Overview of MSP in Ireland

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Ireland’s maritime area

- Area ≈490,000 km²
- Extends from the mean high water mark at the coast seaward to in excess of 200 nautical miles in parts
- Ireland case study area for project: Mayo
- Longest county coastline: 1,168km
Ireland’s marine plan – the National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF)

Roadmap
December 2017

Evidence base
September 2018

Draft NMPF
November 2019

Final NMPF and launch
2021
NMPF Structure

• Two categories:
  • Overarching: Set out under three Sustainable Development Pillars i.e. social, environmental and economic,
  • Sectoral (16 Chapters: Aquaculture – Wastewater)

• Chapter structure:
  • Vision/Objectives
  • Planning Policies
  • Key References
  • Background Text
  • Stakeholder Stories
  • Photos
  • Maps
Activities Map (BETA)

The map here will display marine activities. All activities are off by default and you can turn on each activity layer by clicking the eye icon. The legend for each layer is available once the layer is turned on. You can choose to turn on and off as many layers as you need but there will be slower response times when everything is turned on or very busy layers are resolving.

Please Note: The Layers and Legend lists may take a few moments to load. Some layers will not display until zoomed in (these layers appear listed in grey text until available).
Maritime Area Planning Act 2021: Creating a Coherent Marine Planning System

• Underpins statutory marine planning including the National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF)
• Creates opportunity for **Designated Maritime Area Plans (DMAPs)**
• Creates Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA)
• Changes consenting processes – new roles for MARA, **Coastal Planning Authorities** and An Bord Pleanála
• State Consent – Maritime Area Consent (MAC) – MARA
• Development Management – CPAs and ABP
• Licensing of activities – MARA and CPAs
• Enforcement – CPAs and MARA
• Enables creation of statutory guidance
• Creates a maritime authorisation database
Coastal Planning Authorities (CPAs) have licensing powers and may seek to plan to 3nm.

National marine planning remains with national government.
Supporting Reform of Marine Management in Ireland (SRMMI)

- Project under the DG REFORM Technical Support Instrument (TSI)

  - Objective: Support the establishment of a single-point entry marine management system informed by best practice

  - Outputs: Technical specifications for single-point digital marine management system; change action plans for decision-makers; capacity-building amongst all bodies involved

Designated Maritime Area Plans

- Sections 20 to 29 of the MAP Act 2021
- S.20 – Designation of Public Bodies as Competent Authorities
- S.21 – DMAP Proposals
- S.23 – Public Participation Statement
- Land plans cannot be used to identify policy in the maritime area
- Currently: Developing DMAP applicant & proposal assessment criteria
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Thank you!