

Policy and Legislation - Report Card

I. Title: Impacts for the Implementation of Marine Biodiversity Legislation. Marine Climate Change Impacts. (2015).

Description: The implementation of marine protected area legislation was chosen as the specific focus for this Report Card, along with the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), as:

- They are key priorities both for the UK and internationally
- The purpose of such legislation is the protection of marine biodiversity
- Stakeholders, including government, identified these issues as areas where climate change implications need to be considered

This Report Card starts by showing the degree to which climate change is accounted for in marine biodiversity related legislation. An up-to-date analysis of the UK marine protected area network is then provided. This analysis sets the scene for a fuller discussion on how features in the network could be affected by climate change and the management implications. The MSFD is briefly discussed, and finally the key issues for decision makers to consider in implementing marine biodiversity legislation are presented.

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