

Dear Stakeholder

This week we have published new summary draft site assessments for nine Marine Protected Areas, and would like [your views and feedback](#) on their findings.

The assessments look at fishing activity at the sites, in order to understand the risk to MPA features and determine whether management measures are required.

The nine sites that have been assessed include European marine sites (EMS) and marine conservation zones (MCZ). They are:

- Fylde MCZ
- Inner Dowsing, Race Bank and North Ridge EMS
- Land's End and Cape Bank EMS
- Liverpool Bay EMS
- Margate and Long Sands EMS
- Outer Thames Estuary EMS
- Shell Flat and Lune Deep EMS
- Skerries Bank and Surrounds MCZ
- Start Point to Plymouth Sound and Eddystone EMS

We would like feedback on the draft assessments and conclusions as well as any further evidence to support these.

The site assessments are part of a large programme of work to deliver appropriate management of commercial fishing activity in English MPAs. By prioritising activity, the MMO with the inshore fisheries and conservation authorities (IFCAs) have already assessed high risk activities and introduced new management measures, including 23 byelaws. This second phase of assessments looks at the remaining activities.

Feedback on the [site summary assessments](#) can be provided through the [online questionnaire](#).