

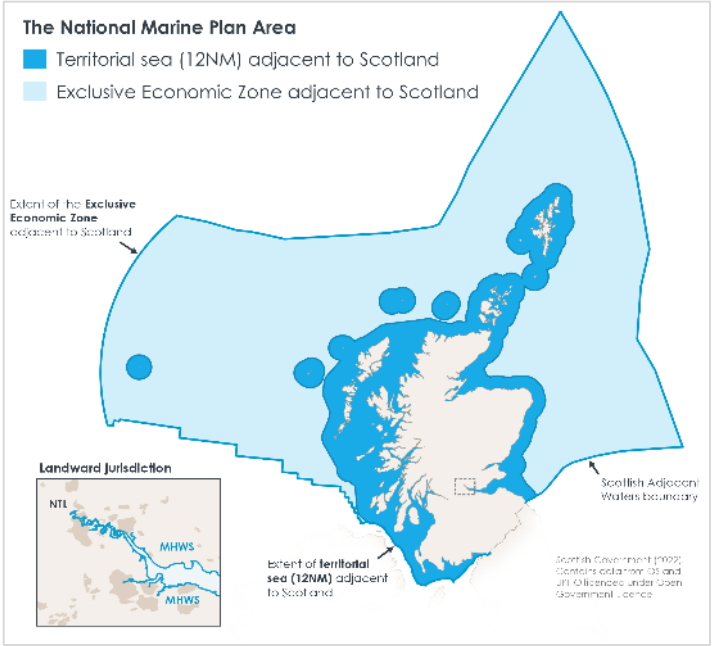
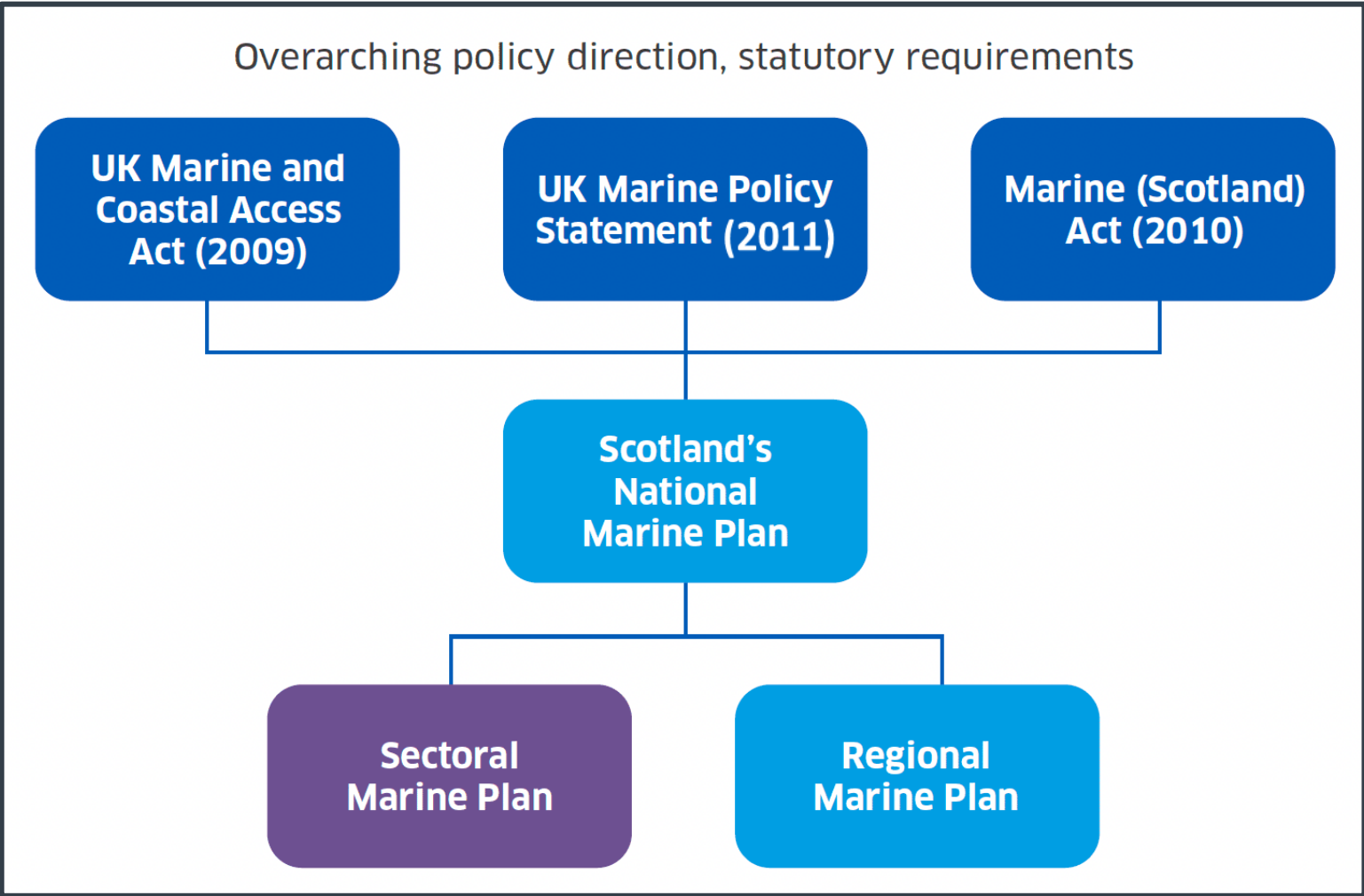
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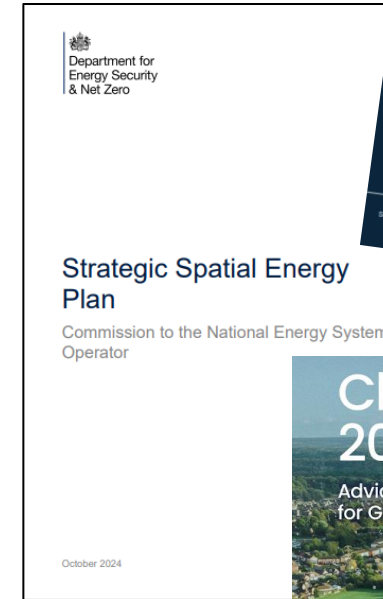
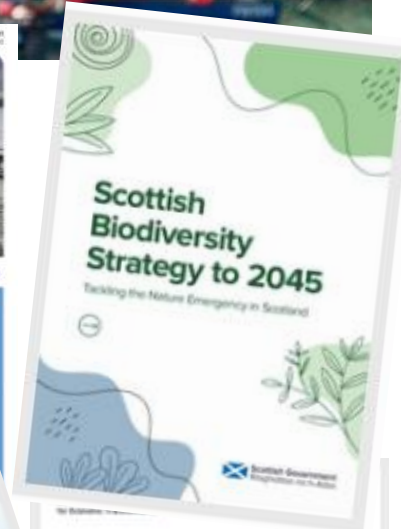
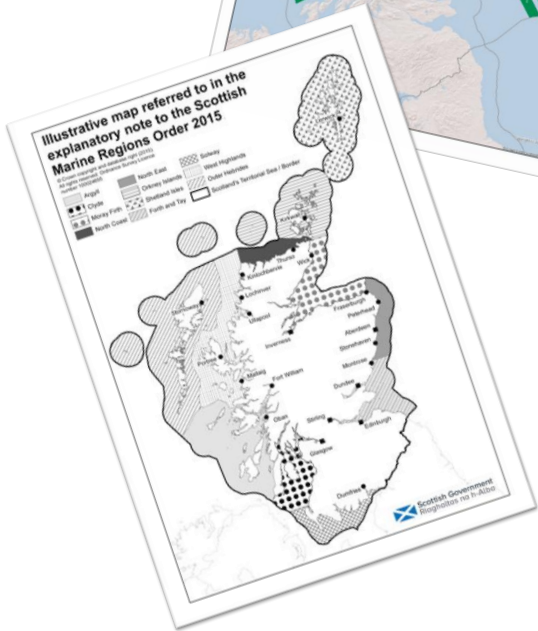
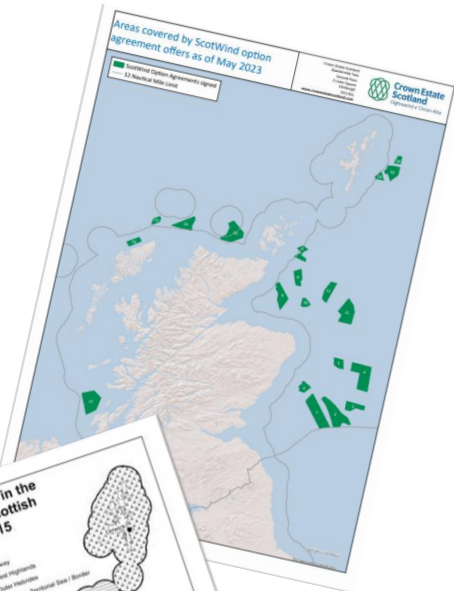
1. What are the aims of NMP2?
2. What progress have we made in NMP2?
3. How have we been developing the NMP2?
4. What's next for developing NMP2?

Marine Planning in Scotland



Licensing and consenting decisions
Policy development

Marine Planning Context



What are the aims of NMP2?

- Further the achievement of Sustainable Development
 - Help tackle twin crisis of biodiversity loss and global climate emergency
 - Support transition to net zero
 - Adopt blue economy approach and support delivery of blue economy outcomes
 - Reduce likelihood for conflict for marine space
 - Safeguard sustainable marine sectors
- Develop planning policy
- Support Licensing and Consenting and streamlining
- Context for sectoral and regional planning
- Consider implementation of the plan
- Deliver Statutory Assessments
- Design Monitoring and Evaluation Framework
- Composite plan 0-200 nm

What progress have we made with NMP2?

Engagement

- Internal and external workshops
- Updated Statement of Public Participation
- National Marine Planning Forums
- Established NMP2 steering group

Policy Development

- Strategic Appraisal
- Develop draft high-level national-objectives
- Policy approaches
- Launch of the Planning Position Statement consultation on NMP2

Assessments

- Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Appraisal award and methodology under development
- Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment scoping consultation and published the consultation report
- Social and Economic Impact Assessment ongoing
- Children Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment , Equality Impact Assessment screening and Island Communities Impact Assessment underway

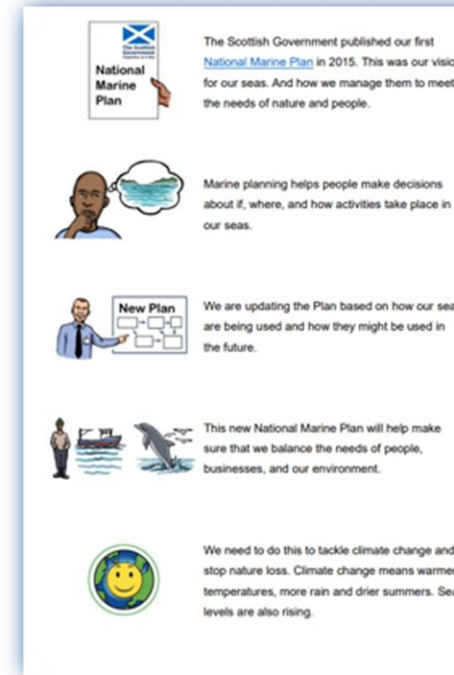
Monitoring and Evaluation

- Indicator identification
- Development of methodology

How are we developing NMP2?

“Everyone who uses, relies on or has an interest in Scotland’s seas has the opportunity to inform decision-making in the marine space, and they embrace the National Marine Plan as a key resource to guide decision-making.”

- National Marine Planning Forum
- Steering Group
- Building partnerships
- Future Scenario Workshops
- Sector Workshops
- Community drop-in
- Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping consultation
- Planning Position Statement consultation



Planning Position Statement

What

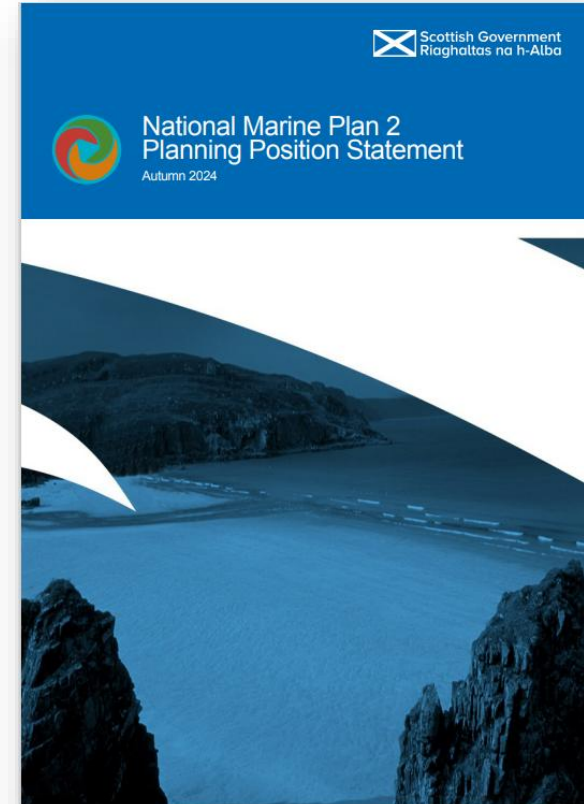
- Collation of thoughts, ideas and feedback from sector workshops
- Wider Government commitments
- current thinking and proposed policy direction for NMP2

Why

- further discussion on the content of a draft plan
- Share updated draft High-level Objectives

When

- Public Consultation 05 November 2024 to 07 February 2025



Draft High-level Objectives

- Wording
 - Clearer, stronger, active
- Themes
 - Cover appropriate issues
 - Can be consolidated
- Implementation
 - Too many
 - Relationship with regional and sectoral planning

Mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change in Scotland's seas.

Protect and enhance Scotland's marine nature to support functioning and resilient ecosystems.

Support sustainable economic development and use of Scotland's seas.

Enable safe and fair access to Scotland's coast and seas, whilst protecting and promoting valuable cultural assets.

Enable consistent and transparent decision-making to ensure sustainable use of Scotland's seas.

Initial Policy Approaches

- Definition of sustainable development
- Sectoral plans establish principle for development
- Nature positive
- Recognition of action to address climate change and biodiversity loss
- Opportunity mapping
- Consideration of socio-economic impacts, cumulative impacts
- Safeguarding

Climate mitigation and adaptation

- Significant weight to twin crisis
- Siting & Design

Nature

- Nature Protection & Enhancement
- Nature Inclusive Design
- PMFs
- Nature Positive

Management of Pressures

- Air Quality
- Invasive non-native species
- Marine litter
- Noise
- Water
- Wild diadromous fish

Sustainable marine economies

- Safeguarding
- Co-existence
- Sectoral planning
- Compensatory measures/ strategic compensation

Sustainable marine economies

- Aggregates
- Aquaculture
- Cables
- Defence
- Energy
- Fisheries
- Ports and Harbours
- Transport
- Tourism

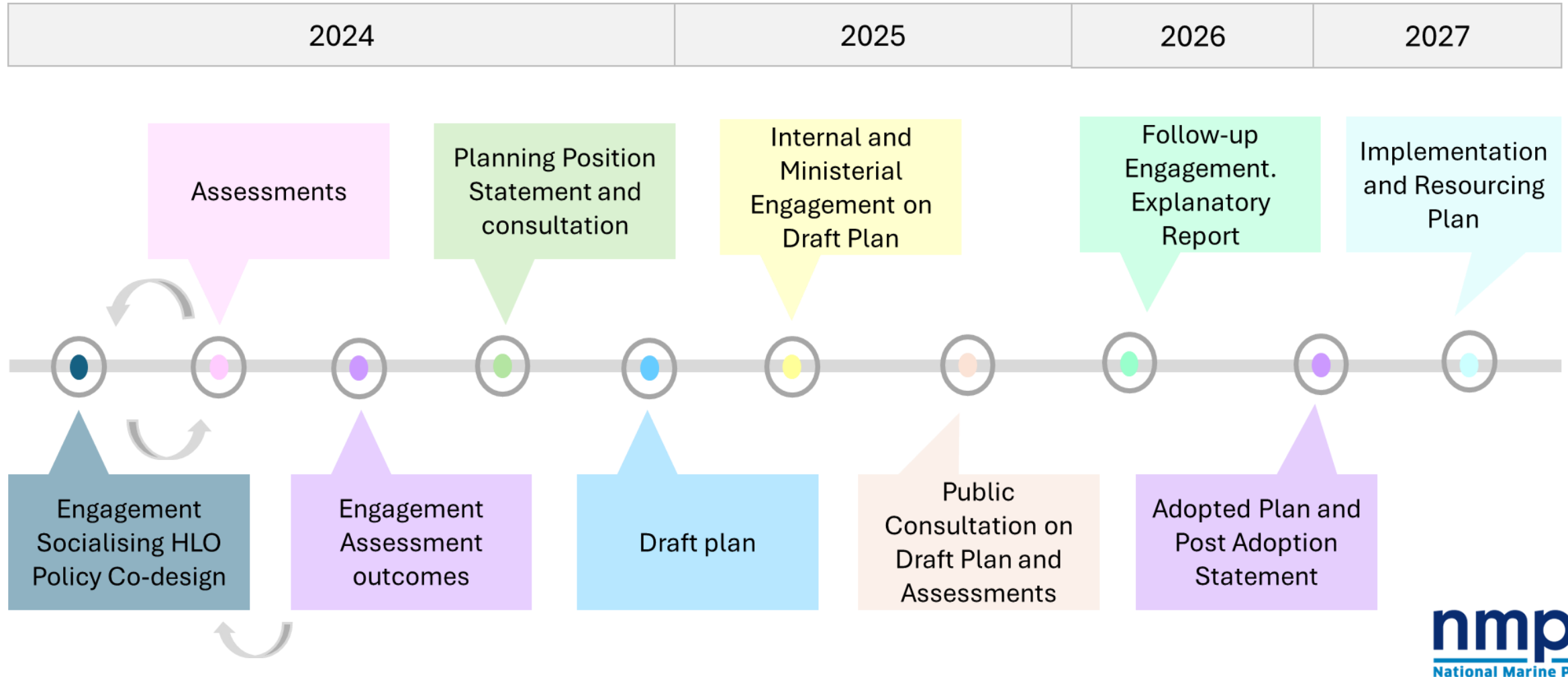
Decision-making

- Mitigation hierarchy
- Evidence-based
 - social-economic impacts
 - Spatial data
 - Ecosystems services
 - Cumulative effects
 - Land/sea interactions
- Community engagement
- Prioritisation

Well-being and accessibility

- Culture heritage
- Support to island and coastal communities
- Access
- Landscape / seascape

What's next for NMP2 development?



Thank you

Planning Position Statement consultation closes **07 February 2025**

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