

JNCC is a scientific authority on UK and international nature conservation. For over 10 years we have led on evidence gathering and site selection to support the management and monitoring of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in offshore waters around the UK.

Experience

- Developing and applying guidance for evidence-based identification of Marine Protected Areas under International, European and domestic legislation for offshore waters around the UK.
- UK authority on implementing the provisions of the European Habitats and Species Directive and the Marine & Coastal Access Act 2009 for offshore MPAs.
- Working on behalf of Governments to coordinate the participation of sea users in MPA selection and management processes, including the successful delivery of multiple large-scale workshops with national and international stakeholders.
- Leading the collation and management of data to support MPA designation and management. We use such information to advise governments, regulators and sea-users on appropriate management of MPAs, including fisheries and licensed activities.
- Delivering ‘SMART’ conservation advice to public authorities and sea users, serving to improve broader understanding of the impacts of activities on the protected features of offshore MPAs.
- Leading international task groups to develop best practice methodologies to assess the ecological coherence and effectiveness of MPA networks.

Core Competencies

JNCC devised and led evidence-based processes to identify MPAs, gaining extensive experience in the collection and management of data to support MPA designation and management decisions. We have specialist technical knowledge of marine habitats and species, particularly those features present in MPAs in offshore waters. We have a detailed understanding of the interactions between human activities and marine biodiversity.

Our work has provided extensive practical experience of engaging with stakeholders and decision makers developing our ability to effectively communicate information about the offshore marine environment – for example, see JNCC’s MPA Site Information Centres (<http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/offshoreMPAs>).

We have a successful track record in developing trusted relationships with marine industries, regulators and decision-makers both within the UK and internationally.

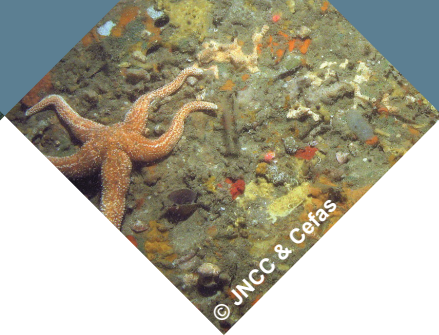
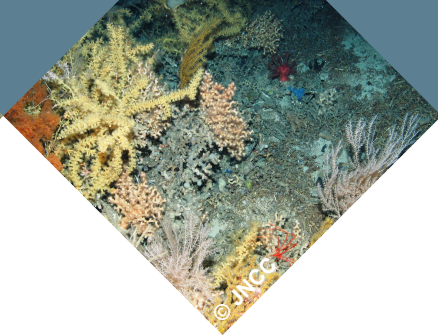
As the UK’s scientific authority on international nature conservation, we are experienced advisors on the international stage. We have an extensive network of international contacts and actively participate in UK delegations in their contributions to international conventions and agreements.

Our Services

We offer specialist and technical advice in line with our core competencies, particularly focussed on MPAs, MPA networks and working with stakeholders to gain well-supported and well-managed MPAs.

We facilitate collaborative working, particularly developing international collaboration to deliver practical evidence-based outcomes for MPAs.

We offer bespoke training courses on designating and managing MPAs that can be tailored to meet your needs. This includes making links to marine spatial planning, developing MPA networks, monitoring, identifying threats and implementing management. We have recently delivered MPA training in Kuwait and the Caribbean in collaboration with other UK partners.



Why choose JNCC?

- We have led the way in developing a thorough understanding of the ecology of marine habitats and species occurring in UK offshore waters.
- We are experts in undertaking evidence-led processes for MPAs, with extensive knowledge and expertise in collecting and managing data for the designation and management of MPAs.
- We offer wide ranging skills and practical knowledge on all aspects of the life cycle of an MPA - from the initial design phases through to management, monitoring and assessment.
- We have first-hand experience and expertise in understanding the relationships between marine industries and marine ecosystems, and providing comprehensive and high-quality advice on the management of marine activities.
- We have a strong reputation for effectively communicating complex information about offshore MPAs in an engaging and accessible style that is suitable for a wide range of stakeholders.
- We have a proven track record developing trusted relationships with the fishing sector, regulators, decision-makers and key stakeholders, both within the UK and internationally.

About JNCC

JNCC's mission is to be an impartial scientific authority on UK and international nature conservation. As a public body, we advise governments, and work in partnership with business and society. Our people are passionate about providing high quality evidence and advice on the natural environment, for the benefit of current and future generations.

Our vision is to be a world-leading provider of innovative solutions, placing nature at the heart of wealth and wellbeing.

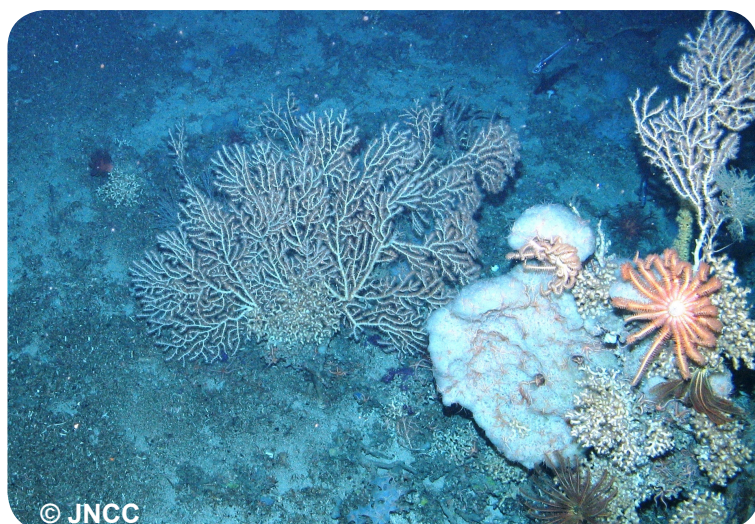
JNCC has a strong record of success. For 25 years we have provided robust evidence and trusted advice on nature conservation to enable governments in the UK and internationally to achieve their policy objectives.

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