

MPA Team

I fully support Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) for seabirds but I'm disappointed that the Scottish Government's proposed network of MPAs fails to include feeding areas for the majority of Scotland's iconic seabird species.

Seabird populations have dramatically declined over the past three decades. Currently seabirds are only protected on land ? they need MPAs to protect them, and their feeding areas, at sea. At the moment seabirds only have a safe place to starve.

The Firth of Forth is the most important site on our coastline for sandeels, which are an essential source of food for Scotland's seabirds. This site must be protected and so should others like it.

I support the MPAs proposed for black guillemot, and believe all other seabird species should have similar protection. The Scottish Government must take action now and designate MPAs for seabird feeding areas to help stop these declines before our cliffs fall silent.

Yours faithfully