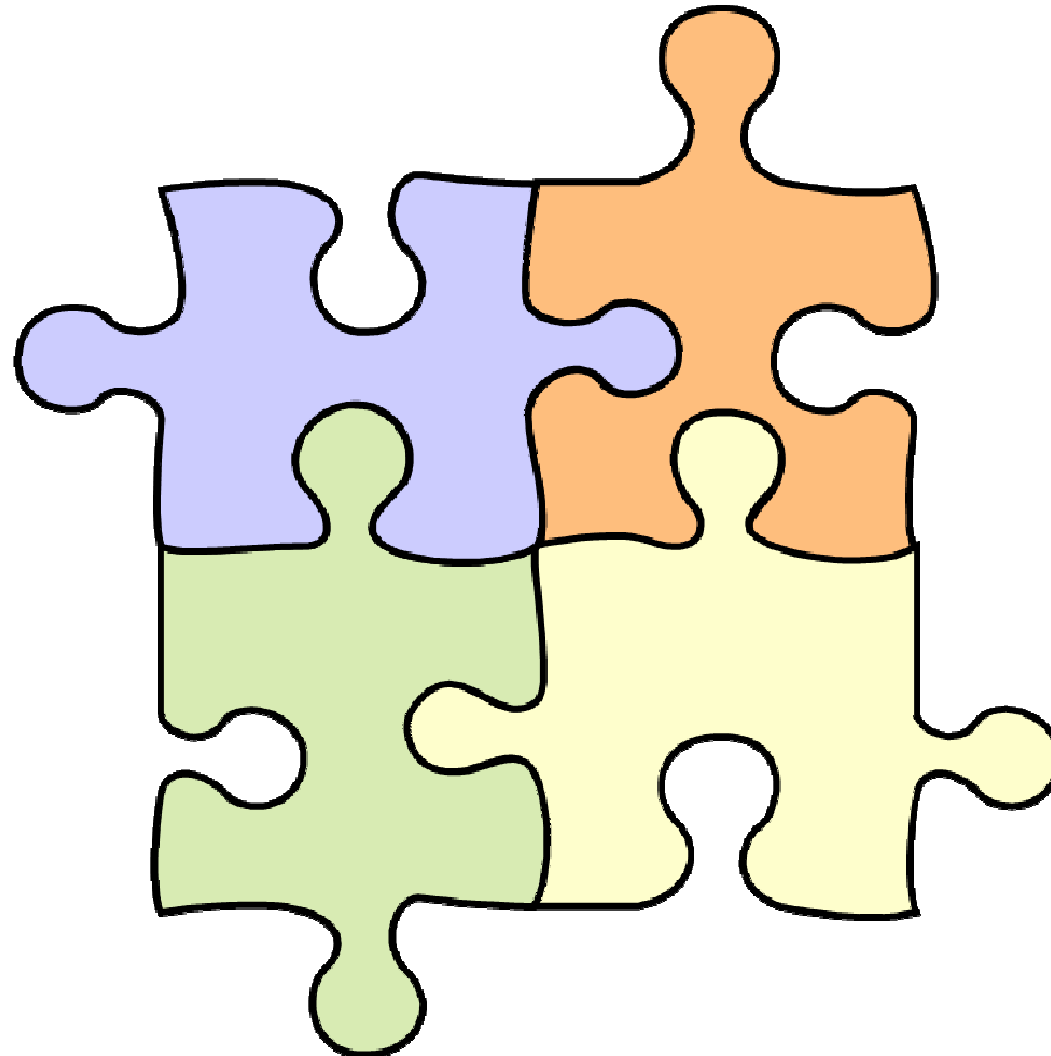


# Marine plans - order of production?



- Resources available to the MMO
- Other planning programmes
- Shoreline management plans
- Data availability and quality
- Complexity and intensity of activity in the area
- Existing sustainability

# Marine plans: Consistency



# Feeding into the process

- Workshops
- Consultations
- Marine Bill pages
- MMO keen to engage....watch this space
  
- Consultation fatigue!

# Thank you!

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