

Introduction

About this Document

The following two tables highlight key marine and coastal issues in the North East Regional Marine Plan area, which may require addressing in a subsequent regional marine plan or a closer alignment with existing terrestrial planning policies.

Table 1 '**Issues by NMP General Policies**' arranges issues that best fit in the relevant general policies and under the four High Level Marine Objectives in the National Marine Plan (Annex B):

Achieving a sustainable marine economy;
Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society;
Living within environmental limits; and
Promoting good governance.

Table 2 '**Issues by NMP Sector Chapter**' arranges issues by Sector chapter and under the four key issue themes in the National Marine Plan:

Supporting economically productive activities. Marine industries and activities contribute significantly to sustainable economic growth, which can be facilitated through appropriate management and planning;
Interactions with other users. As use of marine resources increase, interactions between users are expected to increase. Management and planning can help address conflict or promote synergy.
Living within environmental limits. Many marine activities impact on the natural environment and ecosystem functioning;
Climate Change. Climate change and associated effects will impact on the coastal and marine environment, with some marine activities contributing to human induced climate change;
with an additional column to include examples of good governance within each sector.

Table 3 '**Major development sites and the four key issue themes in the National Marine Plan**' arranges issues that by their multi-sectoral and -user nature (development sites) cannot easily be aligned with the NMP General Policies and Sector Chapters of Tables 1 and 2.

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National Marine Plan Policies for Regional Planning

In both tables, in addition to the sector chapter / general policy title and subsequent examples of local issues in column 1 of each table, accommodation is also made for comments on the sections and policies within the National Marine Plan which provide particular guidance to assist in the process of developing Regional Marine Plans.

Regional Marine Plans will be developed by Marine Planning Partnerships, allowing more local ownership and decision-making about specific issues within their area. Regional planners will also need to consider the need for:

Better understanding of the current position and the vision for their area;
Local strategic and sectoral objectives;
Understanding local opportunities and challenges in terms of sustainable development and use and the need to manage conflict;
Deriving general and specific policies which align with those in the National Marine Plan and the Marine Policy Statement, but are sensitive to local circumstances;
Further research to understand the local ecosystem and the impacts and pressures upon it; and
Consistency with local and strategic development plans and other relevant local plans.

Not every general policy (Table 1) and sector chapter (Table 2) in the NMP provides a regional policy, so RMP guidance is included in both tables only where explicitly mentioned.

This document is intended to be a live, working document with cells becoming increasingly populated with issues and responses made to the NMP prompts for RMP guidance at each iteration of the document.

