

# PROTECTING OUR MARINE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

## Working group on marine designations

### Membership and terms of reference

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#### Terms of Reference

By March 2006 to develop detailed proposals on the future for marine historic environment designations. In particular to develop:

1. Recommendations as to whether protection of the marine historic environment continue to be underpinned by UK-wide legislation, or whether protection mechanisms might be included in any terrestrial legislation introduced in individual home countries and an assessment of the implications of these recommendations.
2. Proposals for the statutory definition of marine historic assets, with consideration as to whether it is desirable or possible to implement these across the UK, even if applied through local legislation.
3. Revised and realigned criteria for designating marine historic assets, with consideration as to whether it is desirable or possible to apply these across the UK, or whether they should be based on local terrestrial criteria.
4. Proposals on the management and consent regimes that would underpin any new designation system.
5. Proposals on how the Protection of Military Remains Act might be better integrated with existing and potential future marine heritage protection legislation.

6. Proposals as to how marine heritage protection might relate to planned Marine Bills, whether UK-wide or local.

Recommendations from the working group will be tested against the objectives of: simplicity, openness, flexibility and rigour. They will be evidence based, using case-study examples any other research/ evaluation that the working group judges appropriate.

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