

MSFD & the CFP - Balance

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MPA management measures – evidence at the
correct resolution

A Cautionary Tale

We always do this:

- *Note:* parallel requirements of *healthy* and *productive* seas
- *Proceed to:* subjective advocacy
- *We can agree:* both required

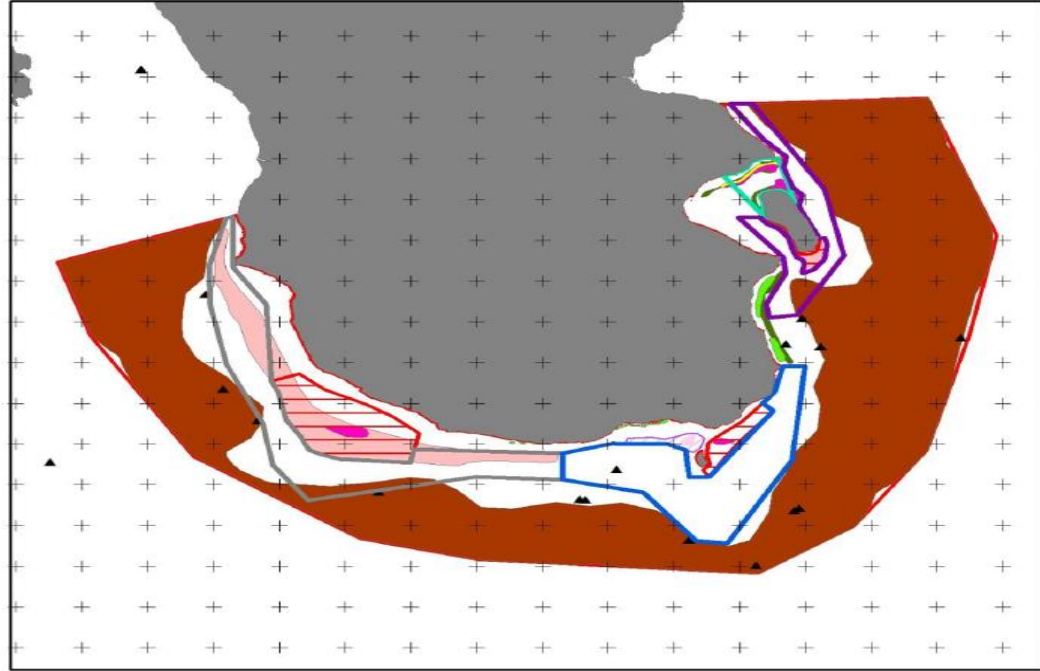
Story & Conclusion:

- In Scotland – a sound process that went wrong
- Lesson to be learned? Avoidable mistakes? – Yes!

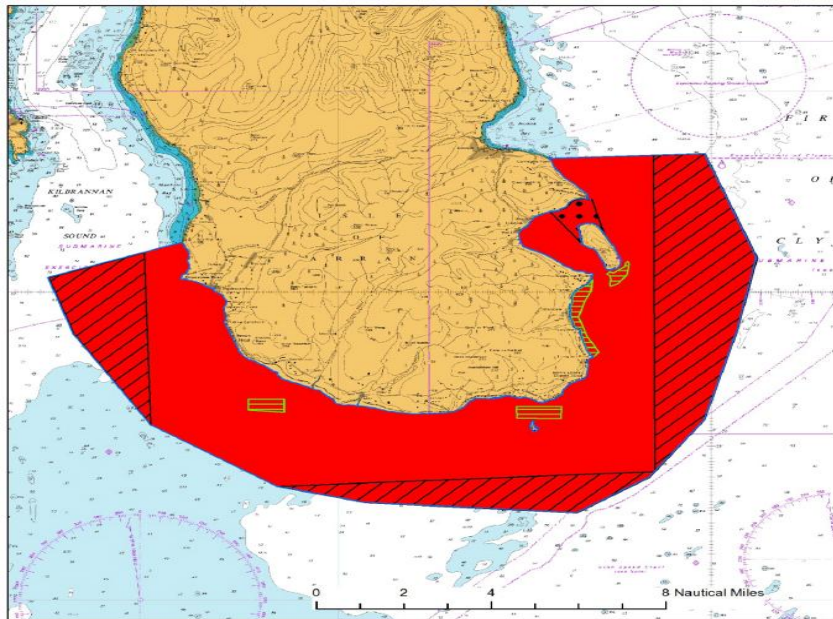
Practical Experience

- Sound process for search, selection and designation: *Why, what, where, how much?*
- Evidence competently presented, *but ignored because it “didn’t make much difference”*

Preferred Option of Marine Scotland and Statutory Advisors



South Arran MPA



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Outcome

- Ban Scallop Dredge across area
- Reduce restrictions on static gear
- Restrict trawling for Nephrops

What went wrong?

- “Representative Democracy” versus “Participative Democracy”

The Flaw

- No Socio-Economic analysis at the relevant level
- *Let me explain....*

Conclusion

- Build in socio economic analysis, *at a suitable resolution* into the evidence gathering