

Exploring Our Marine

Marine Spatial Planning

- Many activities take place in our seas and oceans. At any given time, fishing, aquaculture, shipping, renewable energy, recreation and other users are competing for maritime space.
- To meet the current and future demands on our marine resource, it is essential to look comprehensively at a marine area, consider the many different stakeholders who use it and make informed decisions about how to use marine resources sustainably.
- The National Marine Planning Framework, Ireland's marine spatial plan, supports the management of human activities in the ocean. It aims to minimise conflicts among users, maximise the benefits that people receive from the ocean, and will help protect our marine environment.
- The Marine Institute provides scientific advice and services to help government make informed marine spatial planning decisions. This includes collating marine data and carrying out spatial analysis about our marine environment and activities in Irish waters.
- The Marine Institute hosts Ireland's Marine Atlas, which includes marine-related data on the marine environment and its ecosystems, the location of human activities and installed infrastructure. Visit atlas.marine.ie



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