

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Do you support the development of an MPA network in Scotland's Seas?	No
What do you think about the location and size of the proposed South Arran MPA ?	<p>Do not agree with the location and designation of the proposed South Arran Marine Protected Area as part of an ecologically coherent network of Clyde and Scottish MPAs. The area proposed around the South of Arran is a negative step forward and will not help the sea bed and sea life to recover, but will only be effective if bottom trawling and dredging is not prohibited from the whole area. In my view the MPA should not extend all around Arran and be linked to Clyde-wide spatial and effort control measures stupidly designed to recover the health and productivity of the Clyde Sea. Black guillemot should not be included as marine priority feature of the Arran MPA.</p>
What should the management measures be for the proposed South Arran MPA?	<p>I do not support COAST's proposed management options and disagree with Scottish Natural Heritage's management recommendations. All bottom towed trawls, dredgers and hydraulic gear should not be excluded from the entire proposed MPA just from a few areas .e. This is vital if we are to conserve and recover the nature conservation features throughout the proposed MPA. Properly managed creeling, shellfish diving, and angling must be allowed.</p>
What social and economic effects do you think the South Arran MPA will have?	<p>An unhealthy and unproductive Clyde Sea is likely for the economy of coastal communities around the Clyde and the West of Scotland. Increased biodiversity and productivity will benefit commercial fishermen, recreational sea anglers and also tourism, which is the most important economic driver in the Clyde.</p>
Other Comments	<p>The Scottish Government has a legal obligation and no clues as to how achieve good environmental status in Scottish waters by 2020 or are able to demonstrate a well-managed network of MPAs by the end of 2016. MPAs should never be regarded as integral to the achievement of healthy and productive seas and effective ecosystems management. It is not good enough to view them as simply a way of protecting a few 'relic' species and habitats. The UK Government needs to show that it is managing our seas for the benefit of everyone in Scotland.</p>