



STEERING GROUP MEETING 9 (VC) - MINUTES

Date: Thursday 2nd December 2021 - **Location:** Video Conference (VC) - **Time:** 10:00

This meeting took place by Video Conference (VC).

Present through external video link:

Adam Lewis – Northern Lighthouse Board (AL)
Amie Williams – Project Officer (AW)
Elaine Azzopardi – Observer, PhD Student at University of York (EA)
Elaine Whyte – Community Inshore Fisheries Alliance (CIFA) (EW)
Fanny Royanez – Scottish Environment LINK (FR)
Graham Russell – Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Scotland (GR)
Harriett Rushton – Military of Defence (MOD) (HR)
Janet Khan – Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) (JK)
Lily Burke – Marine Scotland (LB)
Mark Steward – Scottish Sea Farms (MS)
Philip Robertson – Historic Environment Scotland (HES) (PR)
Sarah Cunningham – Chair (SC)

Apologies:

Alan Kettle-White – Argyll District Salmon Fisheries Board (DSFB) (AKW)
Annabel Lawrence – Coastal Communities Network (CCN) (ALA)
David Adams-McGillp – Visit Scotland (DAM)
Jo Holbrook – Marine Scotland Compliance (JH)
Marina Curran-Colthart – Argyll and Bute Council (MCC)
Councillor Roddy McCuish – Argyll and Bute Council (RM)
Simon Macdonald – West Coast Inshore Fisheries Group (WCIFG) (SMD)

1. Welcome and apologies

SC welcomed the Steering Group (SG) and apologies were given.

2. Confirmation of minutes from meeting 8

SC asked the SG if anyone had any comments about the draft minutes from meeting 8. The minutes were approved and will now be posted on the MarPAMM website.

ACTION POINT: AW to request that SAMS publish the confirmed minutes from meeting 8 and the draft minutes from meeting 9 onto the MarPAMM website.

3. Defining the strategic objectives for the MPAs in Argyll

Following on from the last meeting the strategic objectives have been developed into a draft set of objectives for the MPAs in Argyll based on feedback from SG meeting 8 and further discussions with stakeholders. Each draft objective was discussed in turn in an attempt to have an approved set of objectives. A full list of the draft objectives discussed can be found in **Appendix 2**. Small changes will be made to the wording of some objectives based on feedback from the SG.

ACTION POINT: AW and SC to make changes to some of the wording of the objectives to reflect feedback from SG.

4. Activity 1: Exploring recommendations

AW talked the SG through the Conceptboard activity. The activity was a brainstorming exercise and involved taking each of the 17 objectives in turn and highlighting

- any existing measures/processes/work or projects that currently help to achieve the objective;
- any further (new) actions that are needed in order to help achieve or fully achieve the objective;
- any indicators that would help measure the success of the actions.

An example board from the activity can be found in **Appendix 3**. All brainstorming boards will be published once SG members who weren't able to make the meeting have had the opportunity to add any additional comments. AW and SC will then review each objective's board and produce a draft list of recommendations/actions.

ACTION POINT - AW and SC to review each objective's board and produce a draft list of recommendations/actions and distribute this to the SG before Christmas.

5. Presentation 1: Project Updates

AW said that each of the projects that are scoped into the MarPAMM-Argyll project are still on-going and progressing in the background. A list of the projects can be found below.

- Argyll and Bute Council Guidance
- NLB infrastructure – complete.
- Understanding fisheries management paper
- MPA Aware
- Experience Builder – complete. A link to the app will be sent around to the SG so they can provide feedback before it is officially launched in January 2022.
- MPA information leaflet – the front cover has been redesigned and a vanity link is being created for the experience builder (above) to put on the leaflet before printing. This will complement the experience builder launch in January 2022.
- MPA Animation Video – This will be created as a tool to further communicate about the MPAs in Argyll but also to bring the benefits realisation work into the conversation. This will also be completed in January 2022.

ACTION POINT – AW to distribute the link to the experience builder to the SG once available for comment.

ACTION POINT – SG to review the experience builder and provide any feedback to AW.

6. Project Officer's other tasks between now and the next meeting

- AW will organise a meeting for January 2022 for the SG to agree the objectives and recommendations for the MPAs in Argyll prior to public consultation in February.
- AW will begin to think about how the consultation might be approached.
- AW and SC will start forward thinking about the legacy of the project and how some of the recommendations might be implemented after the project ends in September 2022.

ACTION POINT - AW to organise next SG meeting for January 2022.



Figure 1. Where we are in the revised project timeline for 2021/2022.

7. AOB

- No other business was raised.

8. Summary of Action Points

Action Points	Person
Request that SAMS publish the confirmed minutes from meeting 8 and the draft minutes from meeting 9 onto the MarPAMM website.	AW
Make changes to some of the wording of the objectives to reflect feedback from SG.	AW & SC
Review each objective's board and produce draft list of recommendations/actions and distribute to the SG before Christmas.	AW & SC
Distribute the link to the experience builder to the SG once available for comment.	AW
Review the experience builder and provide any feedback to AW.	ALL
Organise next SG meeting for January 2022.	AW

Appendix 1 – Summary of action points from meeting 8

Action Points	Person	
Request that SAMS publish the confirmed minutes from meeting 7 and the draft minutes from meeting 8 onto the MarPAMM website.	AW	On going
Continue to consult with the SG and other stakeholders between now and September in order to prepare a draft set of objectives ahead of the next meeting.	AW/ALL	Completed
Continue to work on the experience builder and make additional changes suggested by the SG.	AW	Completed Published December 2021.
Finish benefits realisation infographic and disseminate to SG.	AW	Completed Published September 2021.

Appendix 2 – Summary of draft objectives discussed in meeting 9.

Objective topic 1: Biodiversity and Climate Change
i) Achieve the conservation objectives set for the MPAs in the Argyll Marine Region.
ii) Contribute towards Scotland achieving international commitments, conventions and agreements.
iii) Maintain and enhance the biodiversity in Argyll's MPAs helping make its sea healthy and resilient to climate change and recognise that some species and habitats may adapt and species interactions may change.
iv) Reduce direct environmental threats to biodiversity.
v) Support the restoration and enhancement of MPA features through community-led projects.

Objective topic 2: Socioeconomics
i) Understand how ecosystem services provided by the MPAs in Argyll can contribute to the socioeconomics of the region (e.g. carbon sequestration, storm damage, genetic resources, health and well-being etc.).
ii) Activities that take place within the MPAs in Argyll should be activities that are compatible with the conservation objectives and management advice set for the MPA.
iii) Promote cooperation and provide support to businesses that are transitioning to environmentally sustainable activities that help to support the equitable use of a common resource and where the economics from such activities are retained in Argyll.

Objective topic 3: Knowledge, Awareness and Collaboration
i) Every person in Argyll and every visitor is aware of the MPA network, its purpose and the benefits of MPAs.
ii) Help communities reconnect and celebrate their maritime and cultural heritage.
iii) Increase awareness of marine issues (e.g. invasive species, marine litter, pollution etc.).
iv) Build and maintain partnerships and collaboration across stakeholder groups.

Objective Topic 4: Governance and Management
i) Clearly define: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The framework for selecting, consulting, designating and managing MPAs; - The MPA network, including what lies in and out with the network and how they link; - What the roles of organisation are in the management of MPAs.
ii) Ensure that governance arrangements are flexible, respectful and balanced so that stakeholders across the region are appropriately engaged and good working relationships are established and maintained across stakeholder groups.
iii) Management should reviewed on a regular basis to allow for timely reaction to new evidence.

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| iv) To have effective compliance and adequate enforcement of management measures through a combination of resources, technology and local guardianship. |
| v) Succinct monitoring of MPAs that integrates both statutory and community based monitoring. |

Appendix 3 – Example of how Conceptboard was used to brainstorm actions that are needed to help achieve the draft objectives and how to measure the success of the actions.



Figure 1. Screen grab of how the objectives boards were set up for the brainstorming session.

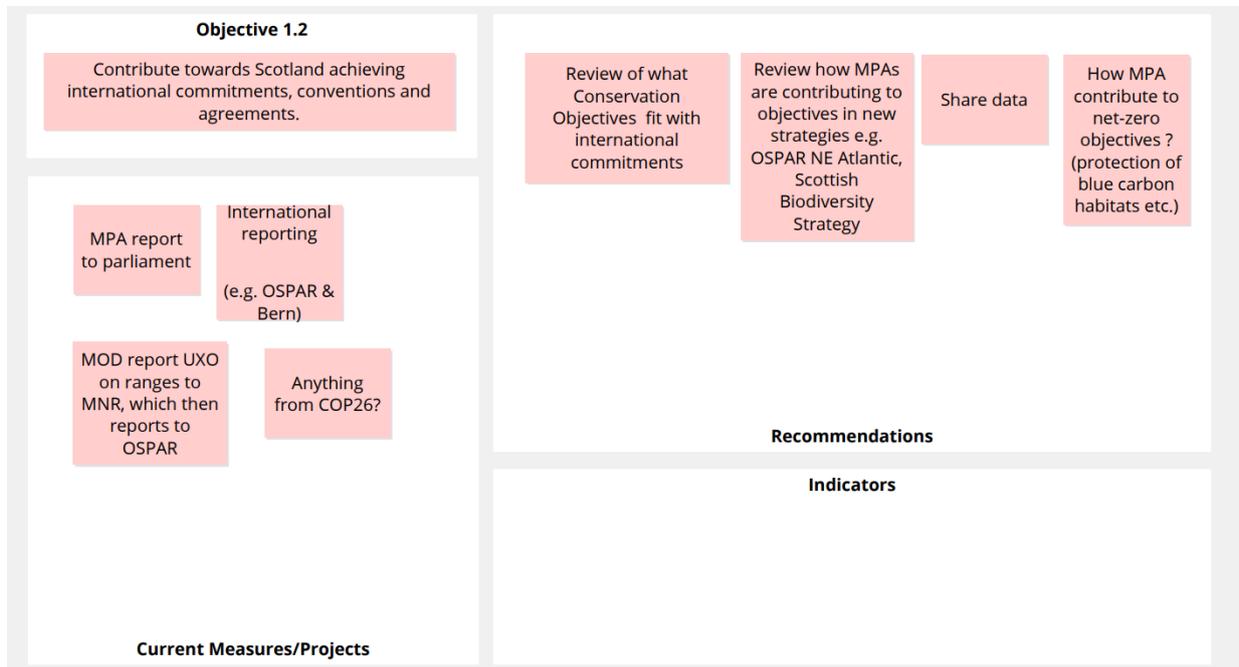


Figure 2. Screen grab of the completed objective board for objective 1.2 during the activity.