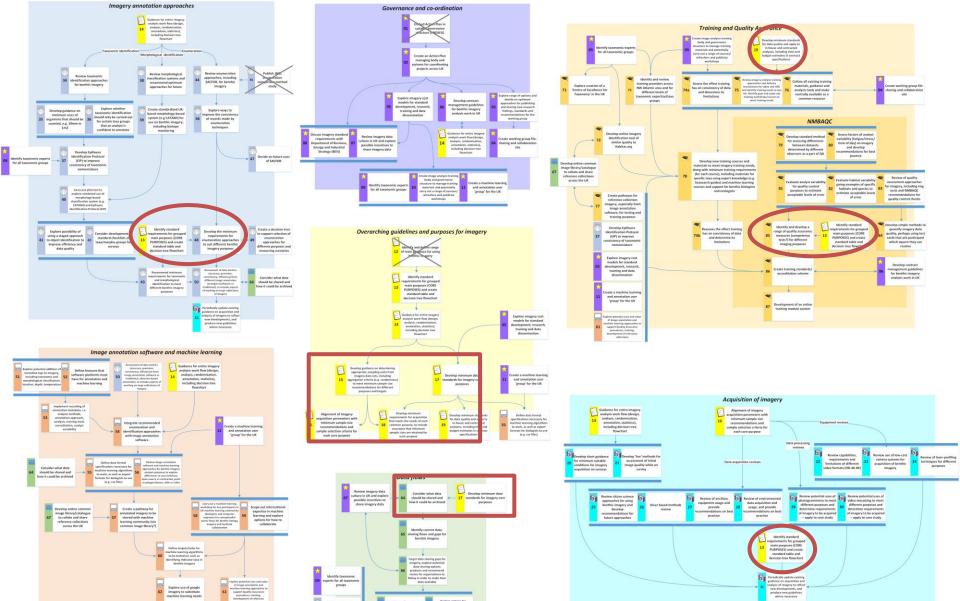


Development of Quality Assurance Framework

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Benthic Imagery Action Plan



Building on the imagery purposes work in the BIAP

- Develop standards for imagery purposes where appropriate.
 - Targeted 3 standards
- Develop a Quality Assurance Scheme for benthic imagery
- Develop Tools to help standardise imagery data

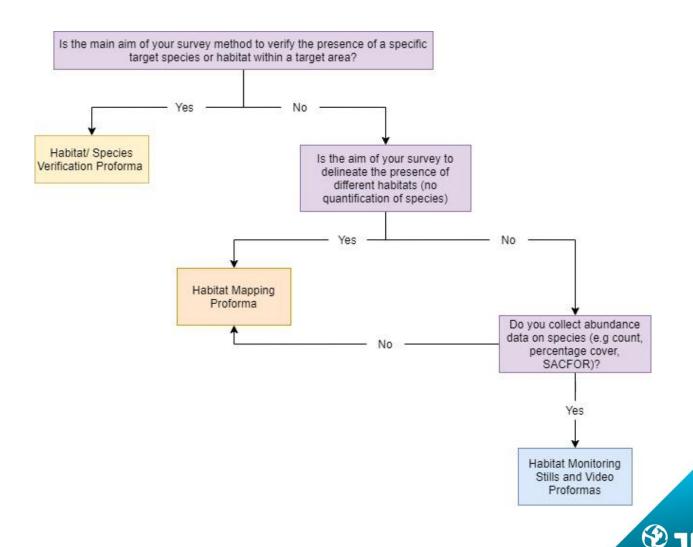


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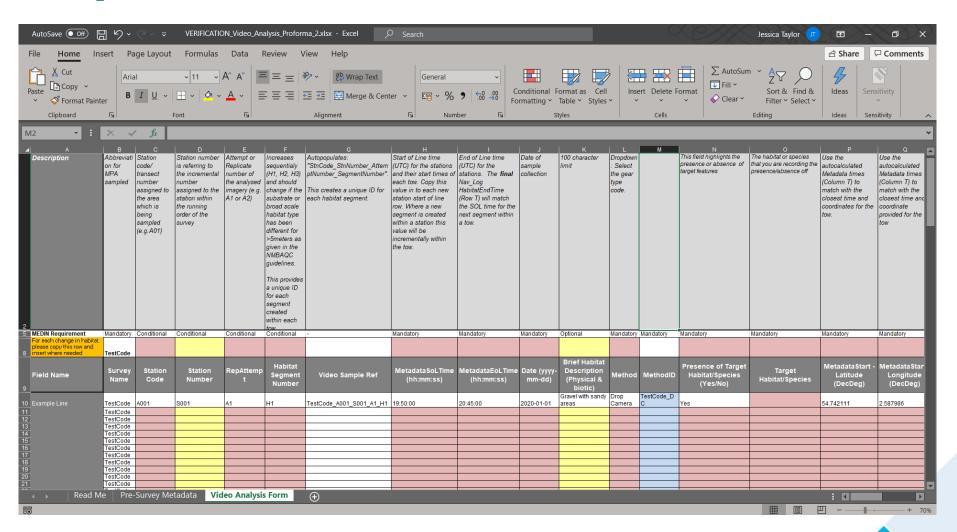
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Decision tree for standards



Species/Habitat Verification



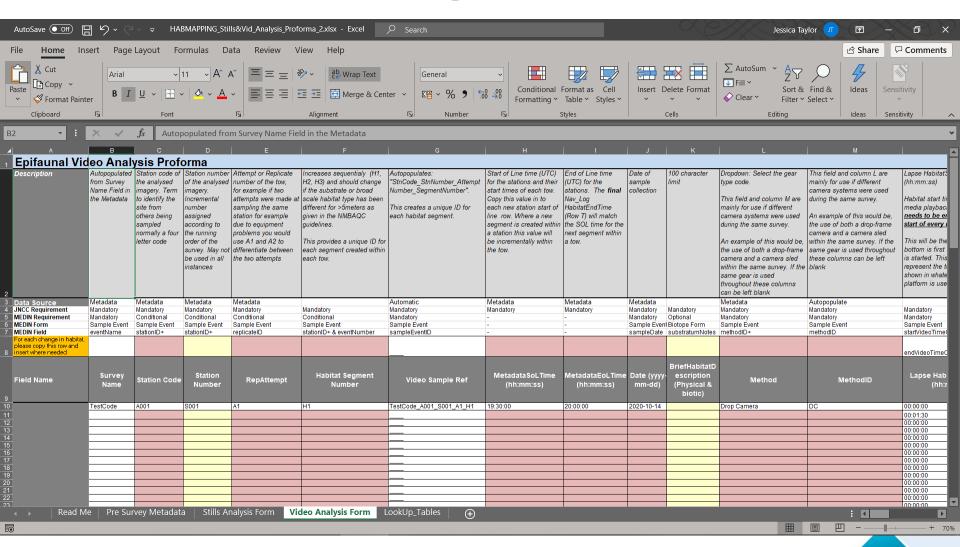


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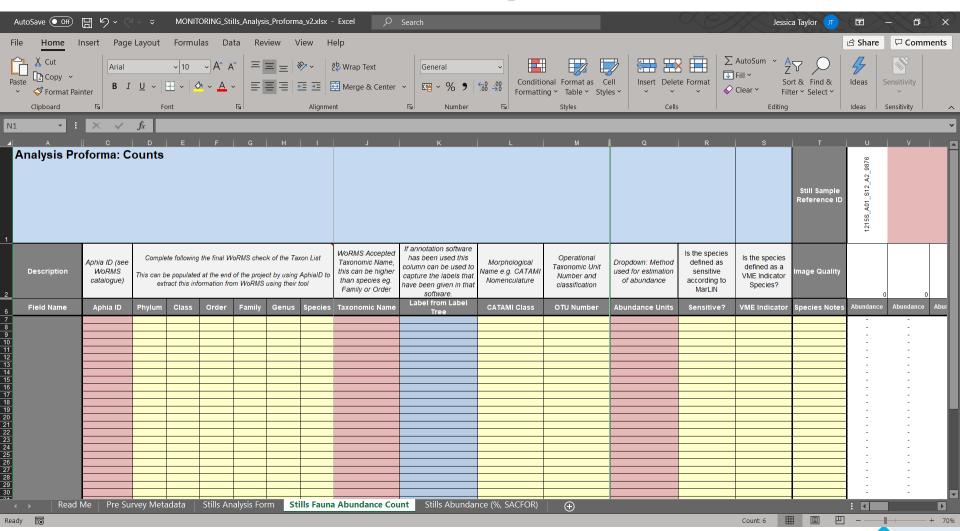


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Habitat Monitoring





Quality Assurance Framework





Proforma Data Checks

- Checks presence and completeness of all Mandatory Fields
- Checks whether the field is completed within expected constraints
- Checks for any missing values
- Runs EIP in taxa species matrix for image quality



Quality Assurance Online Tool

- Completes data completeness checks on one analysis spreadsheet through online tool
- Completes Species ID comparison with image quality recorded in the spreadsheet using the EIP

 Comparison Tool between two spreadsheets of abundance values



QAF Online tool Demo



Guidance Documents

QAF Guidance document in draft

EIP Guidance document in draft





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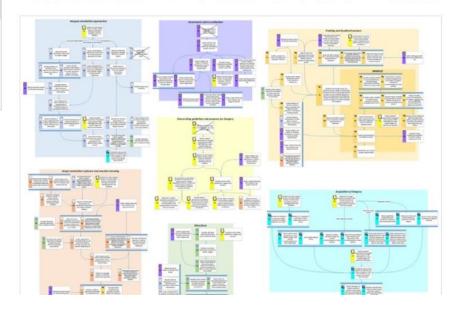
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Benthic Imagery Action Plan

The Benthic Imagery Action Plan provides a strategic framework to carry out necessary improvements to a wide range of imagery analysis standards in the UK. The Action Plan collates and streamlines the recommendations from The Big Picture Workshop into 87 tasks and organises them into seven coherent workflows. This framework is focused on maximising the potential of benthic imagery within the marine biodiversity conservation community of the UK, although improvements may be equally applicable to other users of benthic imagery. A collaborative working approach is proposed in this Action Plan, to maximise the use of available knowledge, resources and technology across organisations.





Next Steps

Finalise the Online Tools

Finalise the Guidance Document

Finalise proposed costings

All products will be live at the END OF MARCH





Any Questions?

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