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With our practical experience of the regulatory system of consents, licences, and permissions, HMC deliver cuttingedge research on offshore energy policy and strategy. HMC provide expertise in:

- Offshore energy policy and strategy
- Net Zero transition planning
- Strategic consenting advice
- Delivering impactful research

#### Research Programmes

Our work with impactful research programmes like INSITE, ECOWind and the recently commissioned ECOFlow (Ecological Consequences of Floating Offshore Wind), address complementary knowledge gaps and support the delivery of impact into marine policy, which is crucial in ensuring that the most current research is being used to solve the pressing problems for marine management.

## **Strategic Advice**

HMC have provided advice on delivering Net Zero and Nature Recovery offshore in the UK, including:

- Supporting the establishment of the Offshore Wind Evidence and Change Programme.
- Chairing the Round 4 Habitats Regulations Assessment Expert Working Group.

## **Marine Net Gain**

Building the evidence base behind the UK government's development of Marine Net Gain (MNG) policy. HMC's recent projects include:

- Understanding how a MNG Assessment Framework that measures ecological loss and gain from marine projects could be developed.
- Developing pilot projects to understand the relevant delivery pathways for the implementation of MNG
- Assessing the potential MNG interventions for mobile species; what can practically be delivered and what could deliver the best ecological outcomes.





