

Marine Planning for Nature

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HMC worked with the Marine Conservation Society (MCS) to explore how **marine planning in Wales** can better protect and enhance the marine environment. Our review of global, UK, and Welsh policies and stakeholder interviews identified key gaps and opportunities for stronger marine planning. We recommended empowering marine planning processes for better decision-making, improving coordination across policy teams, and strengthening the Welsh National Marine Plan, including a focus on nature-based solutions and community-led restoration.

We also **proposed a strategic approach to marine restoration**, delivered through the new MARINE Fund Cymru alongside other approaches in an integrated way, supported by adaptive management and monitoring. This requires a guiding vision which integrates climate adaptation, wellbeing, and ecosystem resilience, helping Wales achieve its environmental commitments and targets while fostering collaboration across sectors.

International Marine Planning:

In collaboration with UNEP and UN-Habitat, HMC **coordinated the development of the Land-Sea Planning (LSP) Guidelines for Kenya** through the Go Blue Project. These Guidelines align coastal land-use planning and marine spatial planning (MSP) approaches at a national and county-level for sustainable development of Kenya's coastal region.

HMC also recently provided support to the delivery of MSP training as part of an ongoing UNESCO initiative - empowering government officials and communities to understand and manage marine resources.

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