



Maritime Spatial Planning: Transboundary Cooperation in the Celtic Seas

Future-oriented Approaches to Spatial Management



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Scenarios for Maritime Spatial Planning in the Celtic Seas

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Introduction

- Context – future spatial demands
- The SIMCelt approach to scenario building
- Celtic Seas 2050: Scenarios workshop
- Issues for the future

Future Spatial Demands and Scenarios

Objective:

- To investigate current and future spatial demands of key maritime sectors, with reference to cross-border issues

This will involve:

- Analysis of existing spatial constraints, demands and expectations for growth of key sectors
- Considering information that appears critical to informing decisions in relation to future demands, e.g. economic and social evaluations
- Use of *exploratory* scenarios
- *Stakeholder input*

Future Spatial Demands and Scenarios

- Limiting scope – 6 maritime sectors chosen for analysis
 - Ports and shipping
 - Offshore wind energy
 - Wave and tidal energy
 - Cables and pipelines
 - Aquaculture
 - Marine conservation



All have either a) a distinct transboundary dimension,
or b) growing spatial footprint

Initial Findings



Implications of Brexit

- Shipping – economic climate, customs and tariffs
- Offshore wind energy – interconnectors and wind farms built for exporting energy

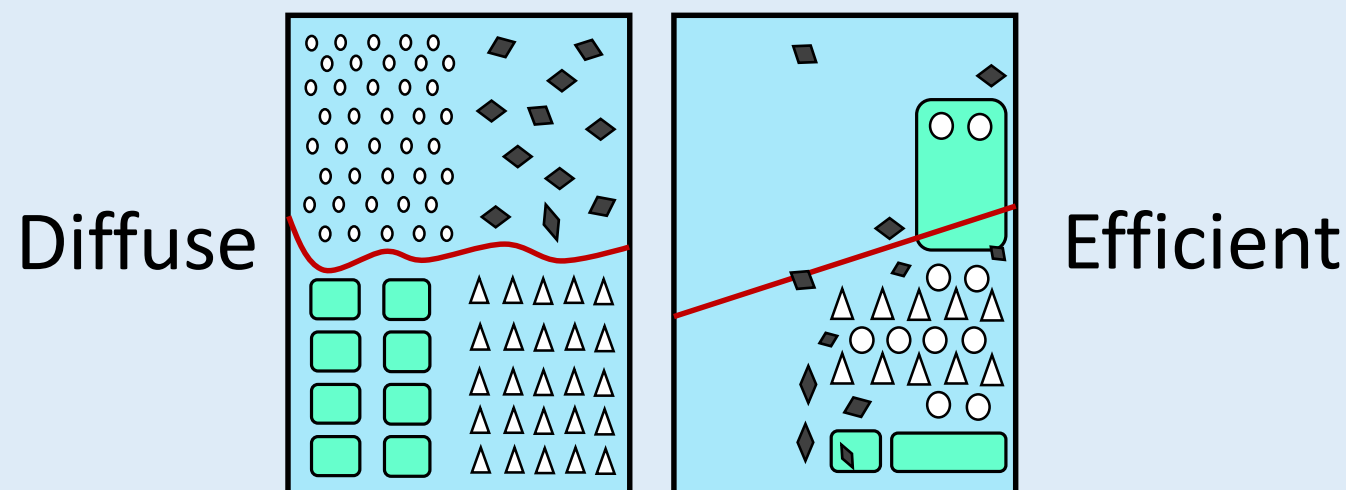
Drivers of Change (Some examples)

- Technological - floating wind turbines in deeper waters (may be closer to borders)
- Cumulative effects - tidal energy (lagoons) and changes to tidal range
- Legal - controls on pollution from shipping (Emissions Control Areas), international commitments to marine conservation

Scenario Building

Spatial Footprint of Activities

- Different sectors will increase/decrease their spatial requirements, resources may be used more or less intensively
- Compatibility with other uses
- Spatial *diffusion* Vs. Spatial *efficiency*



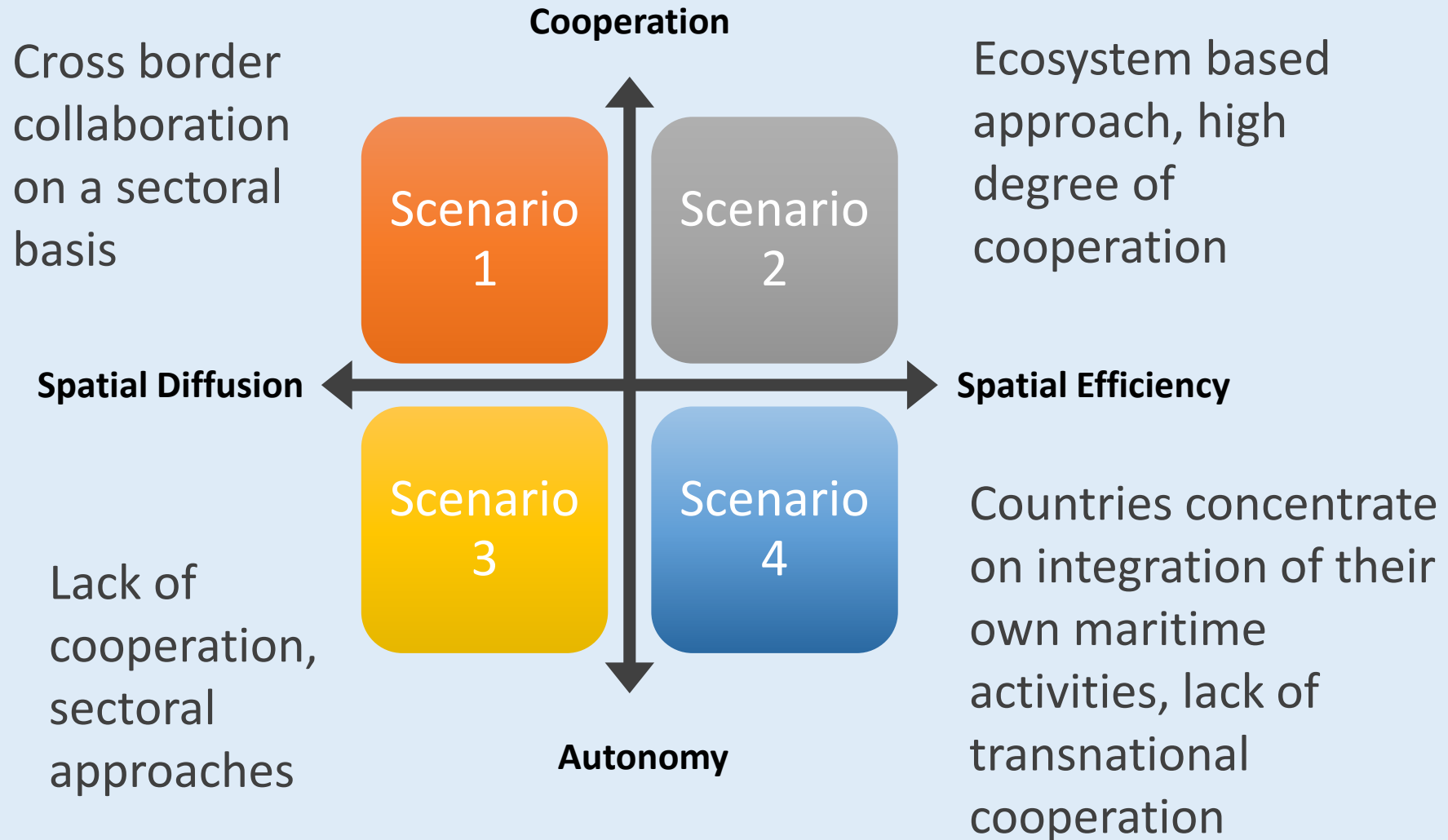
Scenario Building

Degree of Cooperation

- For specific cross-border projects, e.g. energy infrastructure
- Administrations' approaches to cooperation on MSP
- *Autonomy* Vs. *Cooperation*

How do we use these ideas to create scenarios?

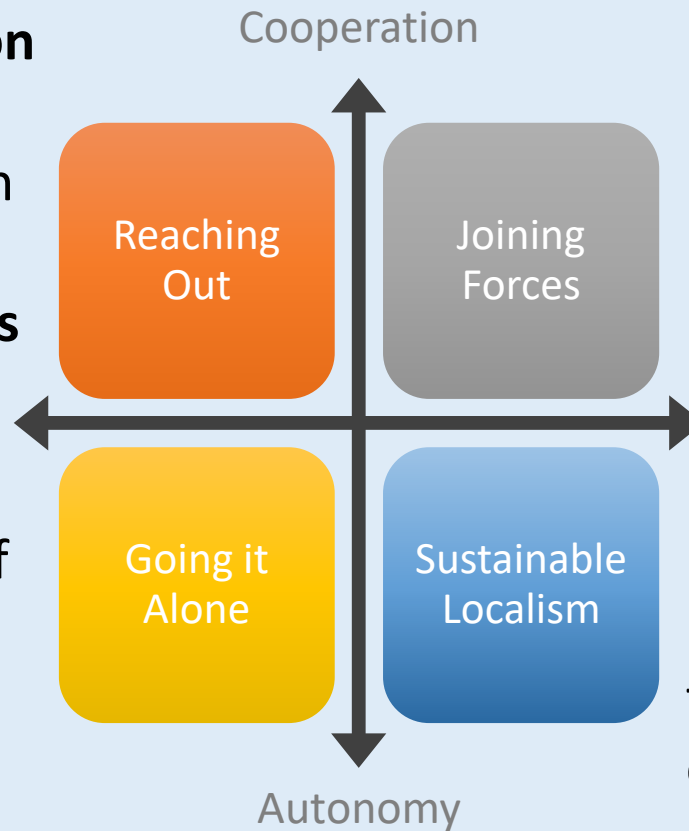
SIMCelt Scenarios



SIMCelt Scenarios

Climate change targets and **pollution control** drives change. Information sharing but still **sectoral approaches**

Rapid expansion of maritime sectors, leading to distinct **winners and losers**



High degree of **environmental protection**. Emphasis on **colocation** of activities where possible

High tech approaches favoured and development of **locally distinct**, niche products.

Testing the Scenarios

In a workshop setting:

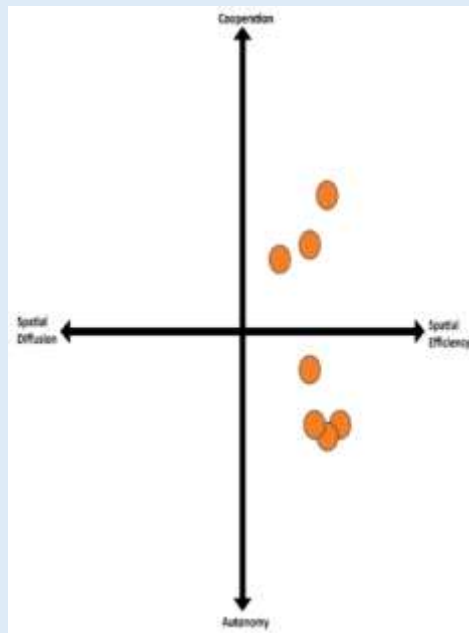
- Are these scenarios plausible?
- Where do participants expect their sector to be by 2050?
- What are the implications of this for other sectors/sea users?
- Do these issues have a transnational dimension?
- If so, is there a planning response?
What is it?



By 2050... Sectoral Ambitions

- In most sectors – direction of travel is the same
- But – differences related to some sub-sectors or different countries

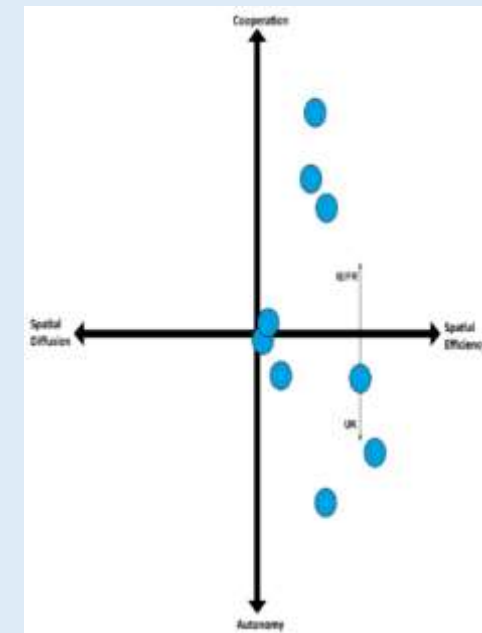
Aquaculture



Ports and Shipping

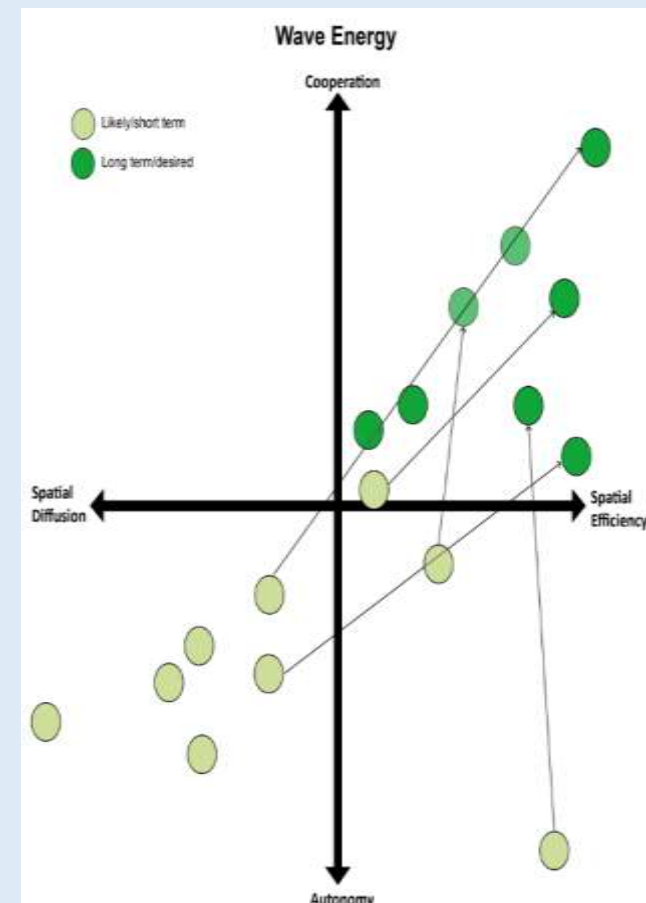
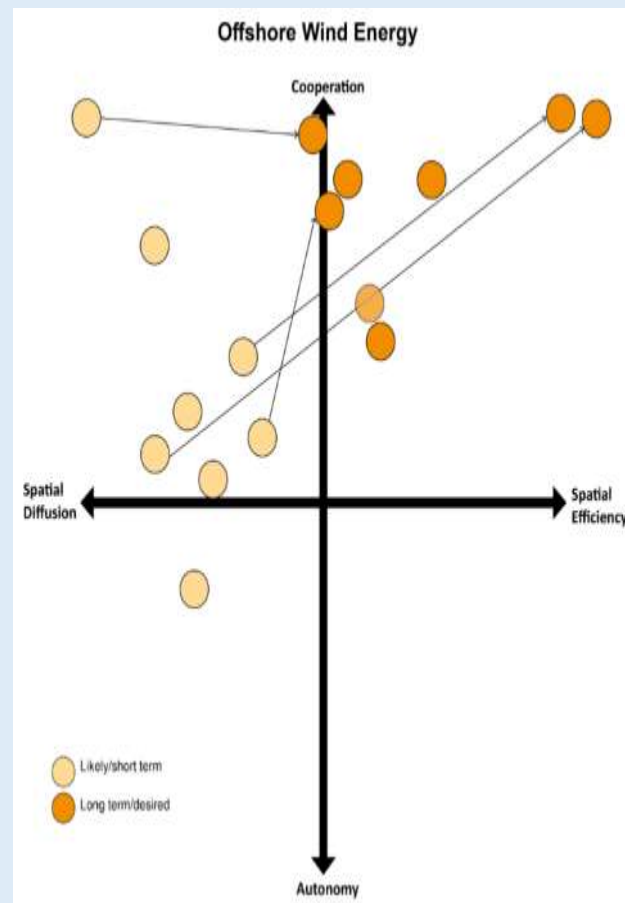


Conservation



By 2050...

- Showing aspirations



Sectoral Interactions

Colocation of aquaculture with marine renewables:

- Location issues – need to map opportunities and constraints
- Who will drive this?

Shipping routes

- A hard constraint that is unlikely to change
- Increase in underwater noise?

Conservation

- Common interest in water quality for all sectors
- Potential for trade-offs with port development

Future Issues

Some are already issues of concern:

- Potential for INNs from shipping
- Colocation of activities – aquaculture, offshore wind, conservation
- Port diversification
- Energy grids and storage

Looking further ahead:

- Shipping lanes for autonomous vessels?
- Ecological engineering
- New sectors?

Key Messages/Recommendations

Scenarios are a useful tool for discussion about:

- What we want our seas to look like
- Interactions between sectors
- What MSP can realistically do to help achieve goals

Looking to the future:

- Aspirations towards greater cooperation and spatial efficiency are high, but there are considerable barriers to overcome
- Scaling up of new activities, external forces
- Need for cooperation mechanisms to support dealing with issues on a transnational scale



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Comparative analysis of National Strategies for Marine Conservation in the Celtic Sea Region

France, Ireland and United Kingdom

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Key messages



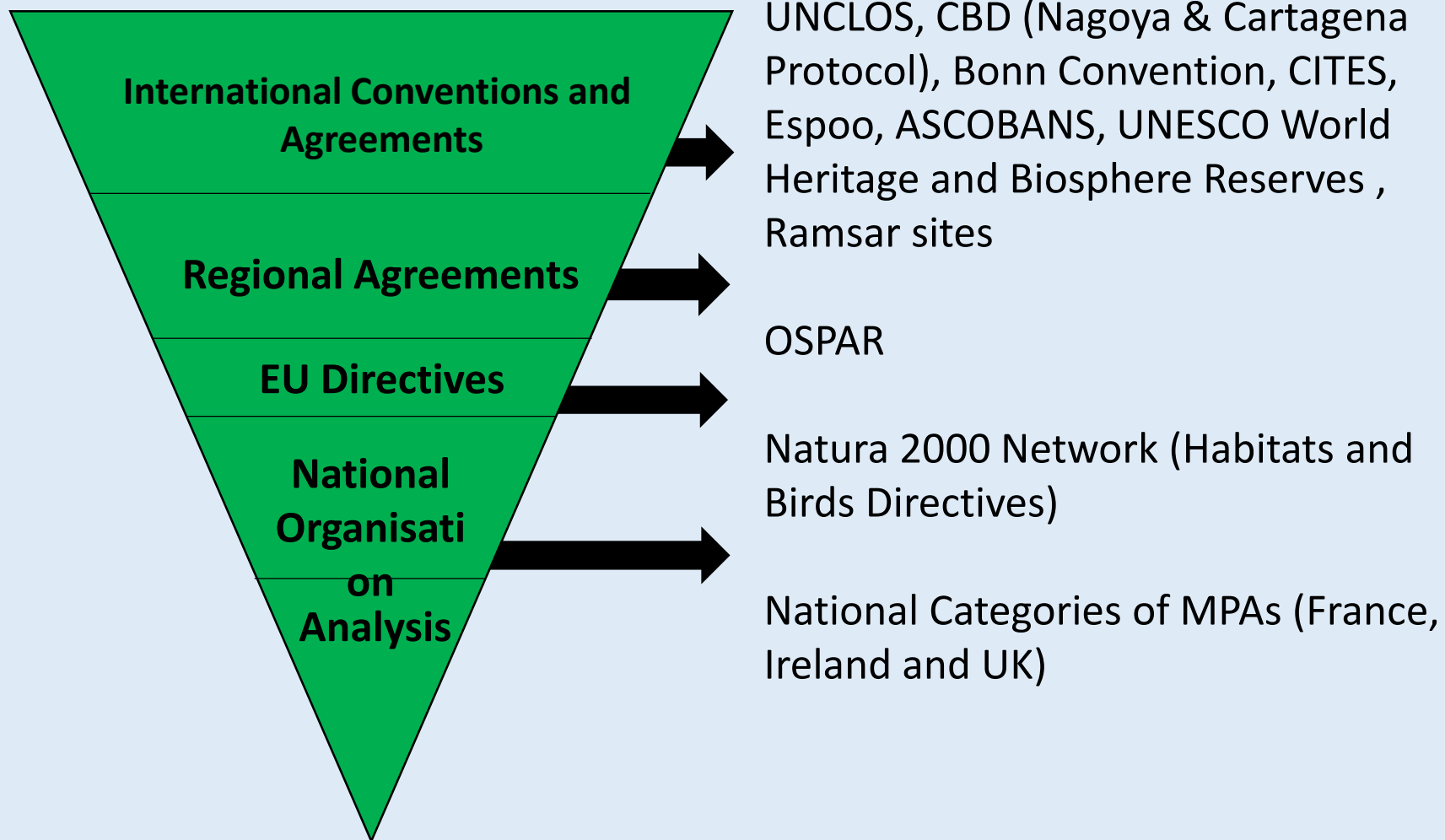
Objective

Identify similarities and differences on MPAs to ensure synchrony on marine protection at the Celtic Sea Region

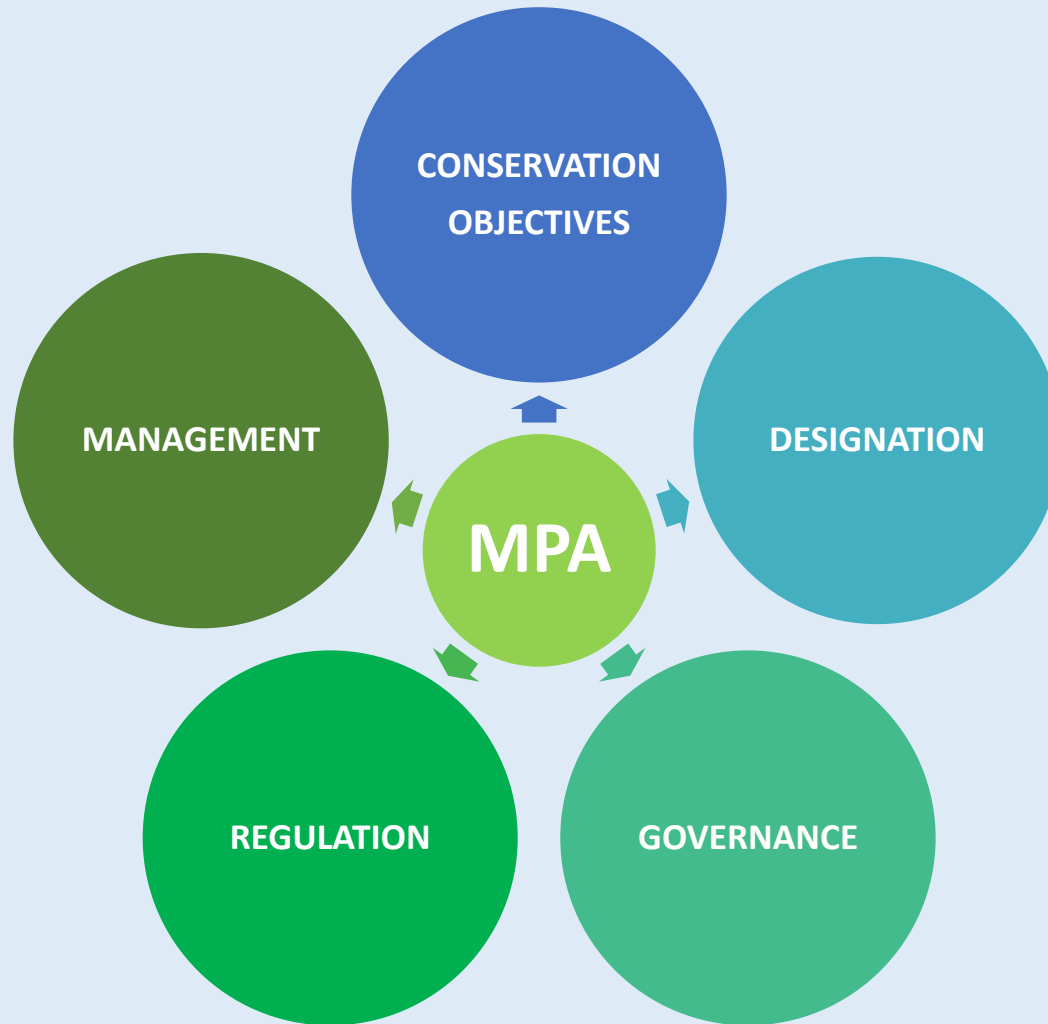
- MPA = Effective tool to protect the marine environment
- Various types of MPAs are present in each level of protection (International to National)
- Differences exist between national conservation systems (FR, IE and UK)
- Connection between MSP and MPAs

Strategies for marine conservation

International, Regional | EU and National



Analysis



- Differences on each type of MPA Category
- Some MPAs have more than one objective
- Analysis serve as approach to facilitate :
 - synergy between MPA and MSP
 - cooperation and transboundary MSP

MPA Categories

International:

UNESCO Biosphere Reserves and World Heritage
Ramsar sites
Natura 2000 network
OSPAR MPAS

National:

France

National Parks
Nature Reserves
Marine National Park
Natura 2000*
Maritime Public
Domain
Biotope Protection
Zone

Ireland

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United Kingdom

Sites of Special
Interest
Marine Conservation
Zones
Nature Conservation
MPAs

* Recognised by the French Law, as a national category.

General Remarks

- Different **objectives** exist for each **MPA Category**
- All MPAs have in common the aim to **protect the environment**
- **Each** MPA however has **different environmental targets**

Marine Parks (FR): Sustainable development | Biotope (FR): Reach GES

- Main differences on **management between countries**
 - France: Dedicated manager provided to each site, the State plays a major role – Maritime Prefects
 - Ireland: Management made by NPWS
 - UK: Roles and responsibilities are different in each country (England, Wales, NI and Scotland)

Results

- Has reached Aichi Targets
- Has not reached Aichi Targets



Country	Area in the OSPAR Region III	Designated MPAs	Surface area covered by the current MPA network	Projects designation of MPAs	Surface of water, covered by future
France	43726	54	14,9%		
Ireland	145975	184	3,2%		
UK	197839	445	12,2%		
Total	387550	683	9,1%		

Source: AFB, 2017

**CBD Target:
10% surface
area of MPAs**

**Surface
coverage:
9,1%**

- **Ireland MPA coverage is far from the minimum required to reach Aichi Targets**
- **Waters beyond 12 NM are very poor in protection**

Discussion

MPA objectives addressed through the MSP process

- MSP used as spatial measures for uses regulation
- Aligned with MPA conservation objectives
- Restriction of uses and able multiuse

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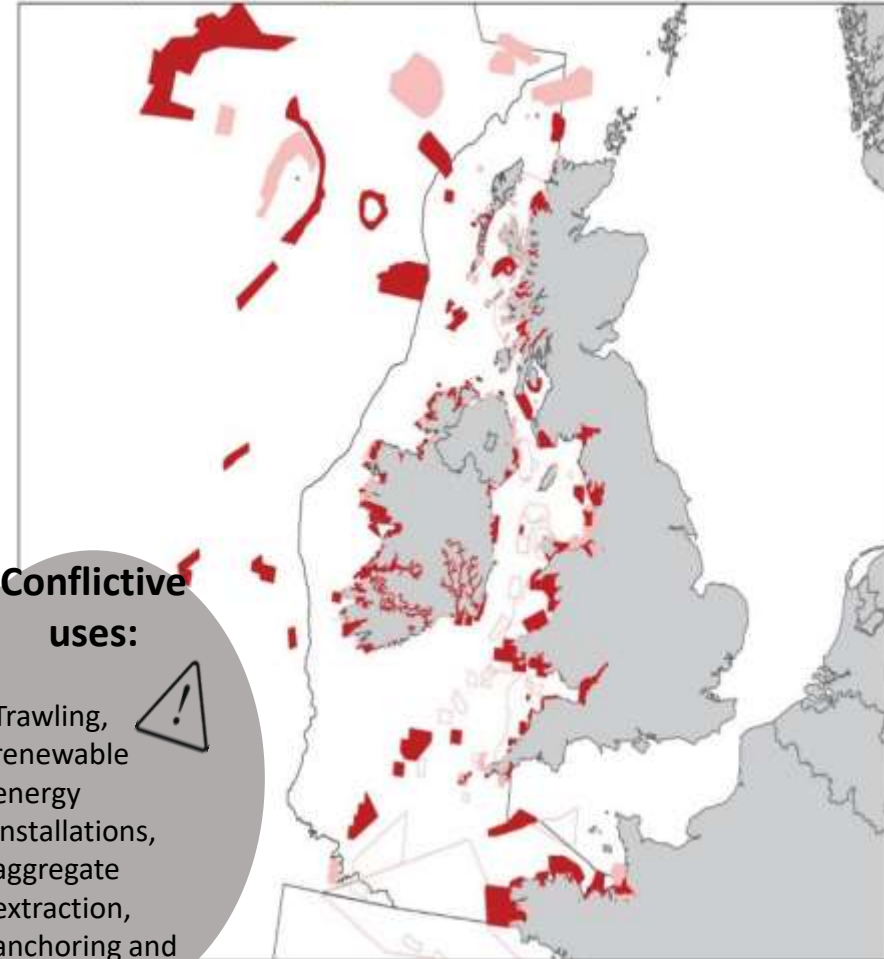
- At least one MPA is designated for the protection of benthic habitats
- At least one MPA is designated but for another reason than the red layer
- Marine protected area project

REGION III OSPAR - CELTIC SEAS

Marine protected areas designated for benthic habitats

Conflictive uses:

Trawling,
renewable
energy
installations,
aggregate
extraction,
anchoring and
dredging



Discussion

Taking advantage of the MSFD implementation

- Foster the achievement of Goals
- France: implementation of MSFD and MSP Directive simultaneously
- UK: would be necessary a reconciliation between the MSP and MSFD
- Need for MSFD to address better the MPA objectives

Country	Assessment for MPA designation measure in MSFD PoMs	Fisheries management in MPAs
France	Average	Poor
Ireland	Good	Poor
UK	Average	Average

Good

Poor

Average

Source: Oceana, 2017

Discussion



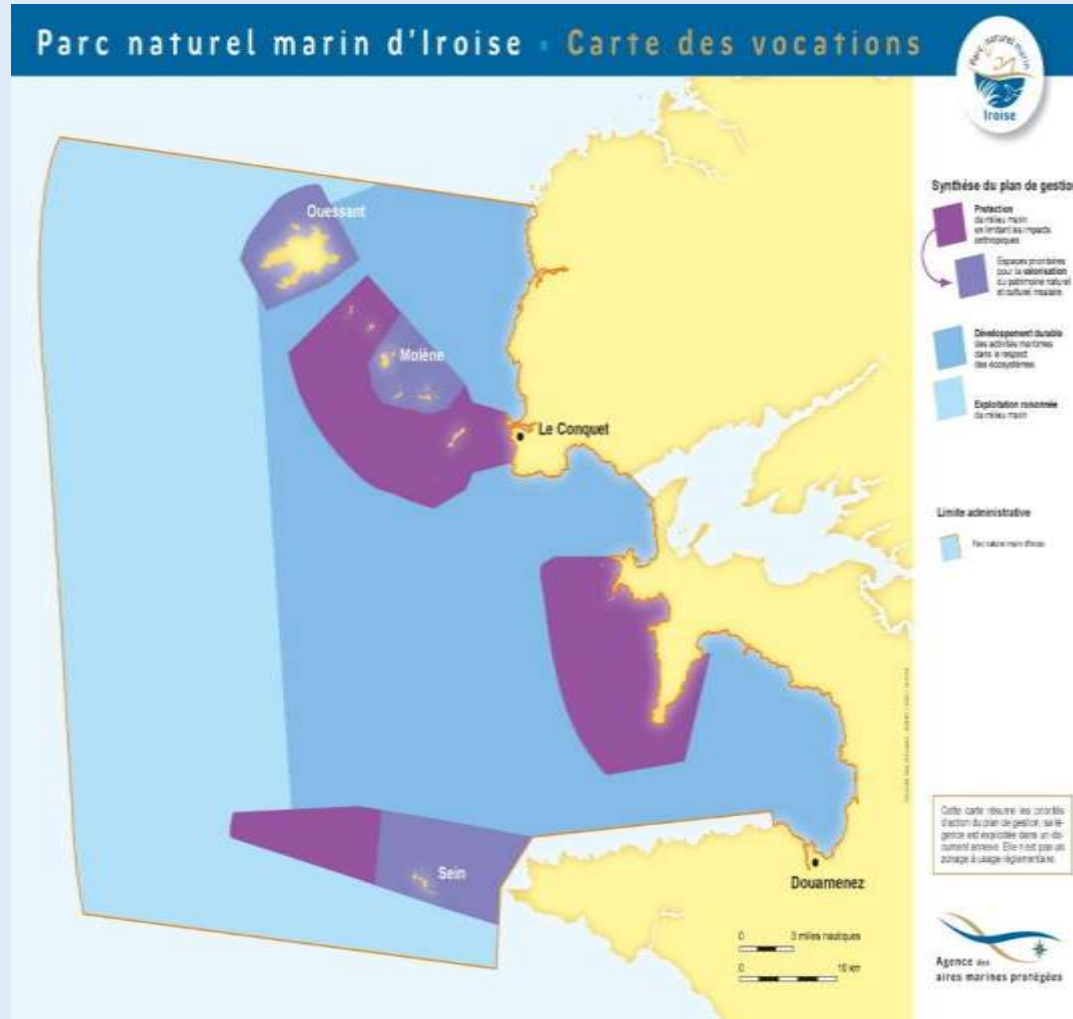
MPAs as local governance tools

- Participative governance and stakeholder engagement
- **MPAs = Boards and Councils**, tools of local governance

MPAs as spatial measures for uses regulation

- MPAs = set some rules for maritime sectors
- MPA designation and management can be considered as a fully fledged way to implement MSP by measures
- **Sustainable development** emerges as an important objective for the MPA network

Discussion



MSP within MPAs perimeters

- Spatial planning in MPAs works by setting in each zone, the ideal place for determined regulation/management.
- France: Nature Marine Park should contain a map of spatial distribution for management priorities.

Conclusion



- Different MPA categories = Different management processes
- **National categories in France, Ireland and UK are different** in number, conservation objectives, management aspects and governance style
- Aichi Targets: Region below the minimum
- MSP as a spatial planning tool: support the creation of coherent MPAs
 - MPA Objectives integrated with MSP process
 - MSFD + MSP Directives
 - Local governance tools



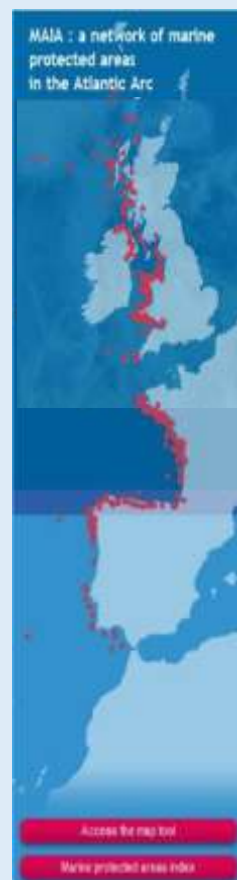
North-East Atlantic MPA Database

NEA MPA database



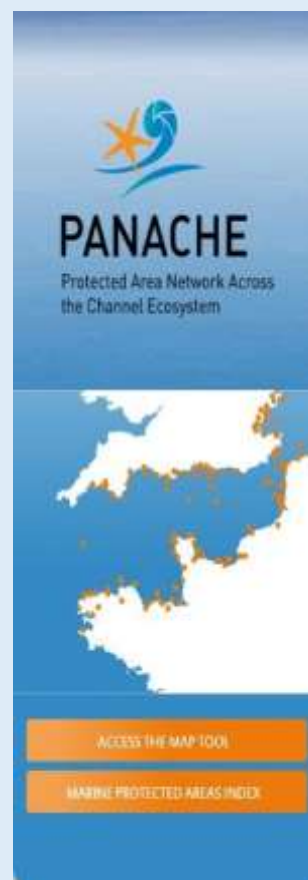
2012

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2015

Interreg PANACHE



2013

OSPAR



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MPA list
updated

286 MPA added
✓ 127 in the
UK
✓ 169 in
Ireland



Completion through SIMCelt



MPA information gathered

- ✓ Species and habitats
- ✓ Regulations
- ✓ Governance

Main perimeter
⊕ General information
⊕ Marine species and habitats
⊕ Uses and activities
⊕ Governance
⊕ Resources (staff, equipment and financial)
⊕ Management information
⊕ Regulation
⊕ Monitoring

REGION III OSPAR - CELTIC SEAS
Marine protected areas network

The map displays the Celtic Seas region, covering parts of Ireland, the United Kingdom, and France. It highlights various marine protected areas (MPAs) categorized by international conventions (Wetlands of International Importance, Ramsar Convention, Natura 2000), national designations (Réserve naturelle, Aires de protection du biotope, etc.), and maritime boundaries (Territorial sea boundary, Continental shelf). A legend on the right provides detailed information about each category and color coding. Scale bars indicate distances in kilometers and nautical miles.

International marine protected areas

- Wetlands of international importance
- Ramsar convention
- Natura 2000 - Birds directive
- Natura 2000 - Habitats directive

National marine protected areas

France

- Réserve naturelle
- Aires de protection du biotope
- Domaine public maritime du Conservatoire du littoral
- Parc naturel marin
- Réserve de biosphère UNESCO

United Kingdom

- Marine nature reserve
- Marine conservation zone
- Nature conservation marine protected area
- Sites of special scientific interest
- Area of special scientific interest

Marine protected areas project

- Natura 2000 - Birds directive
- Natura 2000 - Habitats directive
- Marine conservation zone

Maritime boundaries

- Région III OSPAR - Celtic seas
- Territorial sea boundary or continental shelf under law and bilateral agreement

Data source:
- UK: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
- France: Direction Générale de la Mer (DGM)
- Ireland: Marine Research Centre (MRC)
- Scotland: Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)
- Wales: Welsh Government
- Channel Islands: Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust (JWP)

Scale:
0 100 200 Kilometers
0 50 100 Nautical Miles

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- ✓ Overview of the MPA network at the Celtic Sea scale
- ✓ Statistics with regards to :
 - Categories
 - Conservation objectives
 - Regulating processes

Data availability



- ✓ maia-network.org
- ✓ data.simcelt.eu

Marine species and habitats

Warning : Non-exhaustive list of species and habitats with statuses manager.

Inventory of marine species present with protection status

Species present

Class	WoRMS Code	Species present (and which justified the protection)
Actinopterygii	126281	Anguilla anguilla
	126413	Alosa alosa
	127186	Salmo salar
	223866	Salmo trutta trutta
Aves	137073	Melanitta nigra
	137128	Alca torda

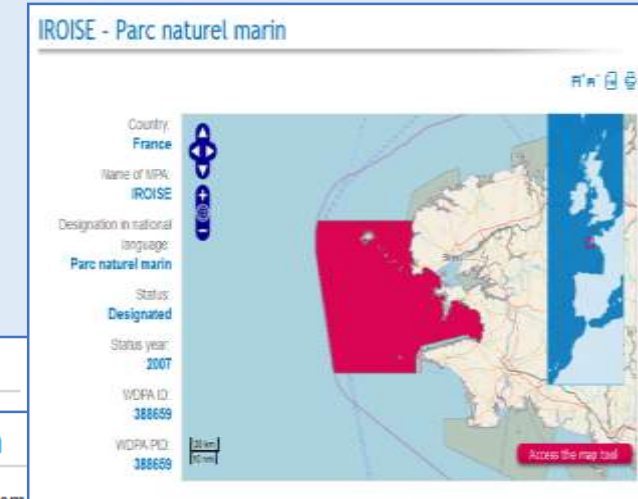
Regulation

Type of enforcement within the MPA.

- MPA staff
- Fisheries control
- Customs/border control/police
- ONCFS (Game and wildlife state service)

Human uses and activities in the MPA subject to regulations:

Governed under voluntary agreement (convention, agreement, etc.)	Permanent
Regulated	Permanent
	Professional purse seine fishing
	Extraction of non-living resources (e.g. aggregates, oil and gas, etc.)



Thank you !



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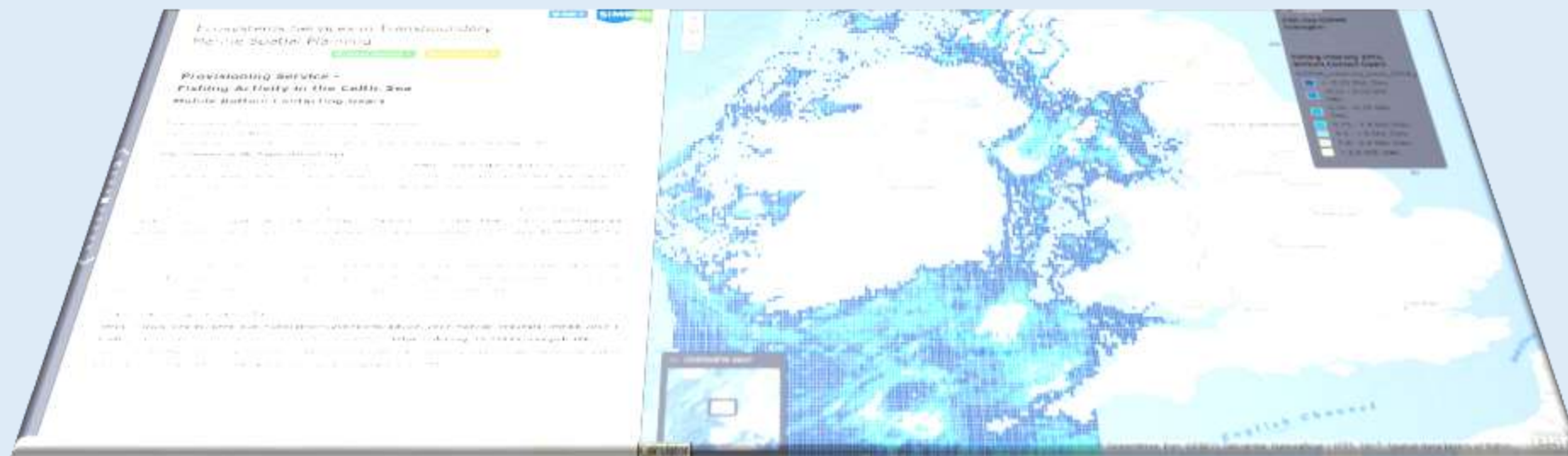
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Ecosystems Services in Transboundary Marine Spatial Planning

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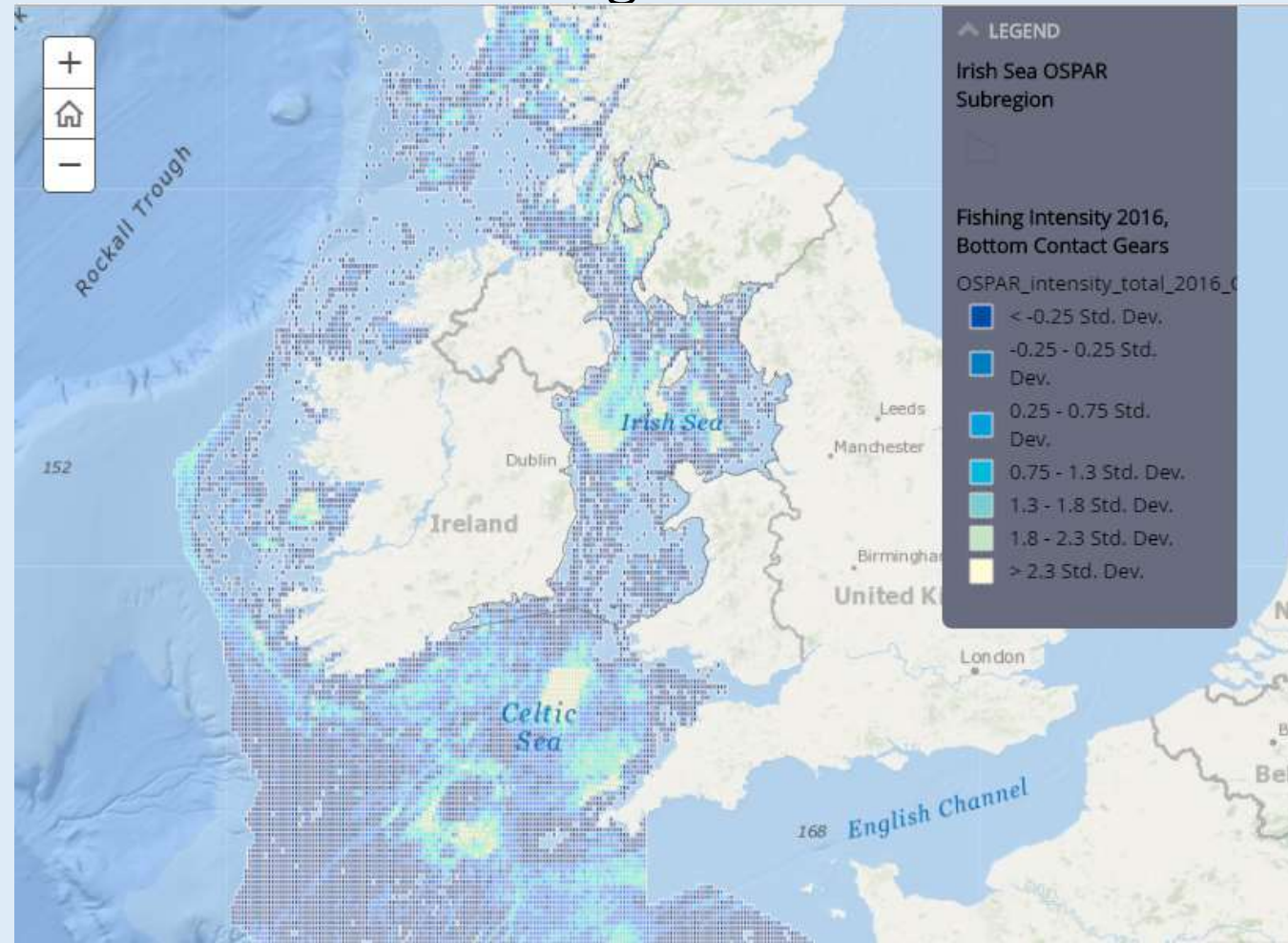
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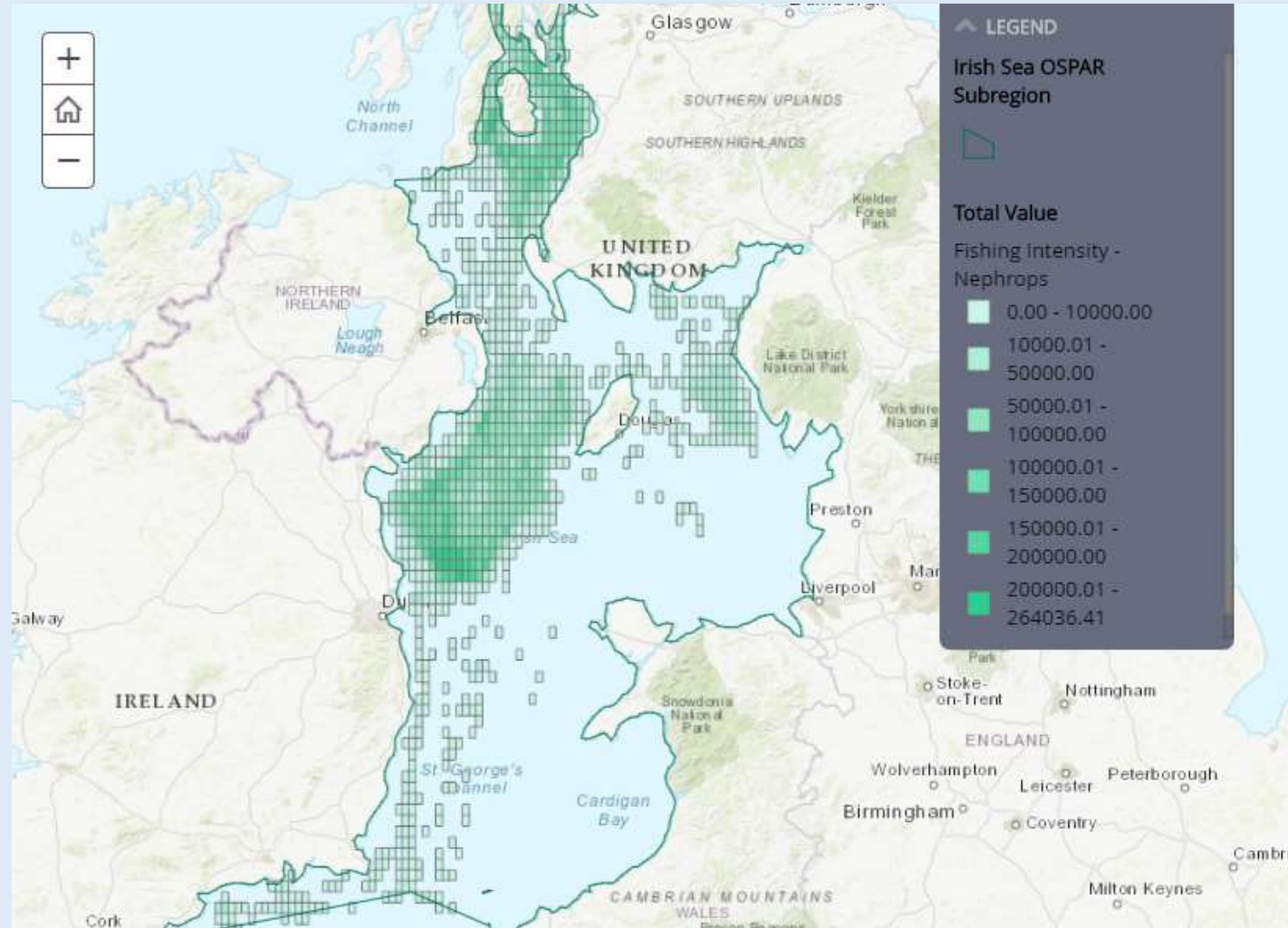
Fishing Activity in the Celtic Sea

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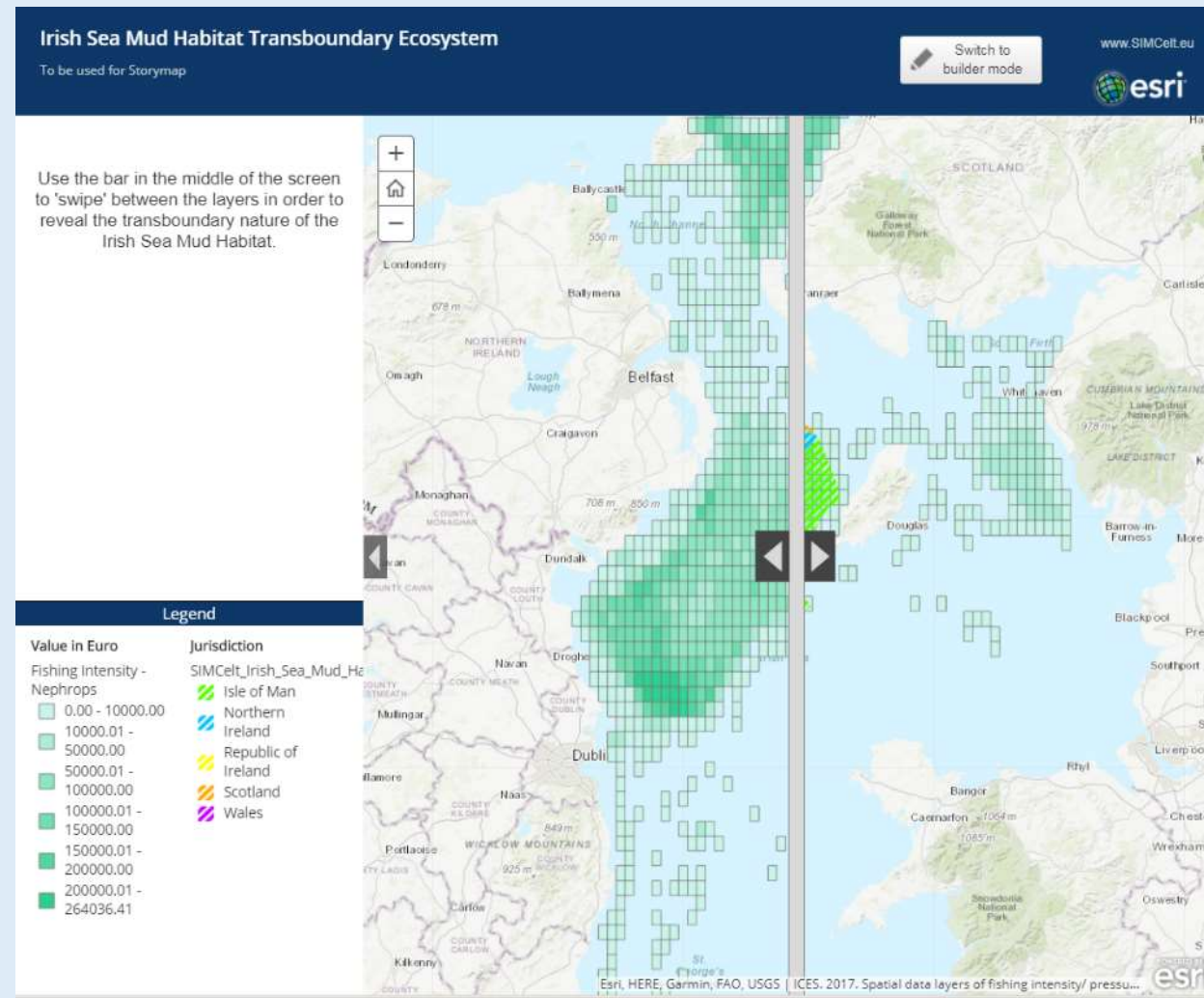
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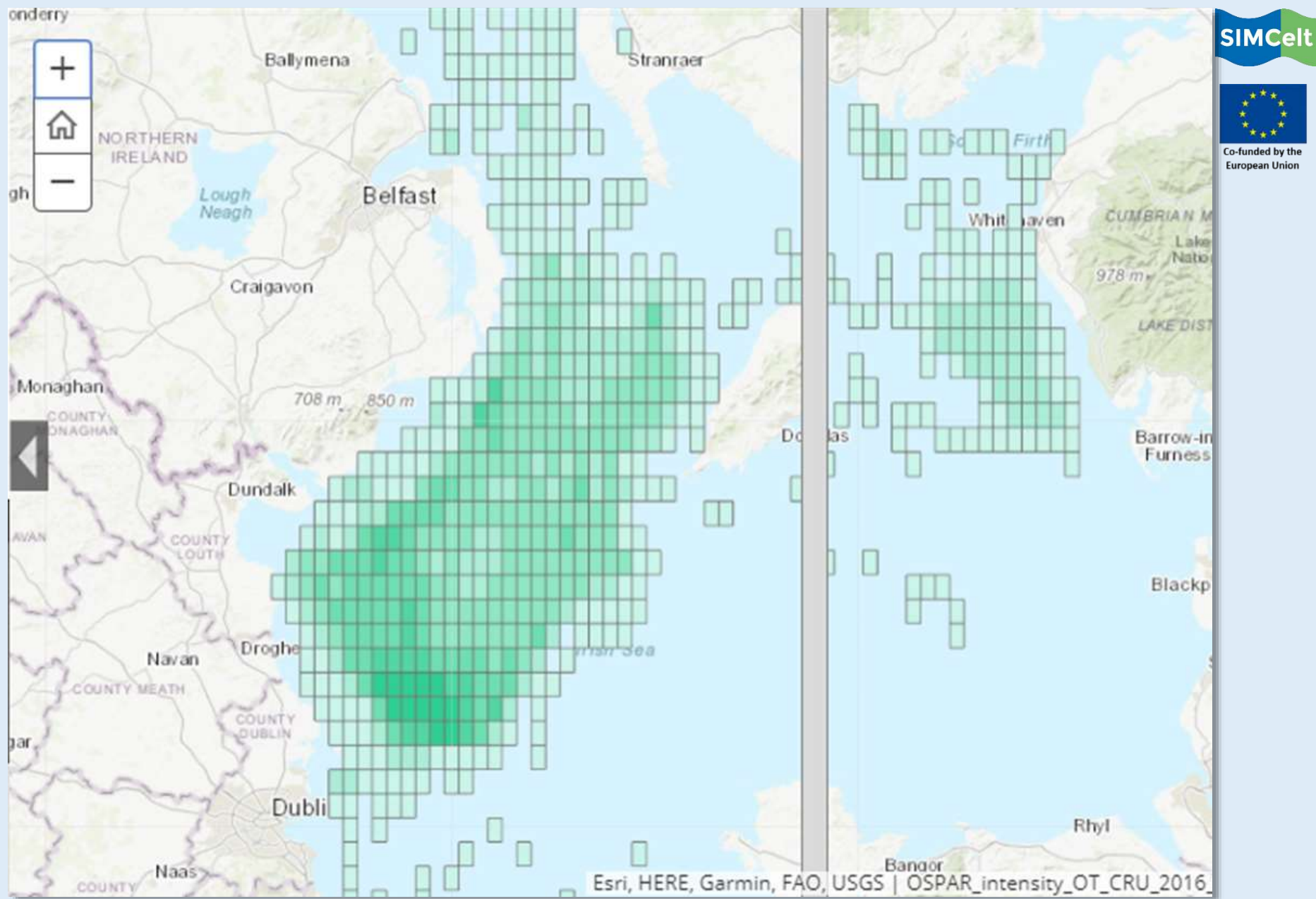
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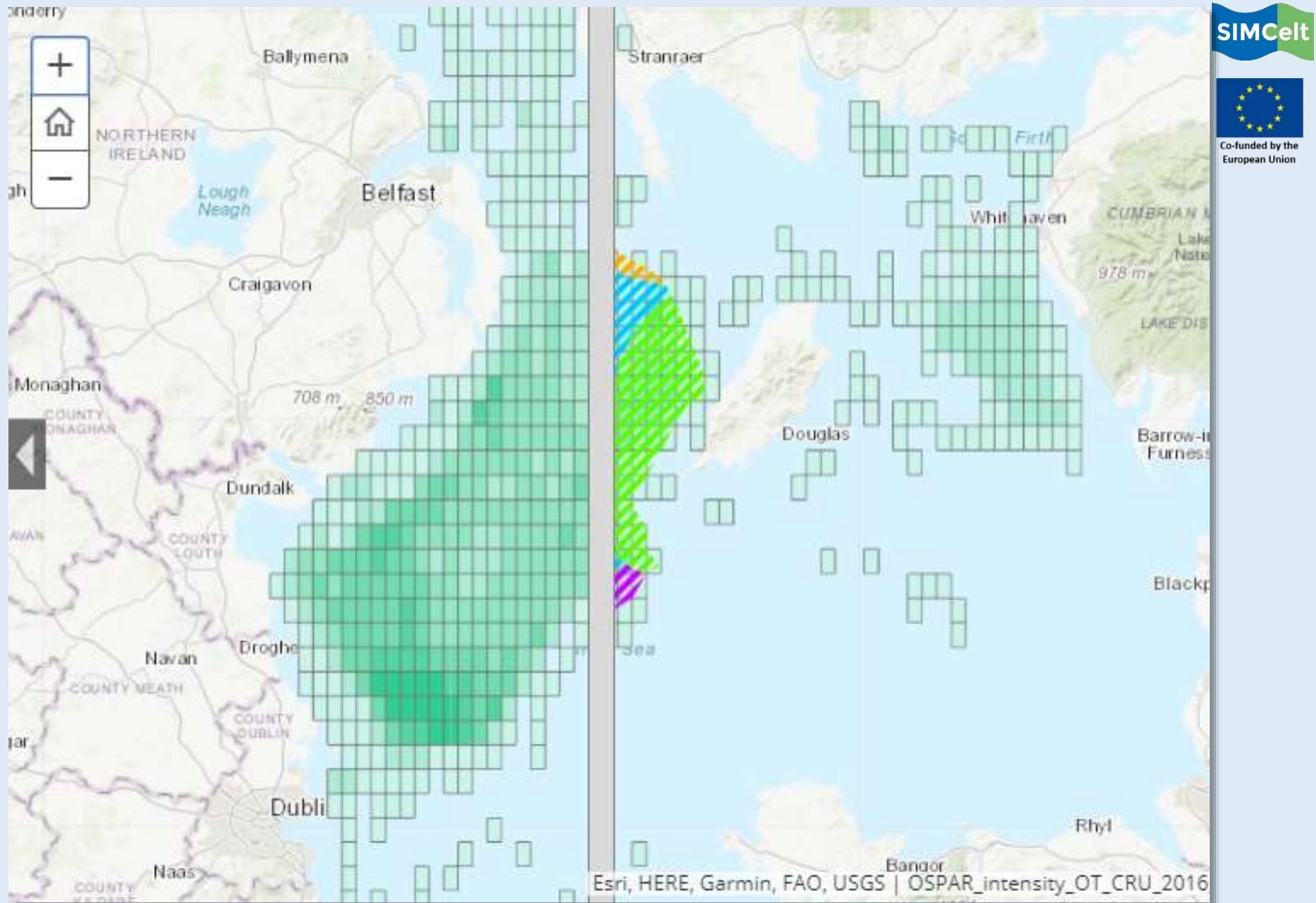


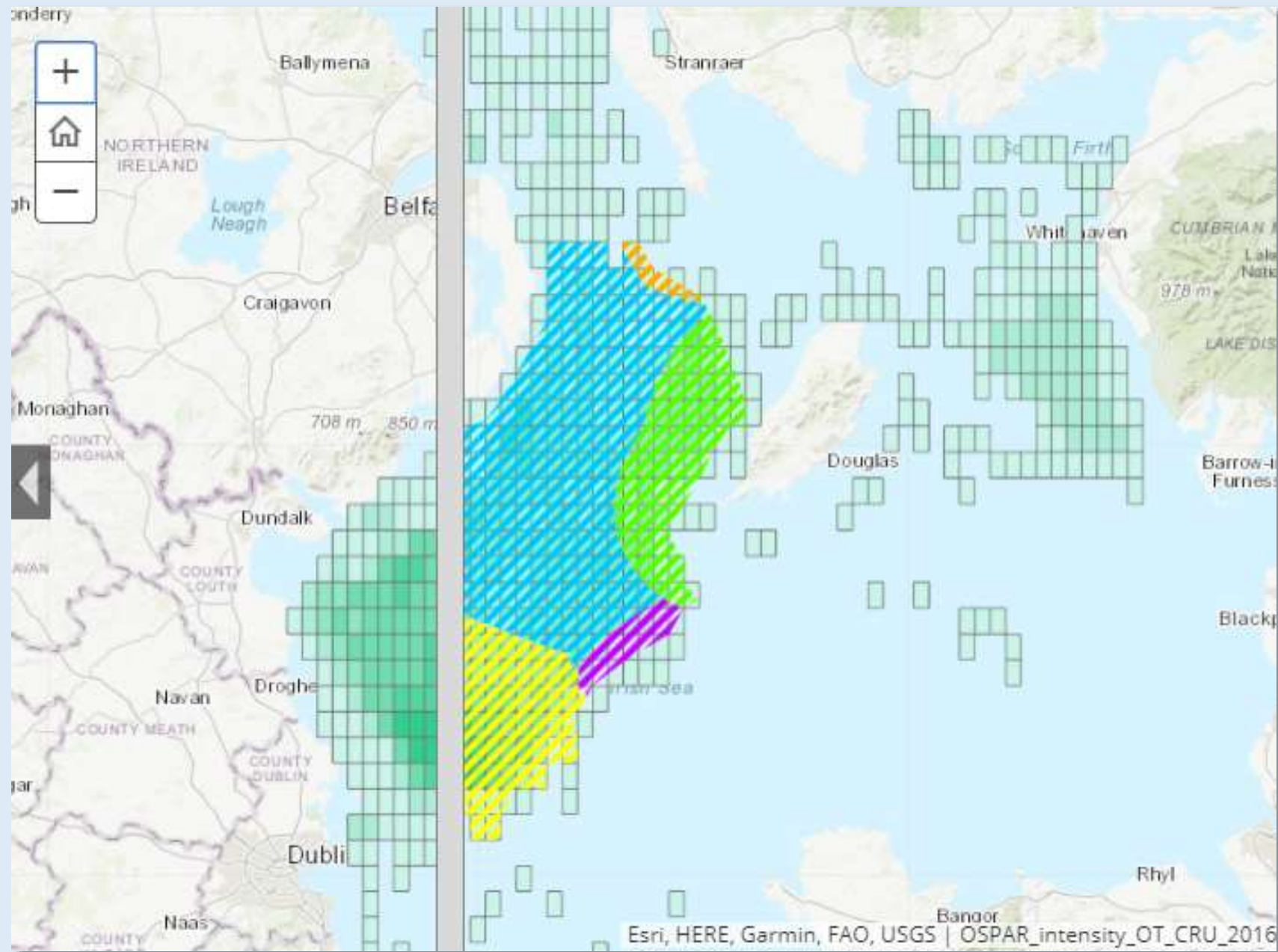
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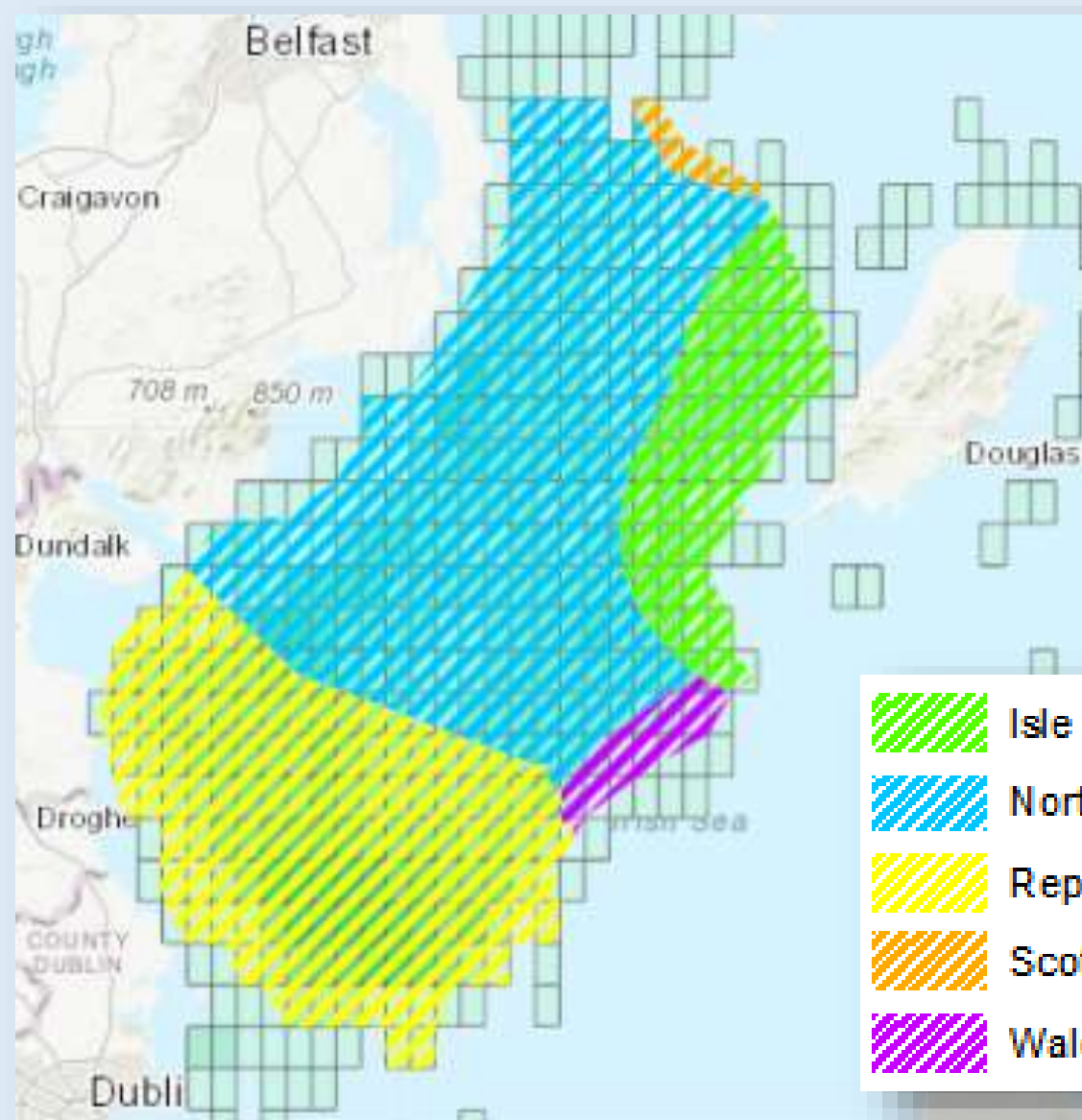
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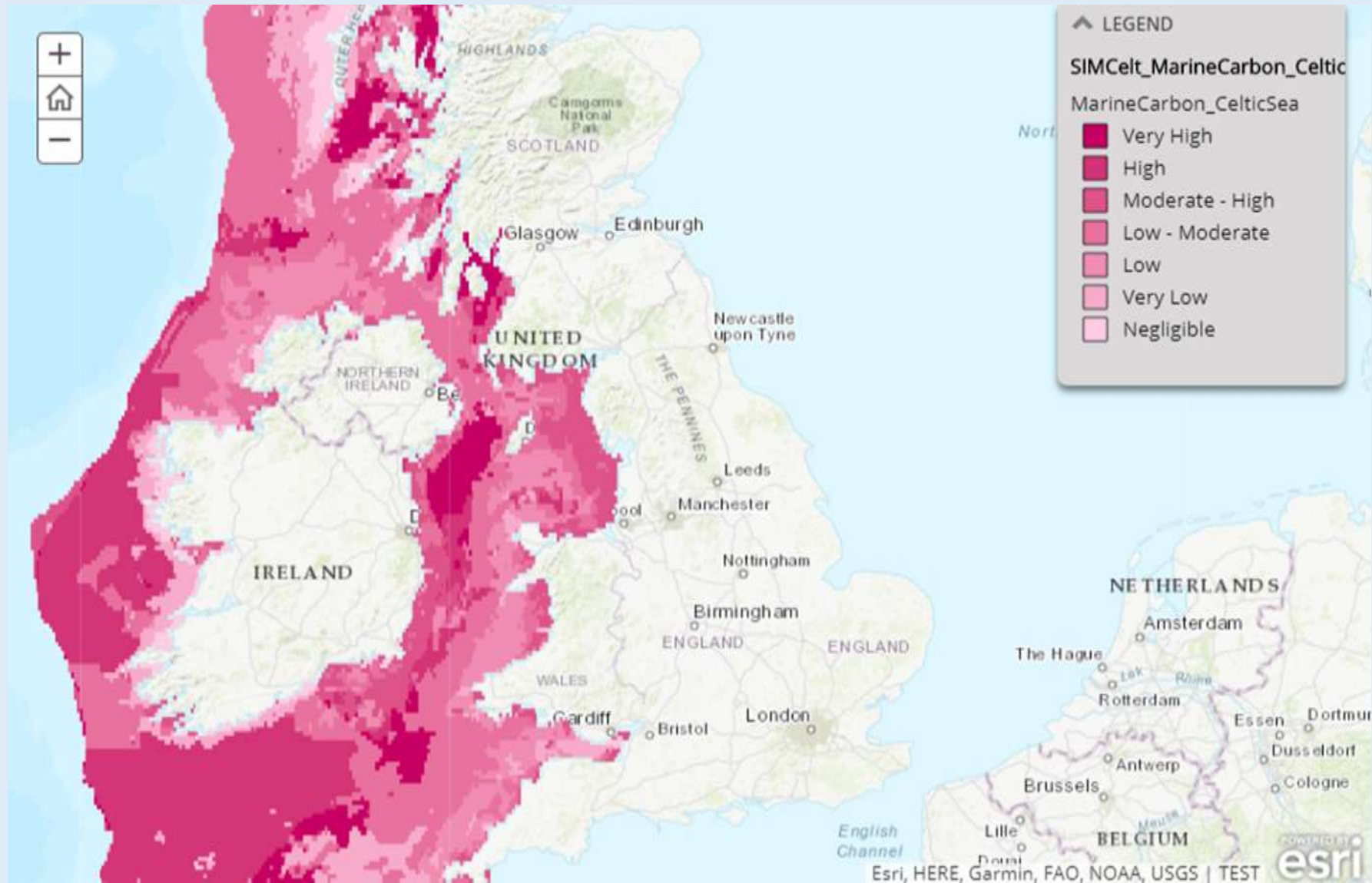




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Regulating Service

Marine Sediment Carbon Storage




Cultural Services



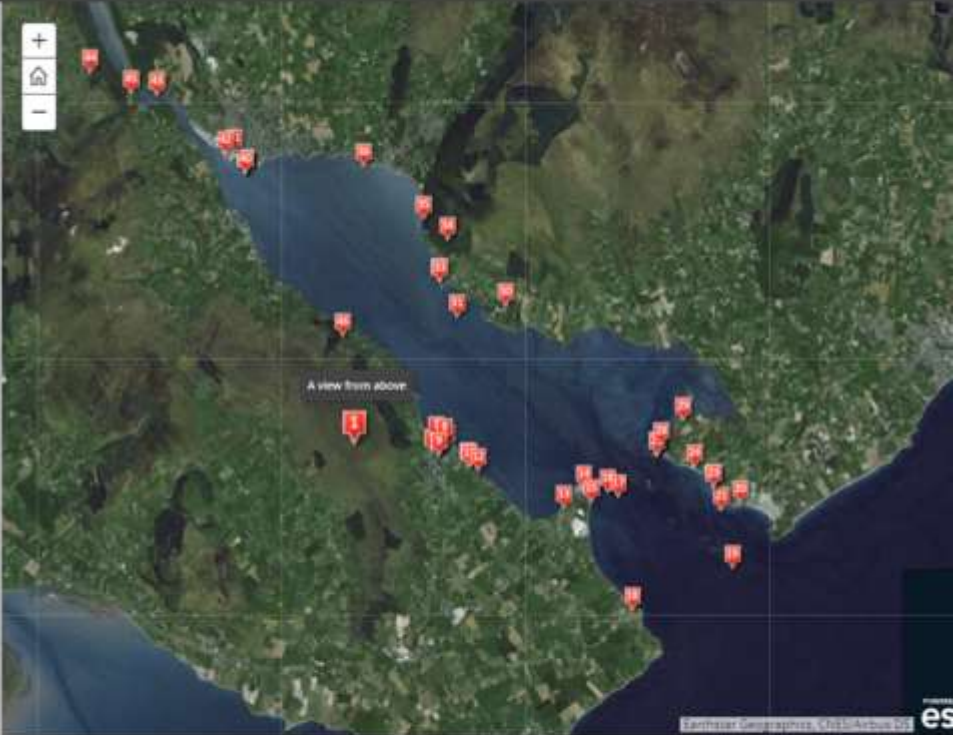
Cultural Ecosystem Services of Carlingford Lough
The use of Flickr Photographs to gain an insight into how a coastal area is used and appreciated

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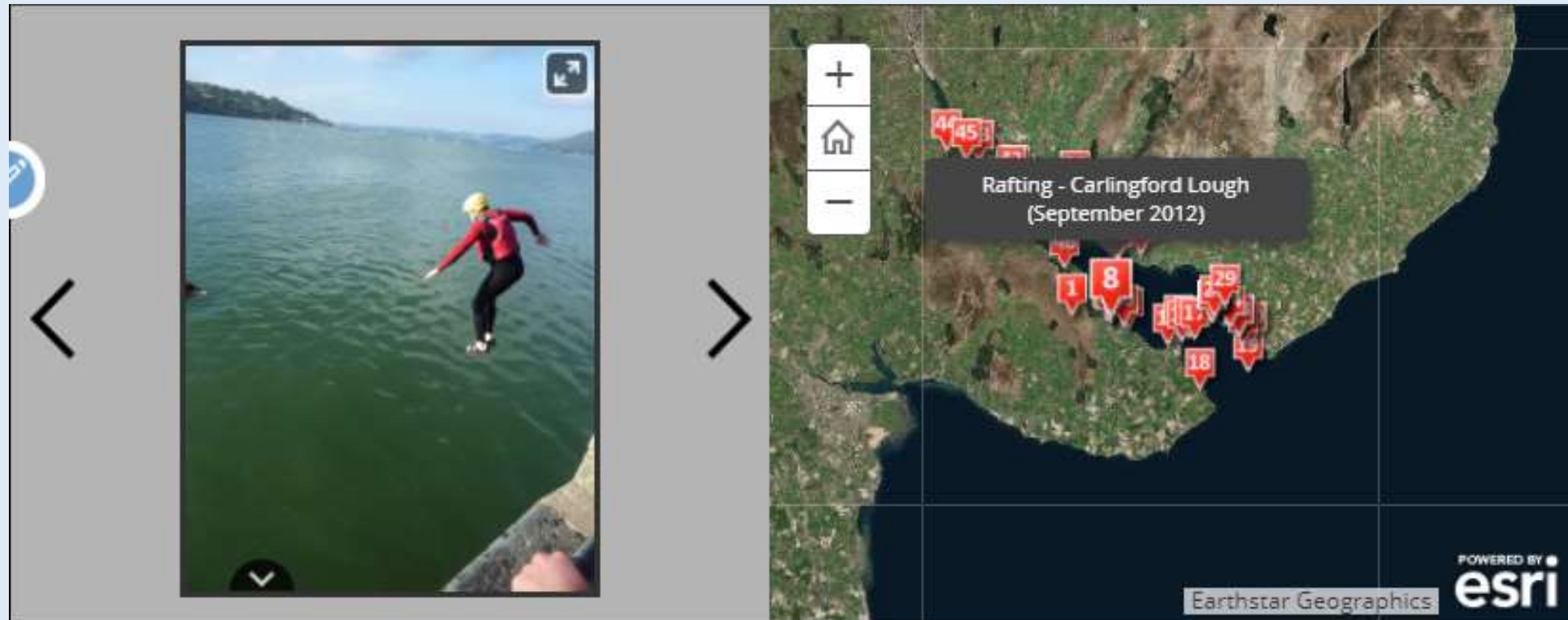
A view from above

Looking down Carlingford Lough from atop Slieve Foy on a cool, clear St. Stephen's day. The medieval town of Carlingford is in the centre of the picture and the port of Greenore is at the mouth of the lough. The hills visible on the far side are the famed Mourne Mountains.



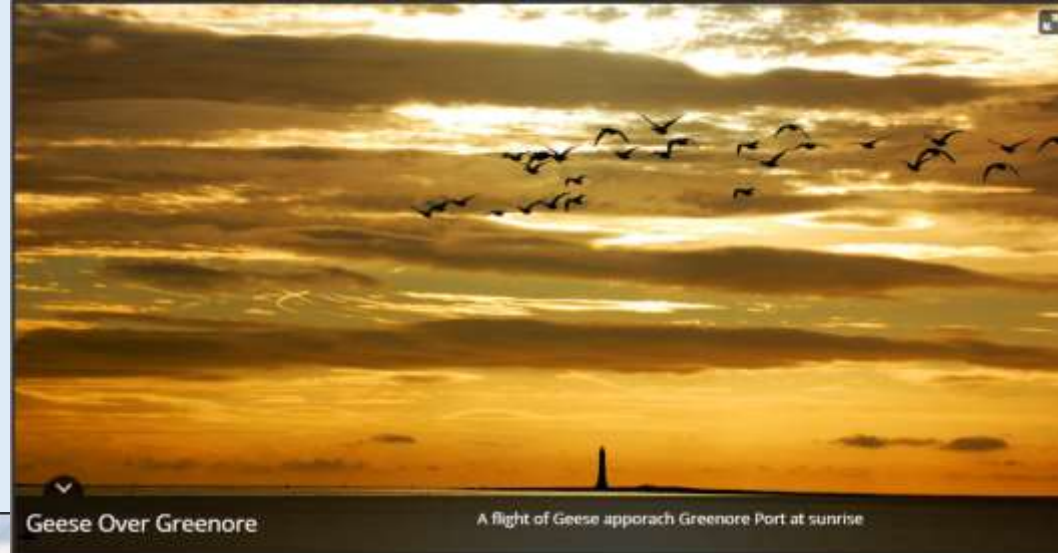
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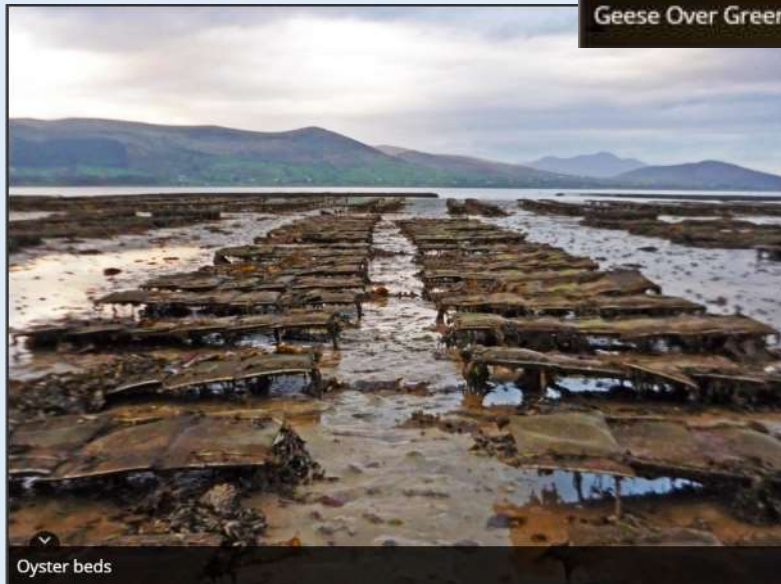


The old lighthouse



Geese Over Greenore

A flight of Geese approach Greenore Port at sunrise

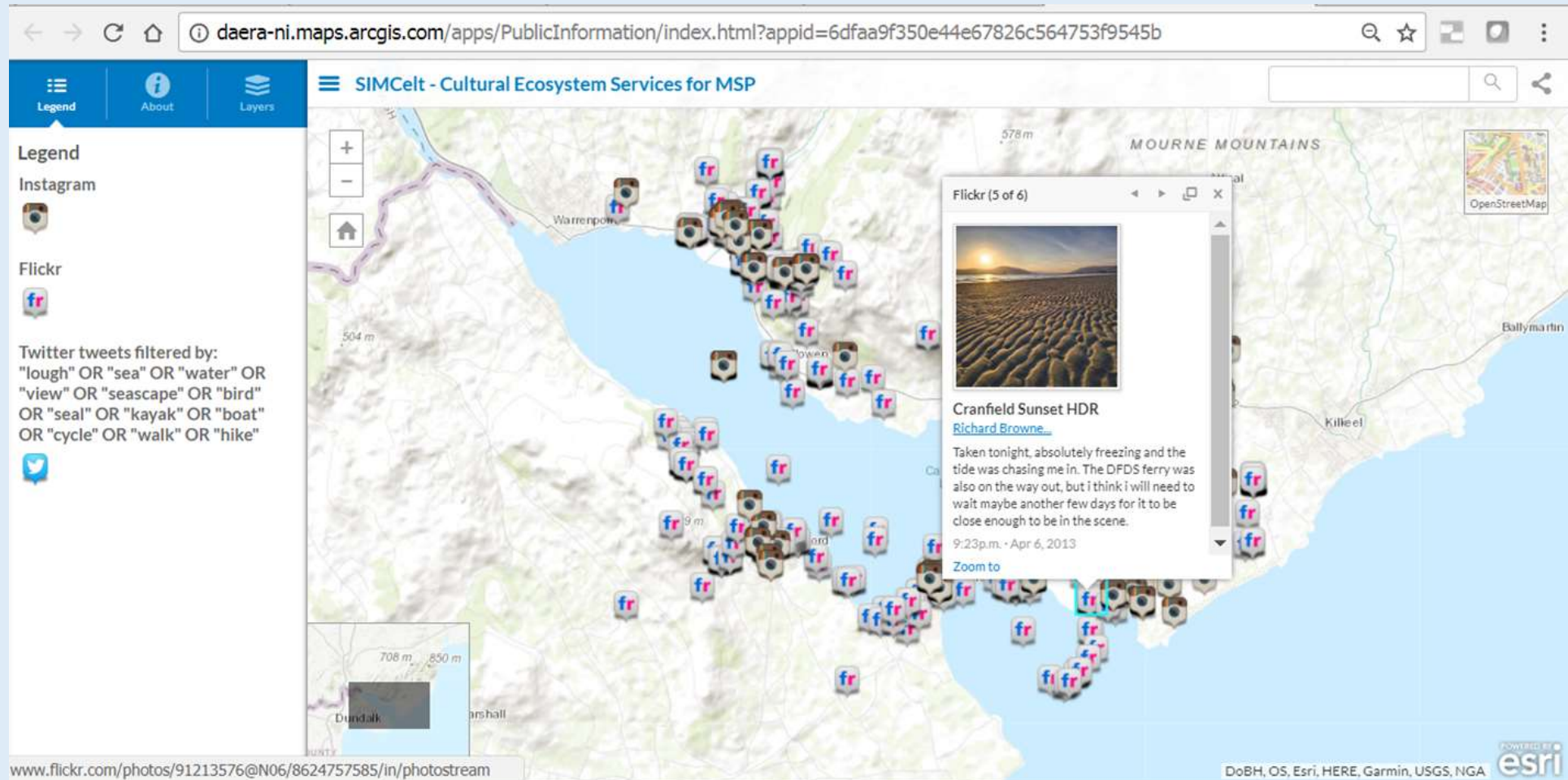


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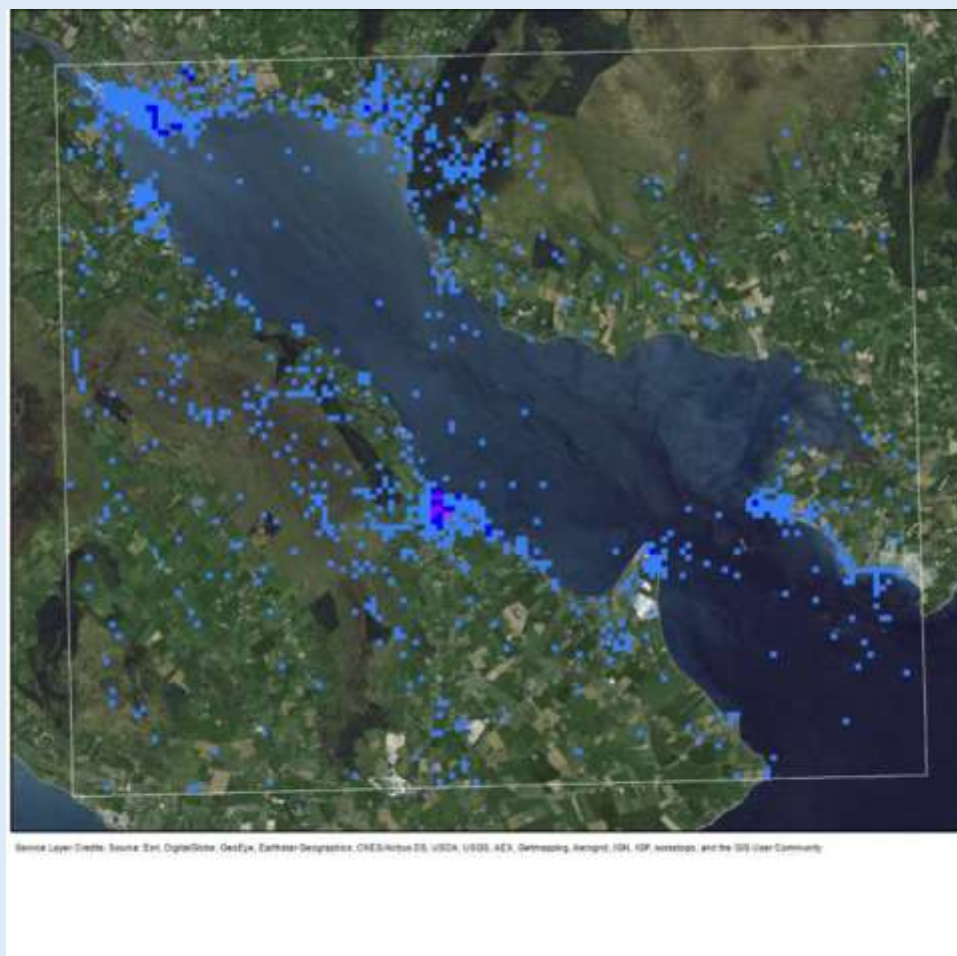
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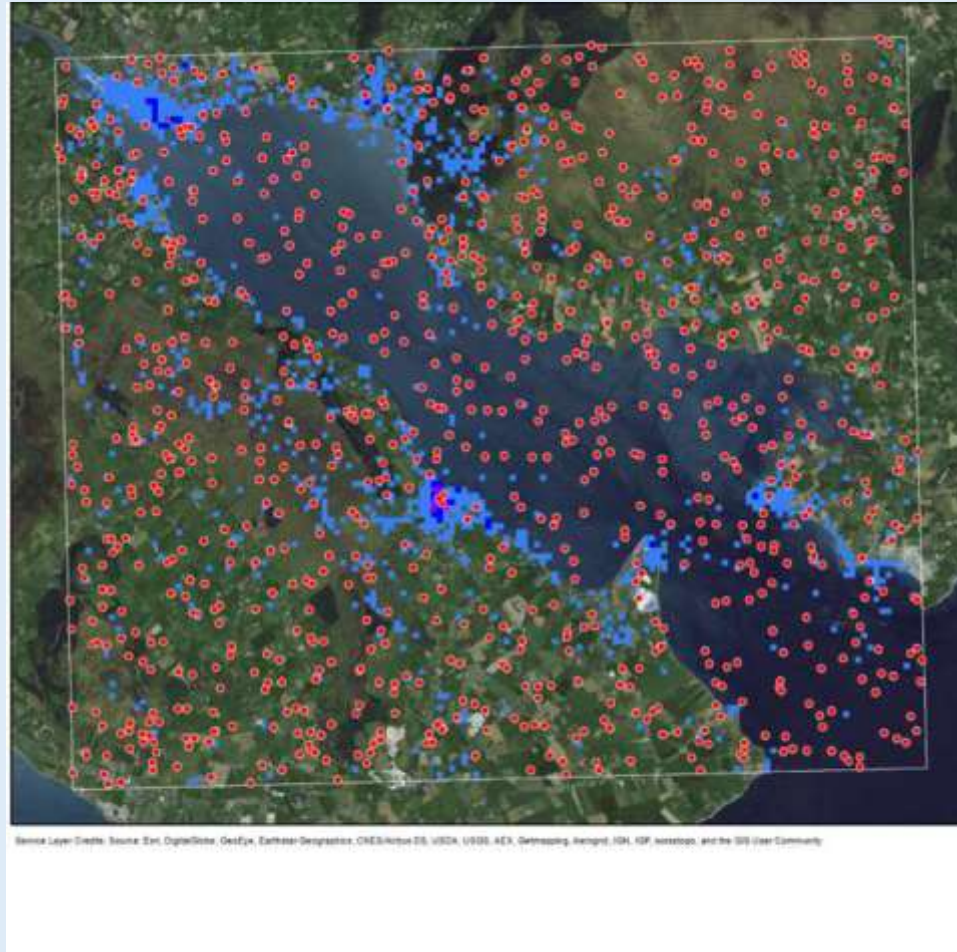
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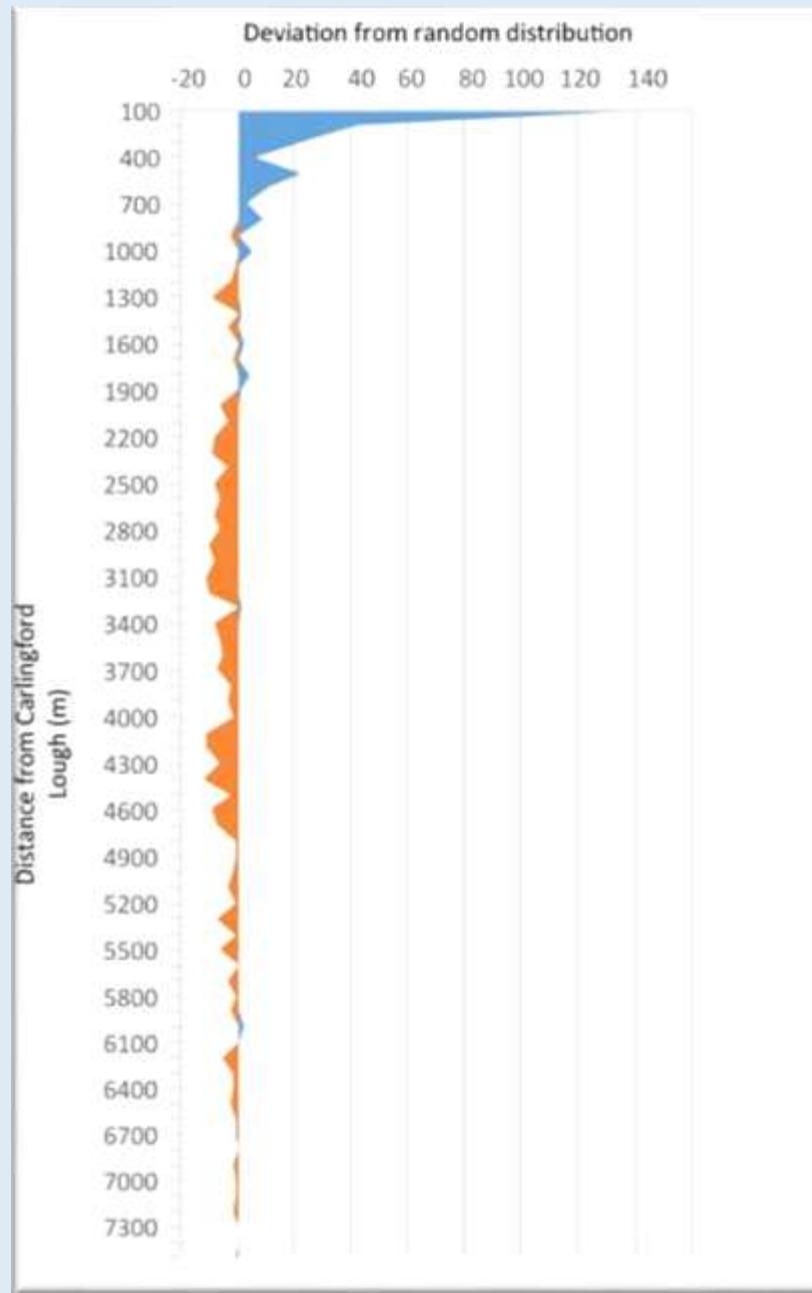


Quantitative Analysis of Flickr Photographs









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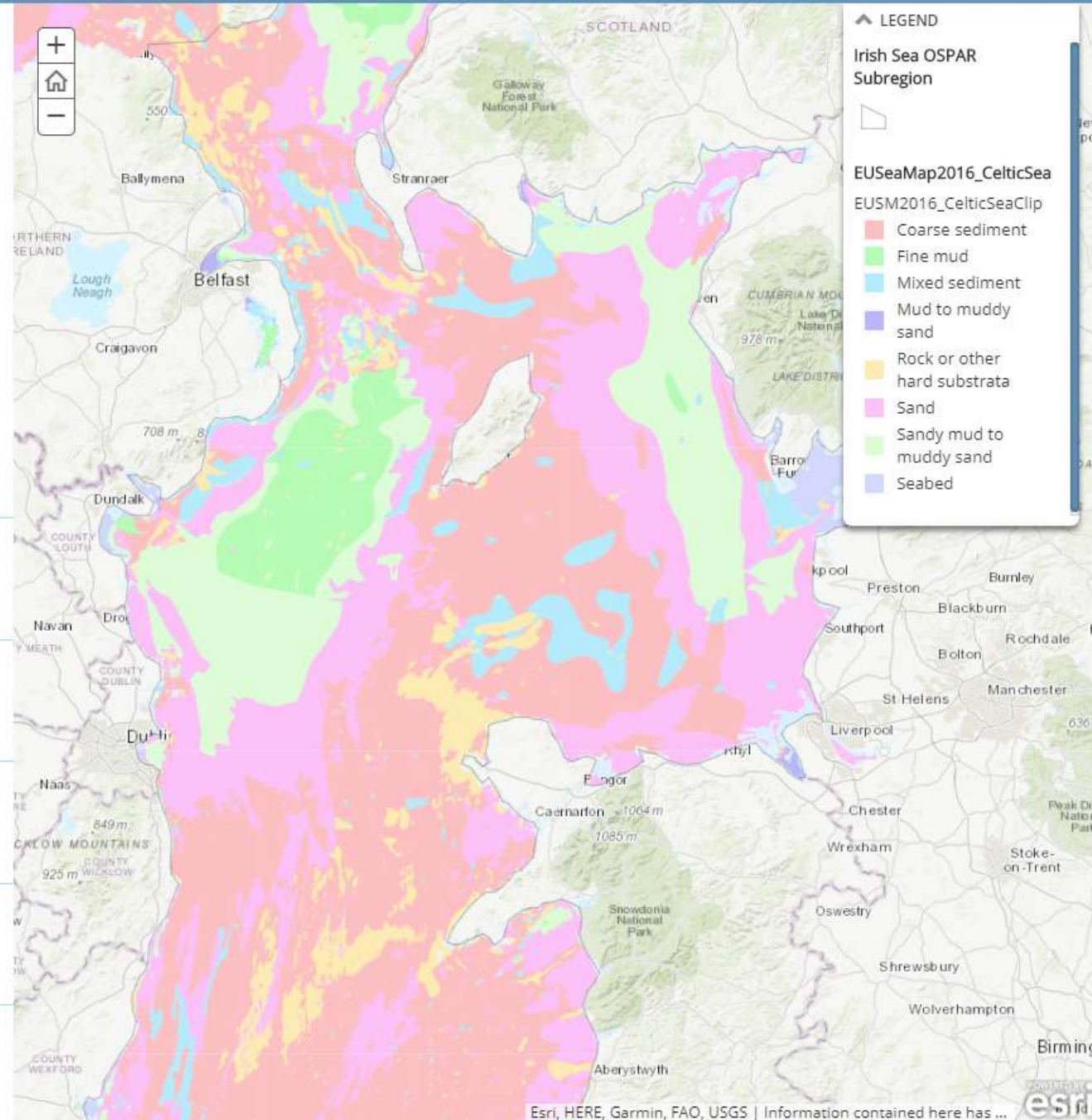
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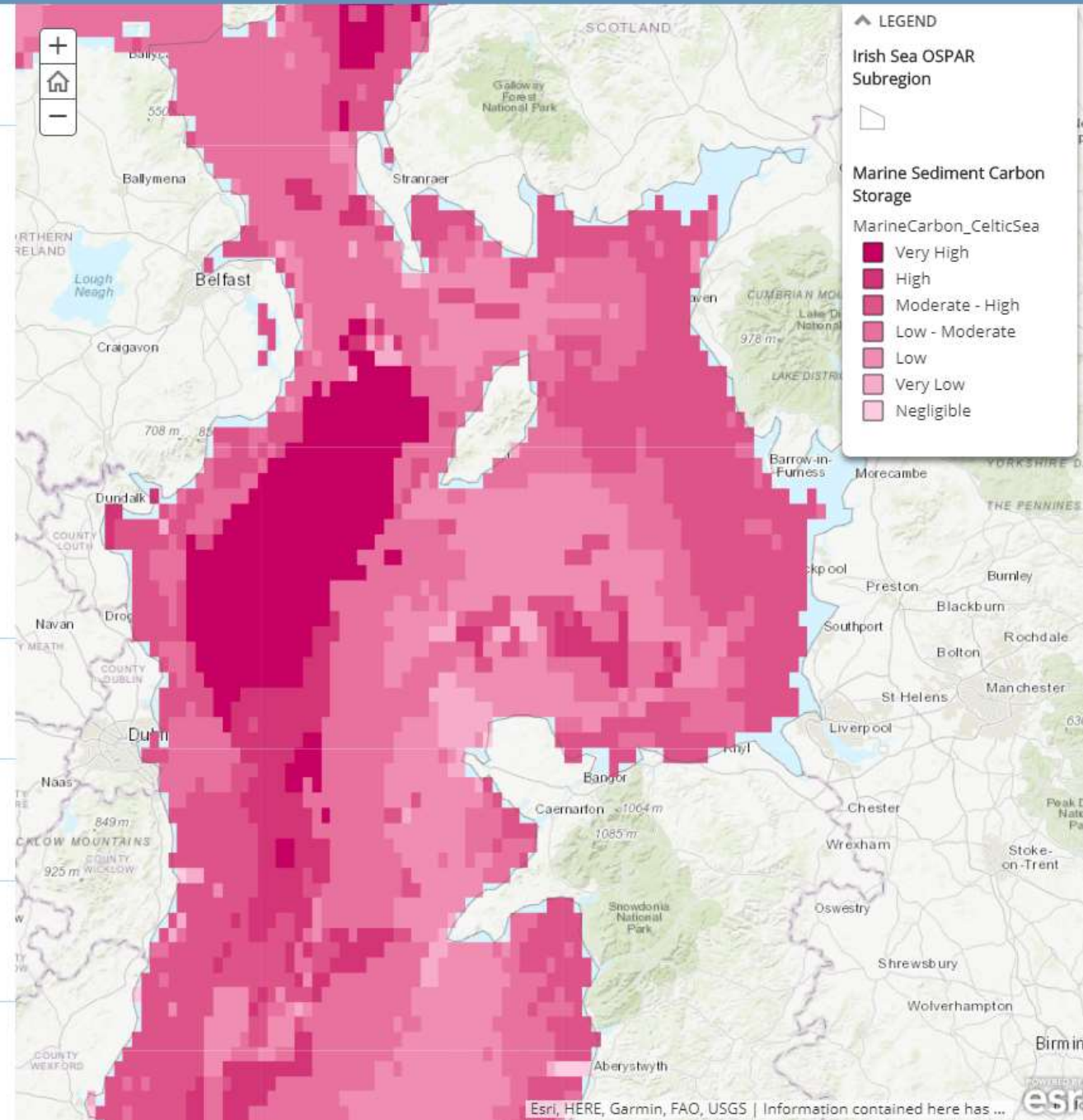
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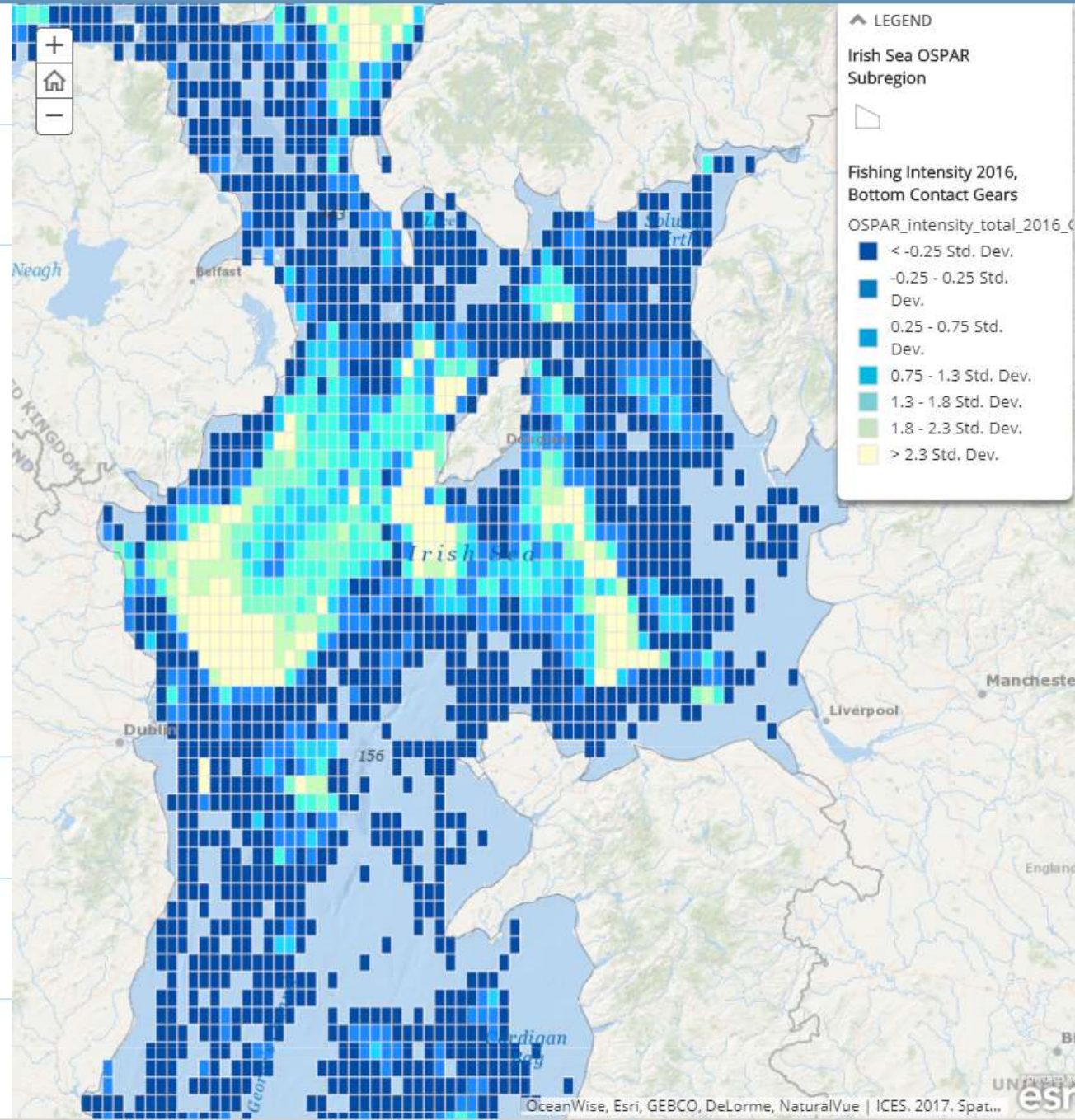
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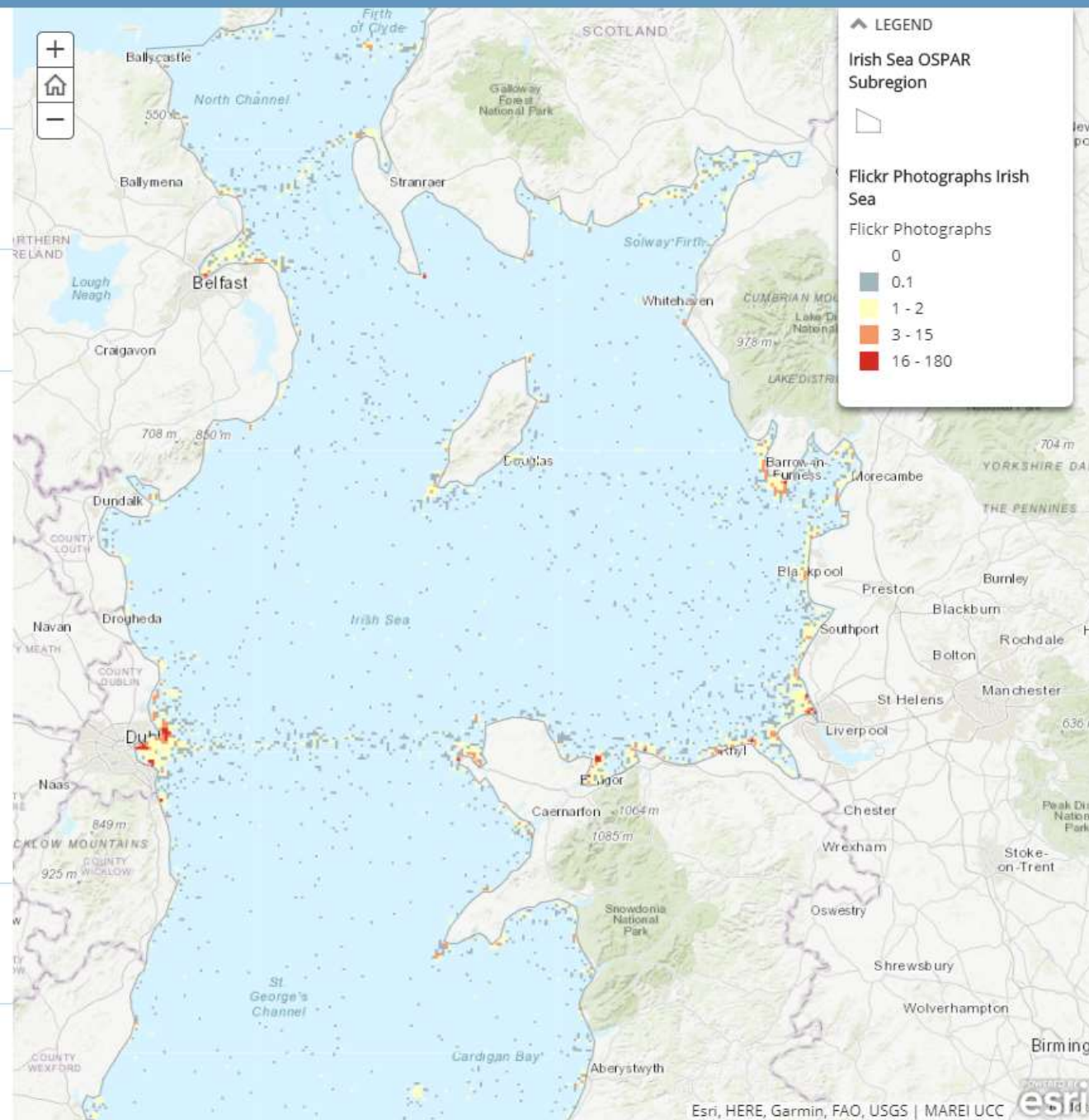
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Distribution of Flickr photographs taken on Irish Sea 2005 - 2013. Photography Users Days spent in the location.

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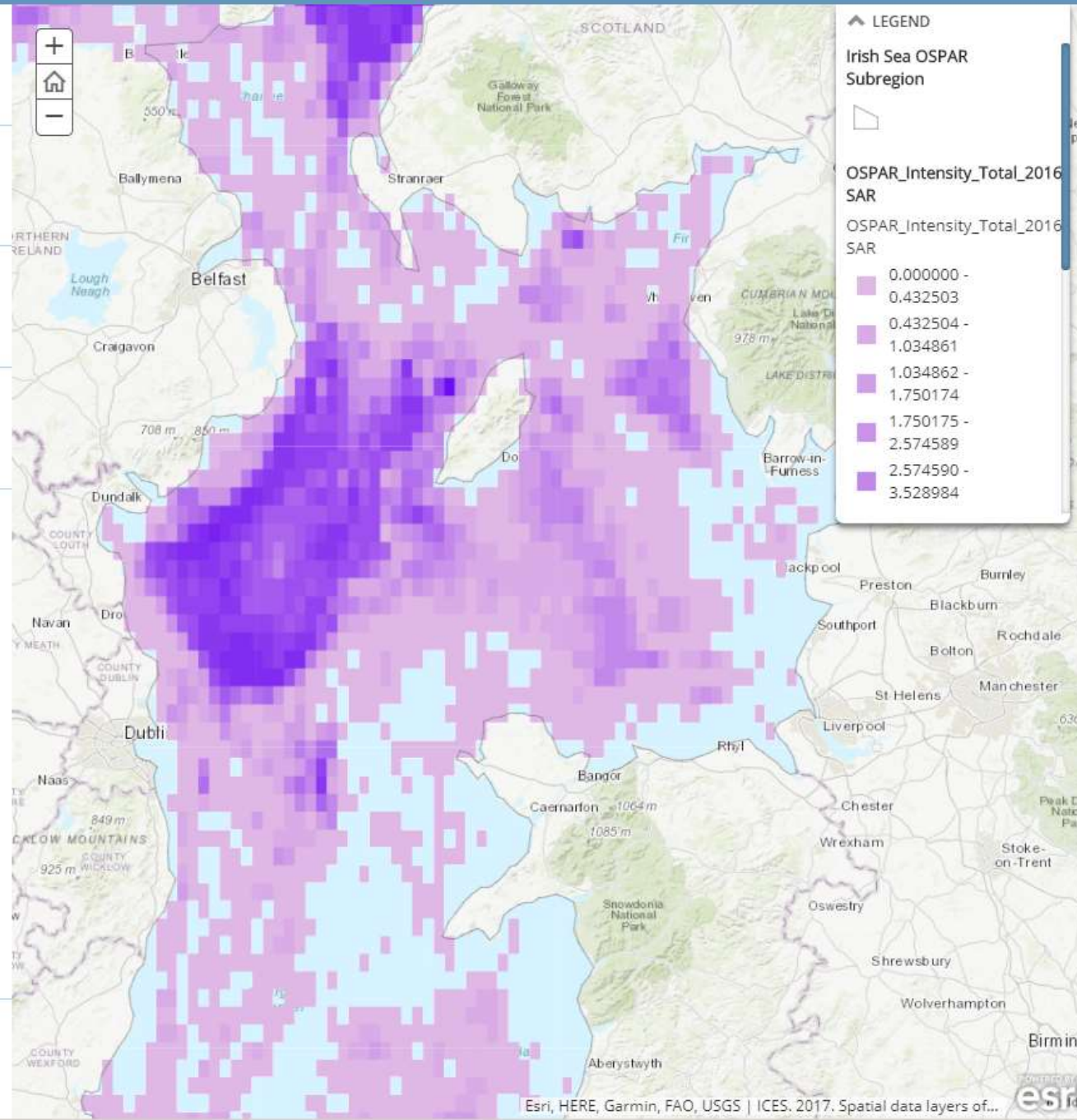
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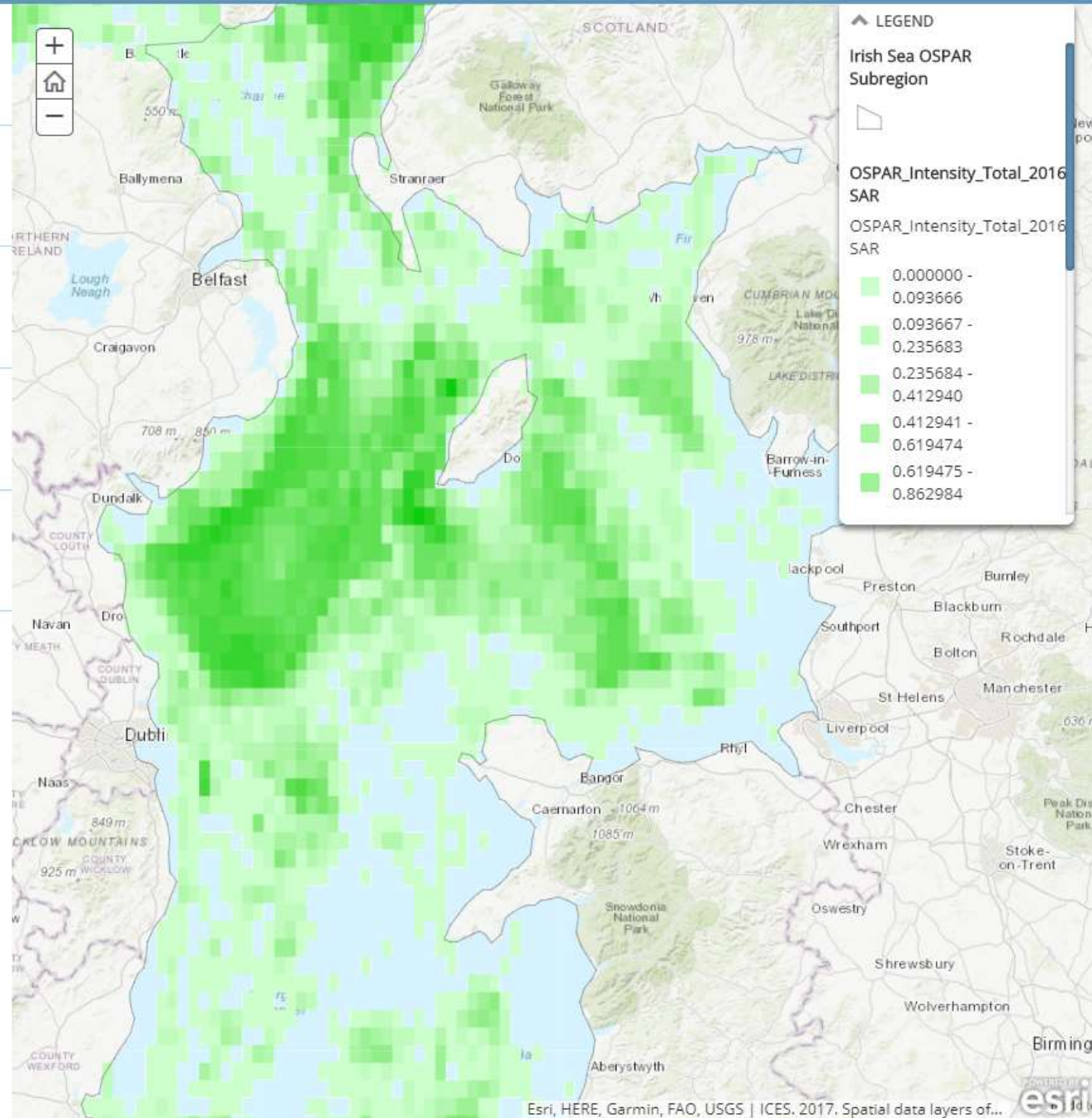
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A photograph of a lighthouse with red and white horizontal stripes, situated on a rocky shore. Large, white, foamy waves are crashing against the shore in the foreground, under a cloudy sky.

Evaluating MSP Ecosystem Approach

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Ecosystem Based Approach

- Planning a sustainable future requires Ecosystem Management frameworks
- Recognises human society as integral part of the ecosystem
- Area based; Multi-species; Multi activity/sector

Ecosystem Based Approach & Maritime Spatial Planning

- EBA lacked well described planning tools in marine environment
- Coupled framework of the Ecosystem-Based Approach with MSP
- Integrated, forward looking, consistent decisions on human use

Marine Strategy Framework Directive

"An Ecosystem-based Approach, whereby human activities affecting the marine environment will be managed in an integrated manner promoting conservation and sustainable use in an equitable way of oceans and seas."

Maritime Spatial Planning Directive

"The application of an Ecosystem-based Approach will contribute to promoting the sustainable development and growth of the maritime and coastal economies and the sustainable use of marine and coastal resources."

CBD Malawi Principles

Table 2
List of selected Malawi Principles for implementation of EBA and associated statements used as evaluation criteria.

Principle 1: The objectives of management of land, water and living resources are a matter of societal choice. Rationale: Biological and cultural values are given equal consideration.

1.1 Environment, social and economic values were given equal consideration.
1.2 EBA was explicitly integrated into planning guidelines, principles or objectives.

1.3 Social and cultural values were identified and explicitly integrated to spatial analysis.

1.4 Economic values were identified and explicitly integrated to spatial analysis.

1.5 Data on selected human costs was standardised.

1.6 Environmental values were identified and explicitly integrated to spatial analysis.

Principle 3: Ecosystem managers should consider the effects (actual or potential) of their activities on adjacent and other ecosystems. Rationale: Ecosystems' openness and connectance are considered.

3.1 Adjacent activities or ecosystems outside the MSP boundaries were considered.

3.2 Projected or potential effects from the management plan and activities within the MSP to adjacent ecosystems and communities were considered.

3.3 Environmental impact assessments (EIAs) were conducted or specified as a requirement of future development.

Principle 4: Recognising potential gains from management, there is usually a need to understand and manage the ecosystem in an economic context. Rationale: Undervalued ecosystems result in less diverse systems being promoted.

4.1 An overview of the social and economic context of management issues was provided.

4.2 Ecosystem goods and services were identified and explicitly integrated to spatial analysis.

4.3 Economic valuation methodologies for ecosystem goods and services were applied.

Principle 5: Conservation of ecosystem structure and functioning, in order to maintain ecosystem services, should be a priority target of the ecosystem approach. Rationale: Ecosystem functioning and resilience depends on maintaining dynamic relationships.

5.1 An overview of ecosystem functioning and dynamic relationships was provided (including physical and chemical interactions).

5.2 Threats to ecosystem structure and function were considered.

5.3 Risks and uncertainties from uses were considered.

5.4 Risks and uncertainties from uses were analysed quantitatively.

5.5 Management strategies and practices were adopted to facilitate recovery or restoration of ecosystem structure and function (including threatened components).

Principle 6: Ecosystems must be managed within the limits of their functioning. Rationale: Ensuring limitations to the level of demand that can be placed on an ecosystem.

6.1 Management goals and practices to avoid or minimise adverse environmental impacts were adopted.

6.2 Unsustainable practices were identified and changes were adopted.

6.3 The precautionary approach/principle was adopted.

6.4 An adaptive management approach was adopted.

6.5 Future/ongoing environmental assessments and monitoring programs were adopted.

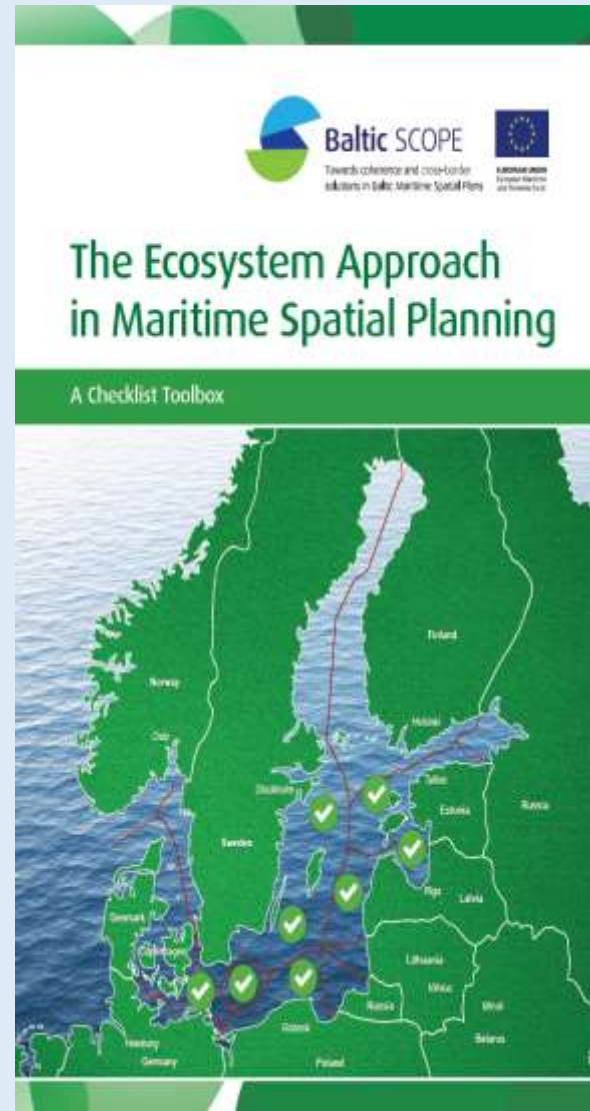
Principle 7: The ecosystem approach should be undertaken at the appropriate spatial and temporal scales. Rationale: Connectivity should be promoted where necessary.

7.1 The scope of the process was defined through operational and administrative criteria yet included ecological boundaries.

7.2 Geographical scope of the process considered territorial and/or catchment scale.

Principle 10: The ecosystem approach should seek the appropriate balance between, and integration of, conservation and use of biological diversity. Rationale: There is a need for promoting a full range of measures from strict protection to multiple-use areas.

10.1 Both strict conservation and multiple-use conservation zones were identified and promoted.



The final agreed PISCES principles are:

- 1 Stakeholder role:** stakeholders should adopt an active and committed role to achieve the common goal of the ecosystem approach; stakeholders should be involved in all aspects of management leading to a shared understanding of objectives.
- 2 Balance:** there should be a suitable balance between conservation and the sustainable use of resources in the interests of the health of the whole ecosystem.
- 3 Evidence:** an evidence-based system should be used to integrate social, environmental and economic interests.
- 4 Adaptive:** management should use an iterative and flexible approach.
- 5 Timescales:** management should be set for the long-term with short- and medium-term objectives and milestones and should enable involvement of future stakeholders.
- 6 Economic sensitivity:** involvement in implementing the ecosystem approach should not create an economic disadvantage but should promote responsible and sustainable behaviour.
- 7 Subsidiarity:** management should be undertaken by the smallest, lowest, or least-centralised competent authority.
- 8 Connecting international through to local:** local and sectoral strategies, plans and policies should be harmonised and priorities established to reflect national and international goals and objectives for conservation and sustainable use.
- 9 Review and monitoring:** an effective and targeted performance monitoring and review regime should be used to inform management.
- 10 Adjacent impacts:** consideration should be given to how events or actions in the Celtic Sea can influence or be influenced by events or actions on the land, in the air or in different parts of the ocean.
- 11 Involve and inform:** management should involve and inform all relevant sectors of society and scientific disciplines.

The PISCES principles reflect many of the same elements as the Malawi principles but with a more explicit emphasis on stakeholder involvement (Principle 1) and the need to connect strategies and management across multiple scales (Principle 8).

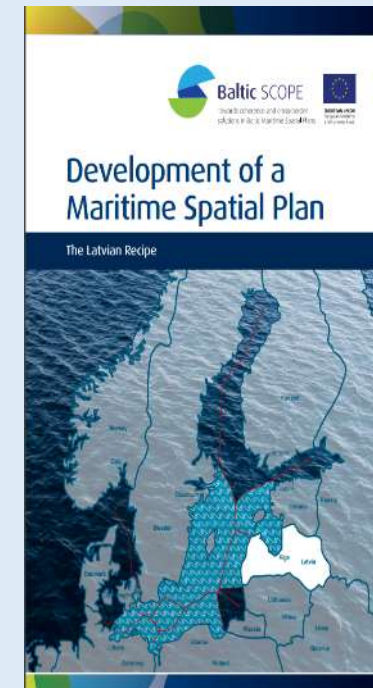
Key Elements

- *Best knowledge and practice*
- *Precaution*
- *Alternative development*
- *Identification of Ecosystem Services*
- *Mitigation*
- *Relational understanding*
- *Participation and communication*
- *Subsidiarity and coherence*
- *Adaptation*



Example- Latvia

- EBA applied in development of Latvian MSP
- EBA applied in all steps
 - Assessing possible negative impacts on natural assets
- Strategic Environmental Assessment
- MPAs



EA- MSP Evaluation

- MSP is cyclical- reviewed and adapted
- Meaningful evaluation needs:
 - Unambiguous objectives of MSP
 - Appropriate indicators
 - Effective monitoring
- Need to develop Evaluation approaches that include EA indicators

Precaution			
No-logged, unquantified and potential planning that promote sustainable use in marine areas and shall include data and forecasts of human activities on the marine ecosystem. These activities that, according to current scientific knowledge, may lead to significant or irreversible impacts on the marine ecosystem and whose impacts may not be in time or in part sufficiently predictable or prevent results in significant safety and weighing of the risks.			
Question: Is the precautionary principle considered during planning?	YES	PARTLY	NO
Describe in words:			
Alternative Development			
Reasonably alternatives shall be developed to find solutions to avoid or reduce negative environmental and other impacts, including impacts on ecosystem goods and services.			
Question: Are alternatives used in planning?	YES	PARTLY	NO
Describe in words:			
Identification of Ecosystem Services			
In order to ensure a balanced and sustainable use of the marine ecosystem, the ecosystem services provided need to be identified.			
Question: Is the assessment of ecosystem services included in planning?	YES	PARTLY	NO
Describe in words:			
Mitigation			
The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects in the environment for which the plan is implemented.			
Question: Is mitigation applied in planning?	YES	PARTLY	NO
Describe in words:			

Examples

- Key Findings of Baltic-Scope Checklist:
 - Checklist is a good indication of country progress towards EA
- Dominguez-Tejo et al. (2016)
 - Design, conceptual and methodological differences
 - Need social objective development
 - Non-market/ Cultural values poorly represented

Evaluation Questions

- How have social, economic and environmental values been integrated into the spatial planning analysis?
- How has cross-boundary/border/realm connectivity been address by the planning teams?
- How will the environmental impacts of the plan be monitored and audited?

Challenges to Implementation

- *MSP still considered new tool- few implemented cases*
- *No single MSP approach*
- *MSP performance hard to judge*
- *Land sea interactions*
- *Requires multidisciplinary approach*
- *Transboundary nature*
- *Climate change*

SIMCelt Evaluation Work

- Marine Authorities:
 - Northern Ireland, Wales
- Tailored framework
- Sectoral evaluation approach



Further Evaluating the Ecosystem Approach

- Questions for the SIMCelt Project:
 - Have/How the project regions implemented the Ecosystem Approach?
 - How can we include Evaluation of EA as part of the Evaluation package?
 - Are the current evaluation approaches sufficiently ecosystem-led?

Evaluation as a Future Orientated Activity

- Evaluation looks back at what has been achieved:
 - Progress made
 - Objectives achieved
 - Lessons learned
- Evaluation inform future progress:
 - Taking the lessons learned and applying for future iterations
 - Adaptive and ongoing process
- Forward looking:
 - How can we improve?
 - Link with future scenarios?

Summary

- EBA-MSP framework can facilitate identifying & overcoming knowledge gaps
 - Management of multiple human uses
 - Transboundary elements
 - Impacts on natural and socio-economic systems
- Most MSP cases have EBA as their guiding framework
- Should be a key part of evaluation



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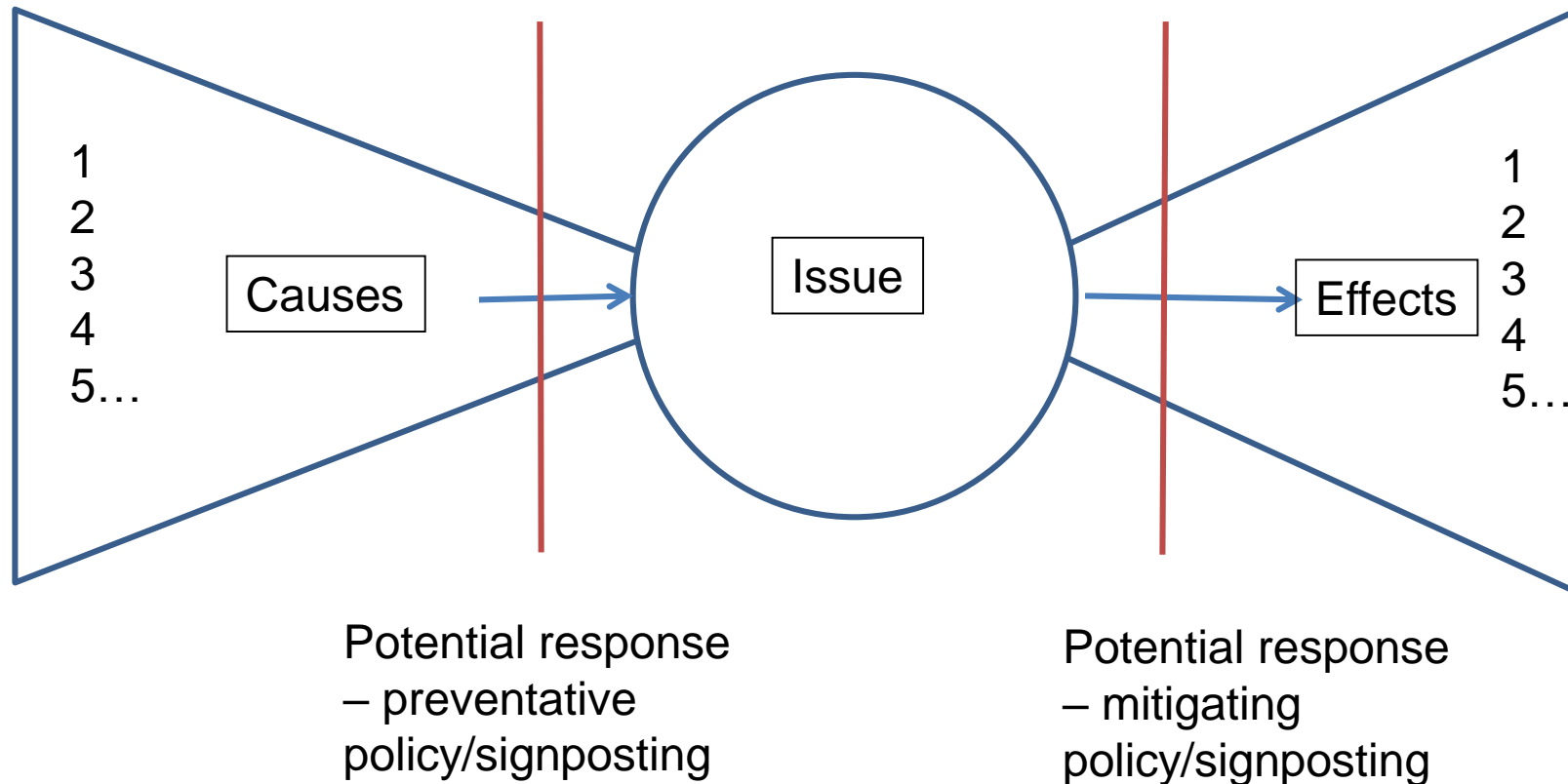


Outline

- Marine planning options process for IT2
- Developing reasonable alternatives
- Examples of potential responses
 - Marine litter
 - Tidal lagoons
- Current issues and potential response in NW and SW
- Next steps

Marine planning options process for IT2

- Previous work looked at cause and effect of issues
- Used the 'bow-tie' method



Developing reasonable alternatives

- Questions to consider
 - Is it necessary?
 - Mode or process – how should it be done?
 - Timing and detailed implementation
 - Details
 - Compatibility

Potential responses – Marine Litter



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Shellfish hoovers – evidence suggests that some types of shellfish will consume plastics in high concentration – could establish shellfish beds to consume these plastics near outfalls and act as a natural Hoover. **Directly** reducing a cause of litter

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Existing S-ML-1 policy – public authorities should ensure adequate provision for and removal of beach and marine litter on amenity beaches - policy that deals with **direct effects** of litter

Marine litter

For terrestrial housing development any sewage/drainage systems must have filters for micro plastics. **Directly** reducing a cause from land

Tyre Crumb – a potential response could be a policy that promotes marine transport the effect of the policy the number of vehicles (and tyres) on the road. **Indirectly** reducing a cause of litter

Potential responses – Tidal Lagoons

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Tidal Lagoons

Potential policy around construction consideration for other activities. *Proposals that are extracting material or under construction in the SW plan area must consider existing activities and avoid negative impacts upon them.* **direct effects**

Existing Aggregates, Colocation, Biodiversity and Disturbance policies **indirect effects**

Potential policy looking at local sourcing of aggregates (S-AGG-4) - *Where proposals require marine aggregates as part of their construction, preference should be given to using marine aggregates sourced from the south marine plan areas.* Need compatibility with welsh plan

Existing Marine Protected Areas policies could be applied here. **direct effects**

Potential responses – Issues in NW

The environment protected within marine biodiversity and species and/or environment	Addressed to support from	Proposals that may have significant adverse impacts on natural habitat and species adaptation, migration and connectivity must demonstrate that they will, in order of preference: a) avoid, b) minimise c) mitigate significant adverse impacts
Support high outside of population unsatisfactory	S-MPA-2 is need to integrate to highly marine Scottish, Northern Welsh marine guided by S species and	Proposals that may have adverse impacts on an individual marine protected area's ability to adapt to climate change and so reducing the resilience of the marine protected area network must demonstrate that they will, in order of preference: a) avoid, b) minimise c) mitigate significant adverse impacts
Over 80% Natura 2000 the importance of Natura 2000 this into account	S-MPA-1 is appropriate	Proposals must take account of any adverse impacts on the objectives of marine protected areas and the coherence of the overall marine protected area network, with due regard given to any current agreed advice on an ecologically coherent network.

Potential responses – Issues in SW

There is a challenge to the development of biodiversity following the implementation of the rate of development challenge. Amended B SW-BIO-5: Proposals for development that enhance net biodiversity and geo-diversity will be supported

Recreation Amend CO. Proposals will optimise their use of space and consider opportunities for co-existence and co-same spatial area. Rec location with other activities also at risk from the development of protected areas, dependent on the chosen management measure.

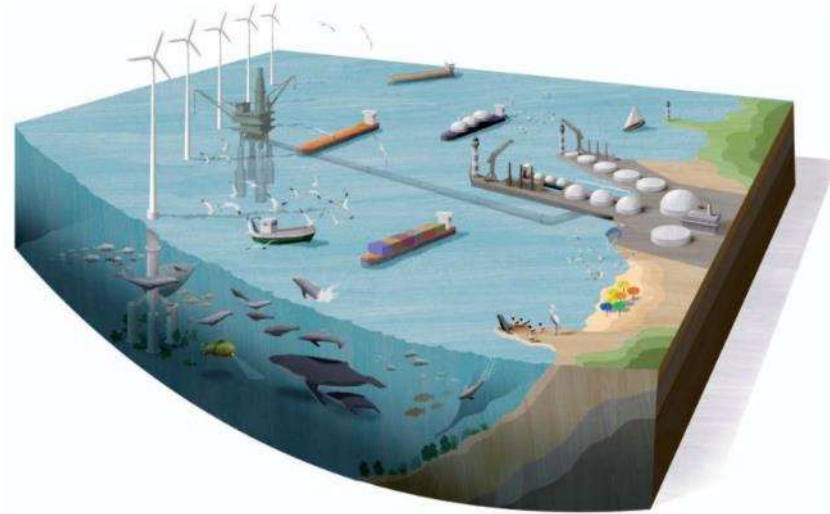
Marine protected areas An amended MPAs Proposals must avoid any adverse impacts on the objectives of marine protected areas and the coherence of the overall marine protected area network. Due regard must be given to any current agreed advice on an ecologically coherent network.

Next steps

- Development of IT2 package
- Covering
 - Vision
 - Reasonable alternatives
- Engagement on reasonable alternatives
- Asking stakeholders for their preferred option for addressing the issues raised in the plan area

Questions?

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