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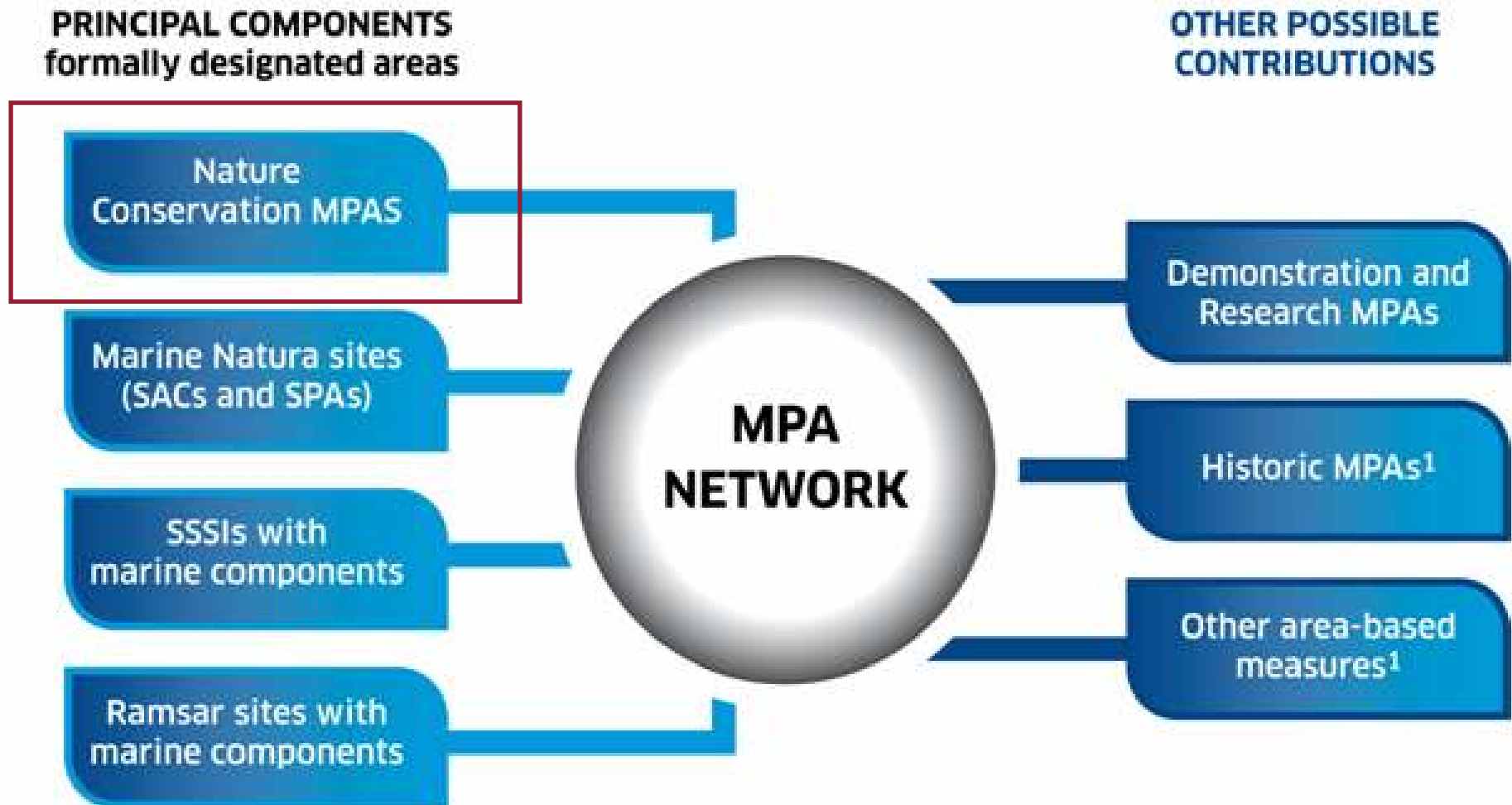
- The Scottish MPA Project
- Stanton banks SCI Fisheries Management Measure Workshop

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The Scottish MPA Project

- **Joint project led by Marine Scotland in partnership with JNCC and SNH**
- **Identify Nature Conservation MPAs in Scotland's Seas under the Marine Acts using MPA Selection Guidelines**
- **Identify options for completing the MPA network by end 2012**

The make-up of the MPA network in Scotland's seas



How will Nature Conservation MPAs be selected?

- **Five-stage process**
- **Science-led approach**
- **Underpinned by MPA search features**

Stage 1 – Presence of key features

Stage 2 – Prioritisation of areas

Stage 3 – Assessment of scale of area

Stage 4 – Assessment of potential management

Stage 5 – Assessment of contribution to MPA network

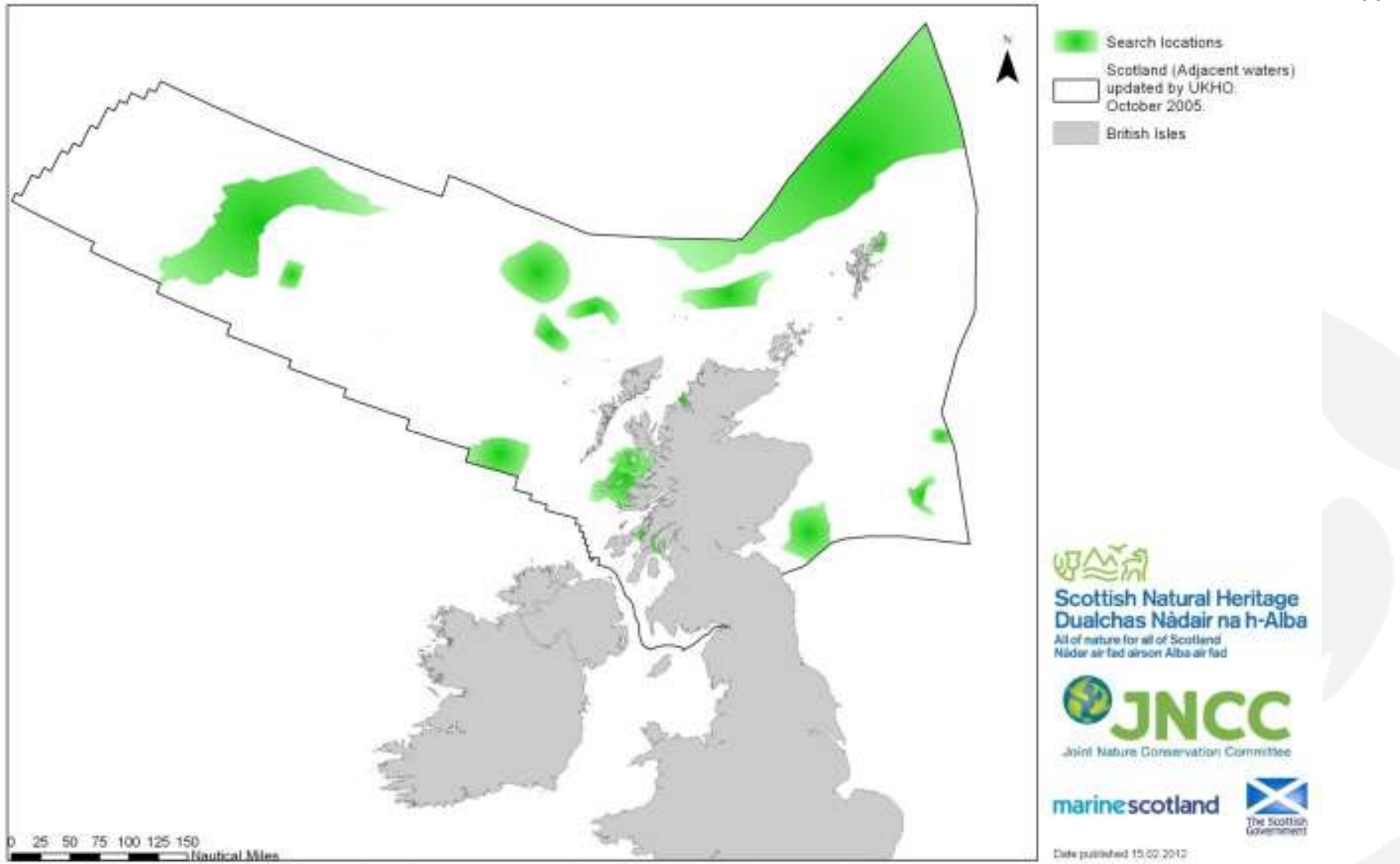
- **Applied as part of an iterative process**
- **Stakeholder engagement throughout**



What have we been doing so far?

- Mapping the locations of MPA search features
- Seeing how existing MPAs could contribute to the protection of MPA Search Features
- Looking at what opportunities there are for developing proposals in locations which are already managed
- Looking at opportunities to development of Nature Conservation MPAs in areas of least interest to stakeholders

Current MPA search locations



Map projected in Europe Albers Equal Area Conic (Modified Standard Parallels - Standard Parallel 1 = 50.2, Standard Parallel 2 = 58.0). Landmass Outline Survey © Crown Copyright and database right 2011. All rights reserved.
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What's coming up?



Action	By when
Discuss additional MPA search locations to address remaining search feature priorities with stakeholders	14 th -15 th March 2012
Detailed application of the MPA Selection Guidelines to MPA search locations	April-June 2012
Report to Ministers on options for completing the MPA network in Scotland's seas	November 2012
Draw up site proposal documents and undertake consultation rounds on Nature Conservation MPAs	2013-14

How can you get involved?



- **Data on activities and/or features**

Submit any data you have on activities/habitats etc to ScottishMPAs@jncc.gov.uk

- **Participation at workshops**

14-15th March 2012

- **Consultation**

Provide us with your details to be consulted





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MAIA Stanton Banks Site of Community Importance Fisheries Management Measure Workshop



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 in the Atlantic arc

'Towards a network of Marine Protected Areas in the Atlantic arc'



Marine Protected Areas in the Atlantic Arc - MAIA

- An EC Interreg IVb project
- Between France, Spain, Portugal and UK
- WP1: State of play
- WP2: Monitoring of MPAs
- WP3: Management of MPAs
- WP4: Engaging stakeholders in MPA development



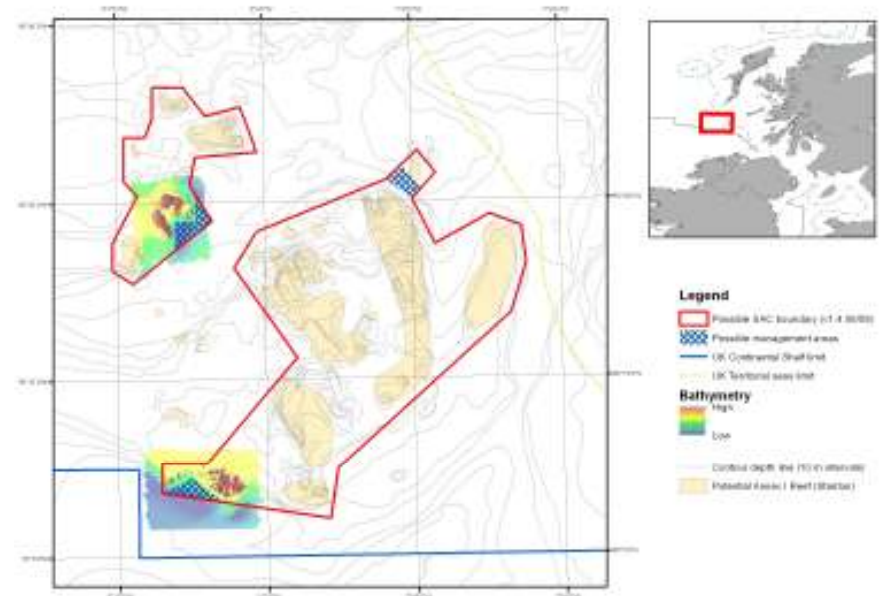
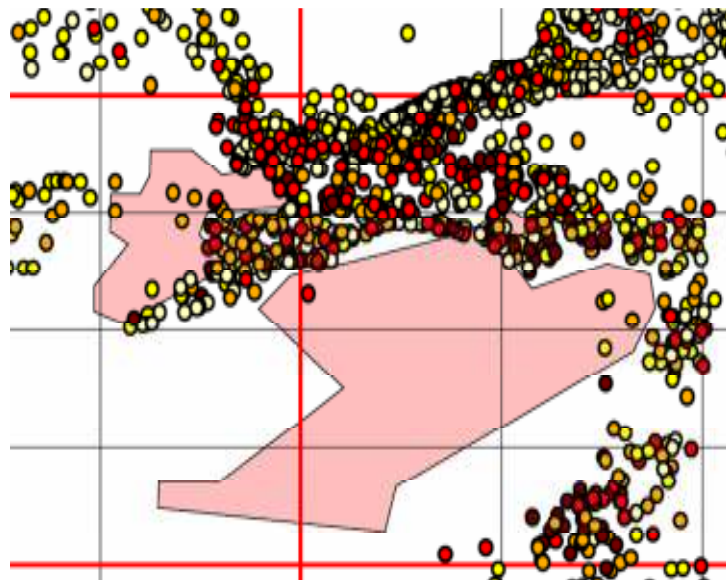
Stanton Banks Site of Community Importance

- Stanton Banks SCI
 - Adopted by the commission in 2009 as a SCI for its bedrock reef following consultation
 - Conservation Objective of restore to favourable condition, subject to natural change



Stanton banks SCI Fisheries Management Measure Workshop

- Discussed various management options
- Looked a Zoned proposal in detail
- Actions:
 - To discuss the site and impact with potters
 - To look at possible management boundaries with new survey and fishing data



Site next steps

- **Re-meeting stakeholders that attended the workshops if there are further developments which come to light**
- **The management authorities to write proposals for the SCIs possible management measures**
- **Meet with NWWRAC**
- **Wider consultation**
- **Submission of management measures to EC**

More Information

- **MAIA website: www.maia-network.org**
 - Minutes from the workshop (available)
 - Lessons learned report following the workshop (Ready by Easter 2012)
- **JNCC SCI information:**
<http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-4534>

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Thank you for listening



Further information regarding MPA developments across the UK can be found on the JNCC website: www.jncc.defra.gov.uk/marineprotectedareas

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