

Research and analysis: Seasonal bird density and key foraging areas

Requirement R007

Requirement detail

Evidence on how birds use the marine and coastal environment is important to understand the potential for impacts from marine activity at different times of year and in different places. Less evidence is available on the seasonal useage by birds outside of protected areas relative to those inside, and for species of lower conservation priority listed e.g. those only listed as UK BAP priority bird species.

To support decision making the MMO seeks information on bird distribution in space and time (at least seasonality, and ideally monthly) and the associated habitat usage including migration through, resting, feeding, rafting, moulting or nesting areas as appropriate to the species. This should include both designated and UK BAP priority bird species.

Research and analysis: Predicting the future location and potential value of sites of aquaculture development

Requirement R100

Requirement detail

Aquaculture has the potential to be one of the fastest growing English maritime sectors. Marine Management Organisation has developed initial approaches to predicting where aquaculture may occur and applied these within East and South marine plan areas. There is the potential to enhance approaches to improve predictions for the potential for aquaculture development nationally.

The consideration should include an estimate of the economic values of aqualculture at each site. Valuation techniques should incorporate emerging aquaculture products eg seaweed, pharmaceuticals and techniques like multi-trophic aquaculture or offshore cages.

Corporate report: European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) implementation reports

Details on the activities supported by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) programme. This includes a information on:

- development and delivery of the operational programme
- applicant facing tools including e-systems guidance
- scheme governance and management control systems
- programme monitoring committee
- selection criteria draft and adoption

Elmwood student takes to the stage at prestigious flower and food festival

Craig Trewern a former hospitality student from the Elmwood Campus of SRUC recently took part in one of the areas' largest and most well attended flower, food and drink festivals in Dundee.

SRUC students enjoy summer placement with SAC Consulting

Three SRUC students have enjoyed 10 week placements in offices around the country with SAC Consulting, part of Scotland's Rural College.