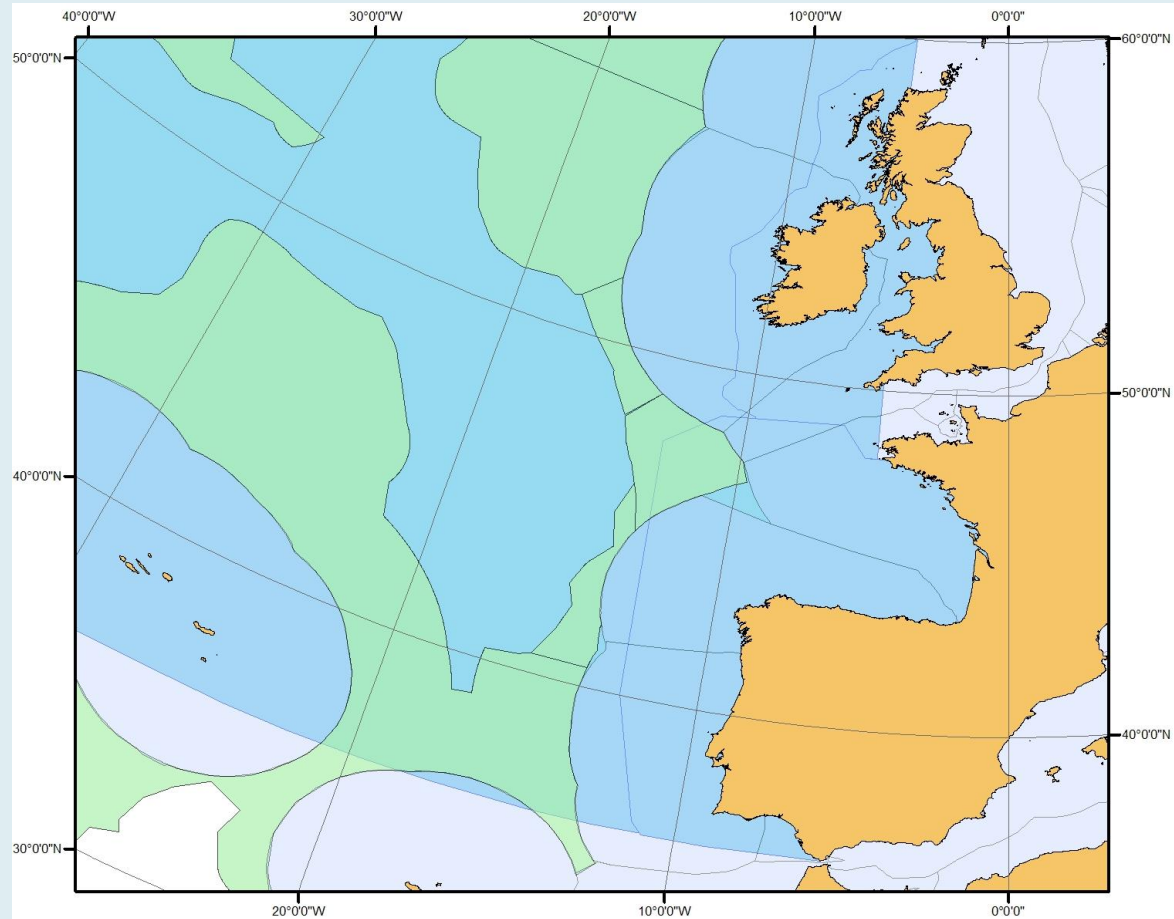




MSP in Atlantic Ocean and North Sea

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ATLANTIC



- <http://www.msp-platform.eu/sea-basins/atlantic-ocean>
- France, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom
- Celtic Seas, Bay of Biscay, Iberian Coast
- Fishing, coastal tourism, shipping, offshore renewables potential

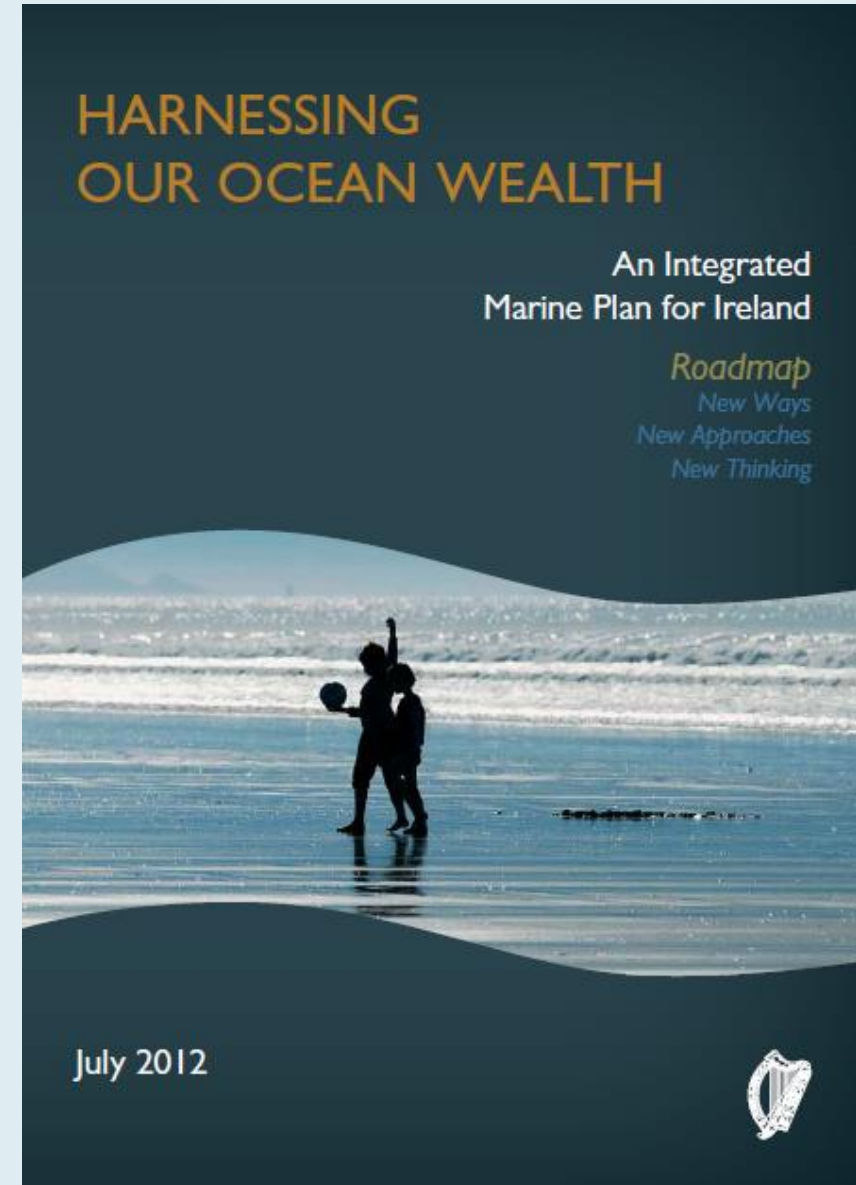
NORTH SEA



- <http://www.msp-platform.eu/sea-basins/north-sea-0>
- Belgium, Netherlands, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Denmark, Norway
- Densely used sea basin
- Fishing, oil and gas, offshore wind, shipping, aggregate extraction, conservation
- Drivers for transboundary co-operation – plans for interconnectors / energy grid, cumulative effects on Natura 2000 sites and species

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

- <http://www.msp-platform.eu/countries/ireland>
- Vision, high-level goals, and key 'enabling' actions
- Establishes policy, governance and business climate to enable Ireland's marine potential to be realised
- MSP authority: Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government

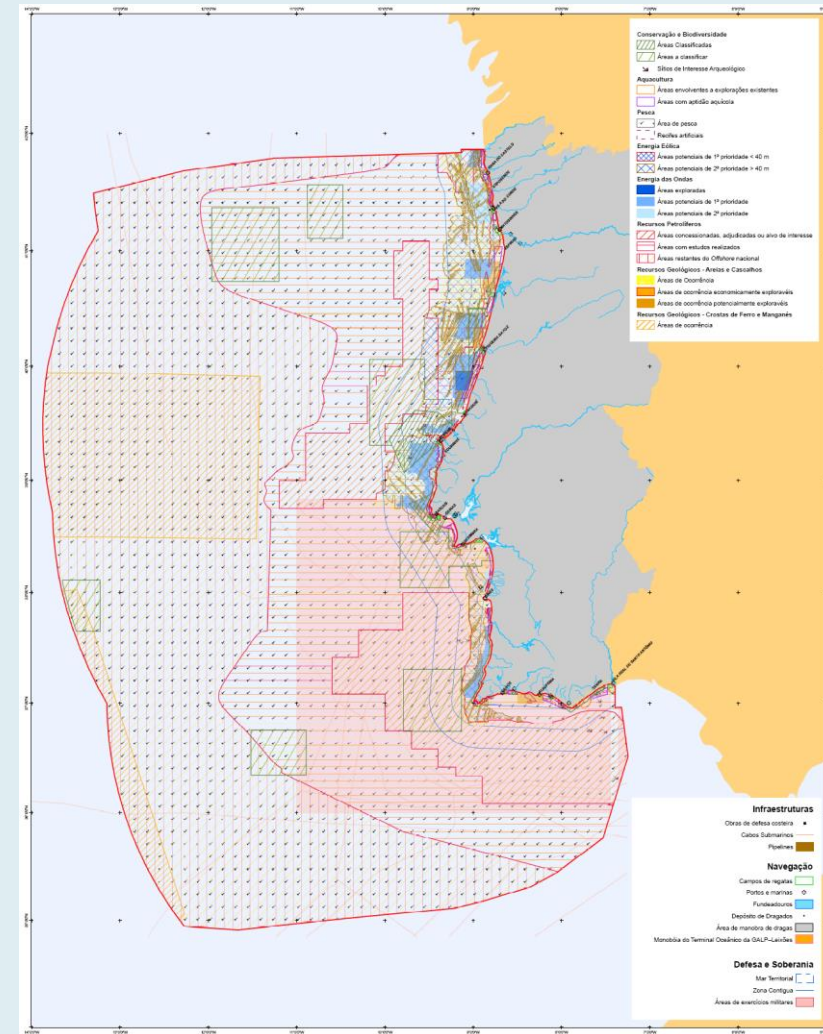


PORTUGAL

- <http://www.msp-platform.eu/countries/portugal>
- New Ministry of the Sea 2015
- Situation Plans and Allocation Plans to be developed by Directorate General for Natural Resources, Safety and Maritime Services (DGRM) assisted by Directorate General for Marine Policy (DGPM) (continental waters) and Regional Directorates for Madeira and Azores archipelagos
- National MSP study 2011 (POEM)

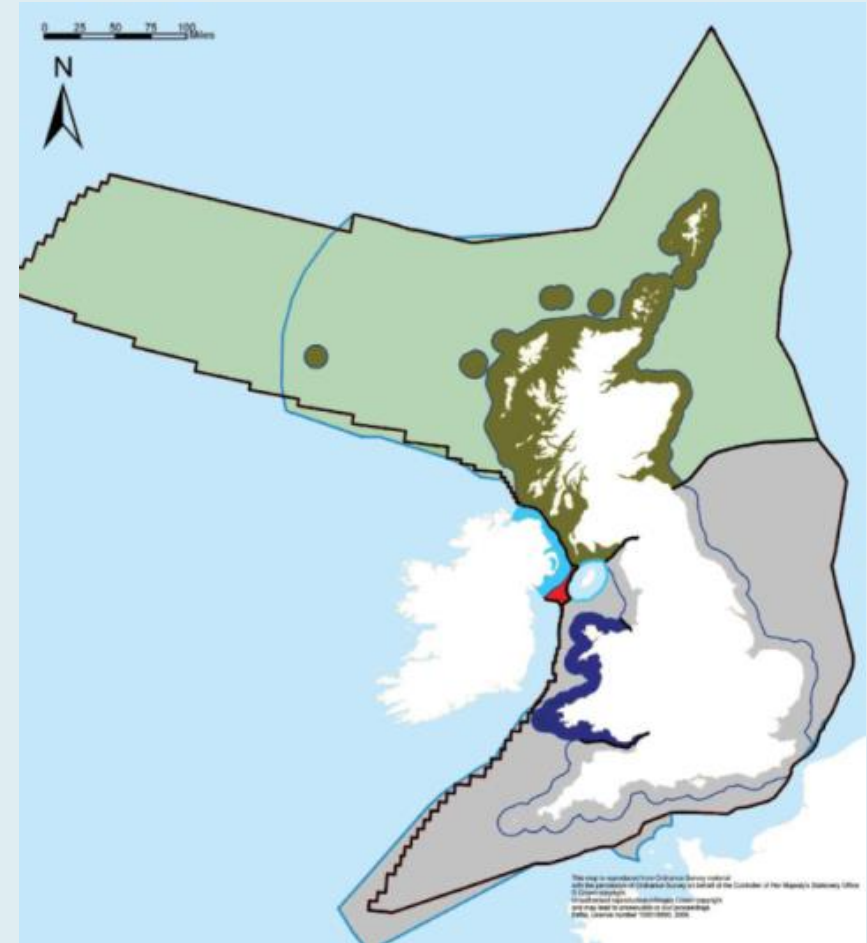
PORTUGAL: Plano de Ordenamento do Espaço Marítimo

- Mapping maritime activities (existing and potential)
- Planning maritime activities and promoting land-sea integration
- Ensuring the sustainable use of resources and the efficient use of maritime space
- Promoting the economic, environmental and social role of the sea
- Produced maps including zoning uses and activities, management guidelines and a monitoring programme
- <http://www.msp-platform.eu/practices/plano-de-ordenamento-do-espaco-maritimo-poem>



UNITED KINGDOM

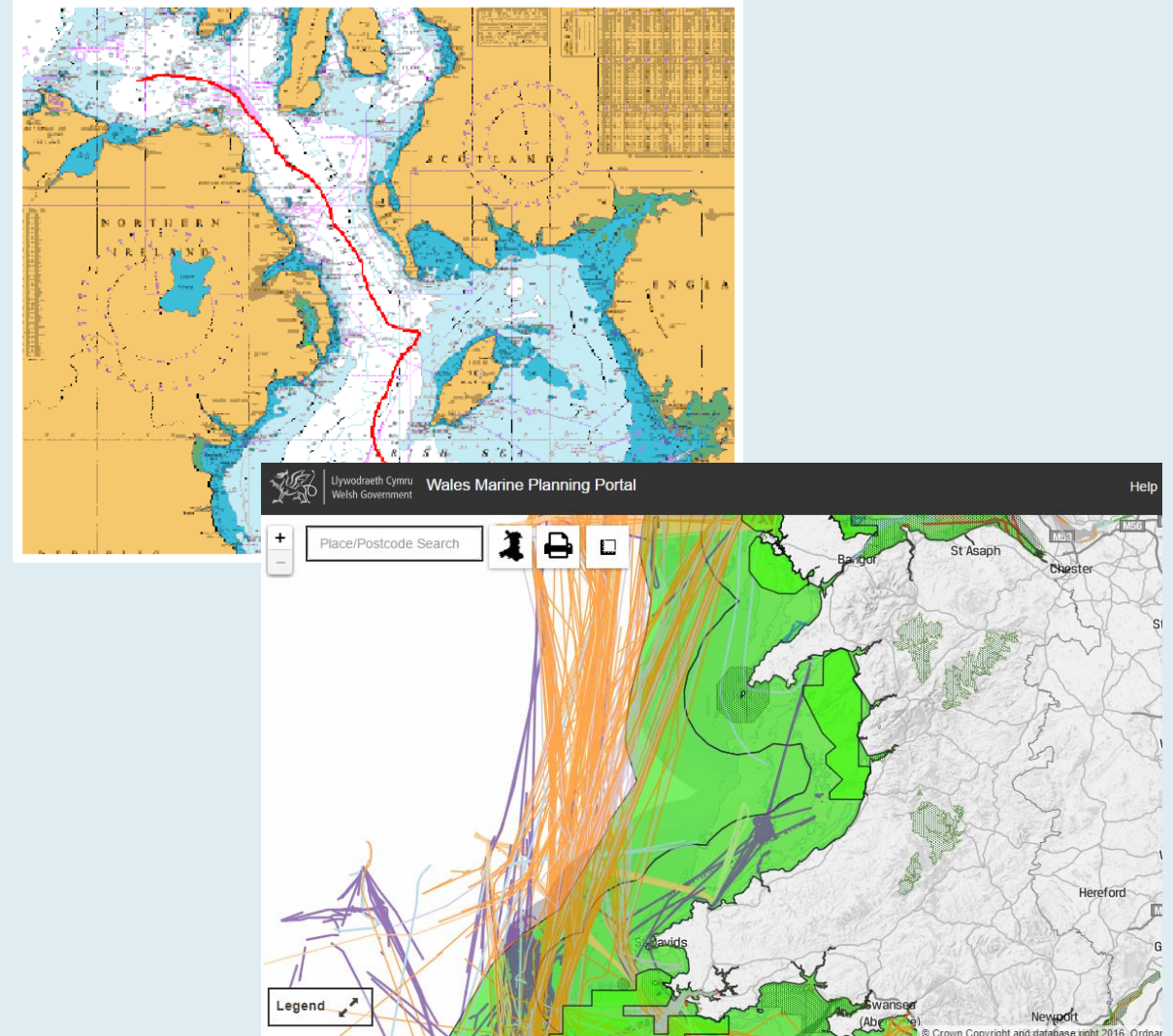
- 'Marine planning' covering the UK Marine Area
 - inshore (internal and territorial waters)
 - offshore (EEZ and continental shelf)
- UK Government (Defra) leads on strategic policy and international cooperation
- Separate marine planning authorities for England, Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland
- Marine competencies vary according to devolution settlements
- Marine Policy Statement 2011: high-level UK-wide policy

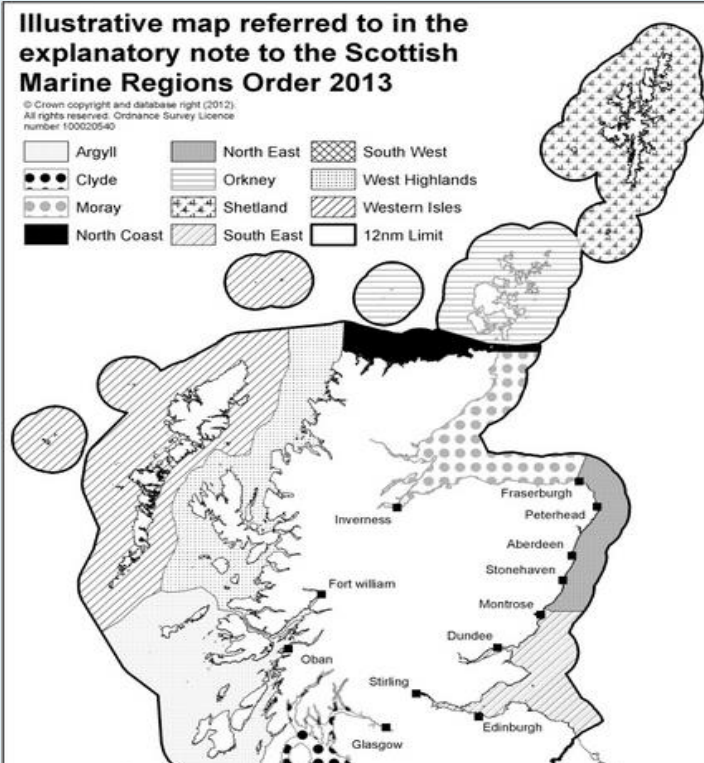


Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) (2007)
A Sea Change: A Marine Bill White Paper, Cm 7047, Defra, London, p26

UK: Northern Ireland & Wales

- Northern Ireland: Statement of Public Participation
- <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/document/marine-statement-public-participation.pdf>
- Wales: Marine Planning Evidence Portal
- Interactive planning tool
- Shows the distribution of human activities and natural resources in Welsh seas
- <http://www.msp-platform.eu/practices/marine-planning-evidence-portal>





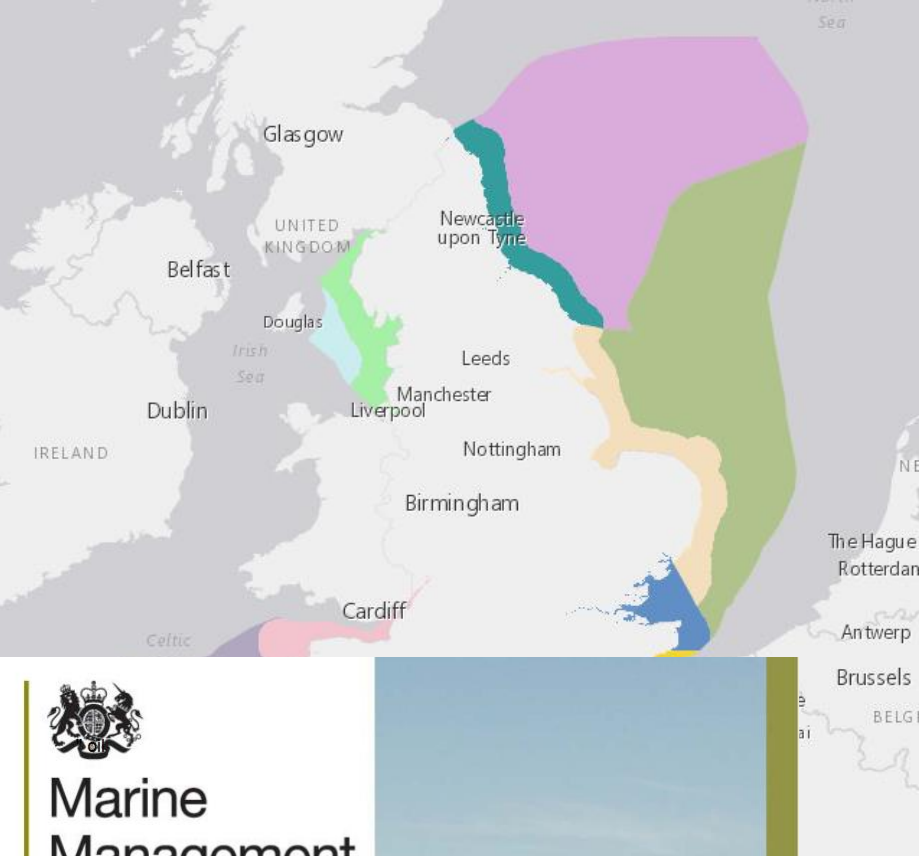
National Marine Plan Interactive



UK: Scotland

- Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 included provisions for MSP
- National Marine Plan published March 2015 (policy document)
- Regional Marine Planning for territorial waters to be delivered by 11 Marine Planning Partnerships by 2021
- Shetland most advanced due to pilot MSP process
- Scottish Government now focusing on Review of National Marine Plan (due early 2018)
- Key practices: Scotland's Marine Atlas, renewable energy activities, National Marine Plan Interactive Online Tool





UK: England

- Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)
- Regional approach to planning, all led by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
- Numerous strategic practices to support planning in England:
 - Strategic Scoping Report
 - Socioeconomic study
 - Guidance for stakeholders and local authorities
 - Online Portal: Marine Information System



Marine
Management
Organisation

Strategic Scoping
Report for marine
planning in England



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BELGIUM

- First national MSP for Belgian North Sea in 2014, now implementing the plan
- Early MSP was non-statutory with MSP law set out in 2012
- Currently reviewing fisheries regulations (by March 2017)
- Co-location of wind / aquaculture being explored by Ghent University
- Key project in informing MSP: GAUFRE and C-Scope



NETHERLANDS

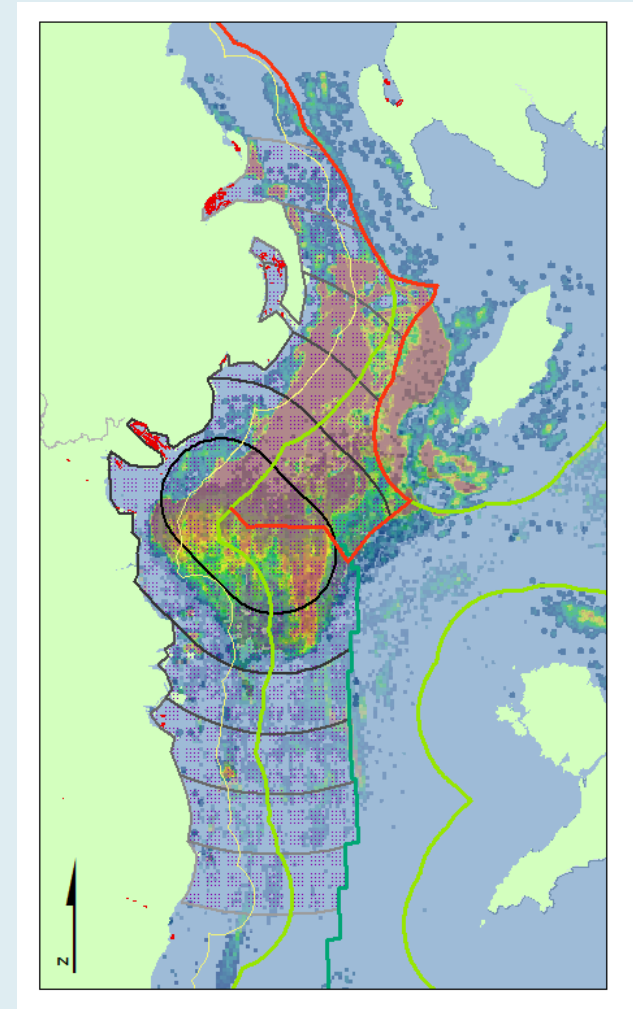
- MSP coordinated by the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, but is inter-agency in approach
- National Water Plan policy framework guides MSP for the North Sea (2016 – 2021)
- Staged review, planned in 2018 and 2020
- Key project: MASPNOSE, MSP Challenge 2050 game, NorthSEE (current)



MSP challenge
2050

ATLANTIC PROJECTS

- Transboundary Planning in the European Atlantic (TPEA)
- Explored an approach to cross-border MSP
- Government bodies, research centres and data agencies (Ireland, Portugal, Spain, UK)
- Focused on stakeholder engagement, governance and legal frameworks, data management
- Good Practice Guide
- <http://www.msp-platform.eu/projects/transboundary-planning-european-atlantic>
- Follow-on project: Supporting Implementation of the MSP Directive in the Celtic Seas (SIMCelt)



NORTH SEA Regional Activities

- Emerging partnerships and cross-border working e.g. North Sea Declaration on energy co-operation (including Working Group on MSP)
- North Sea Grid Initiative to develop interconnectors between bordering Member States
- Role of the North Sea Commission in promoting common interests at a political level, including developing the North Sea Strategy 2020

