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# MSP in the Pentland Firth & Orkney Waters: The importance of regional plans

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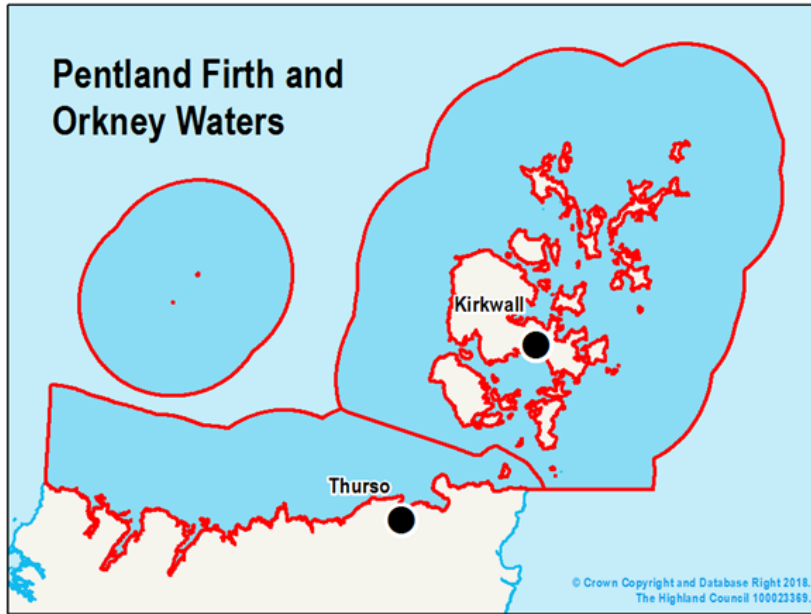


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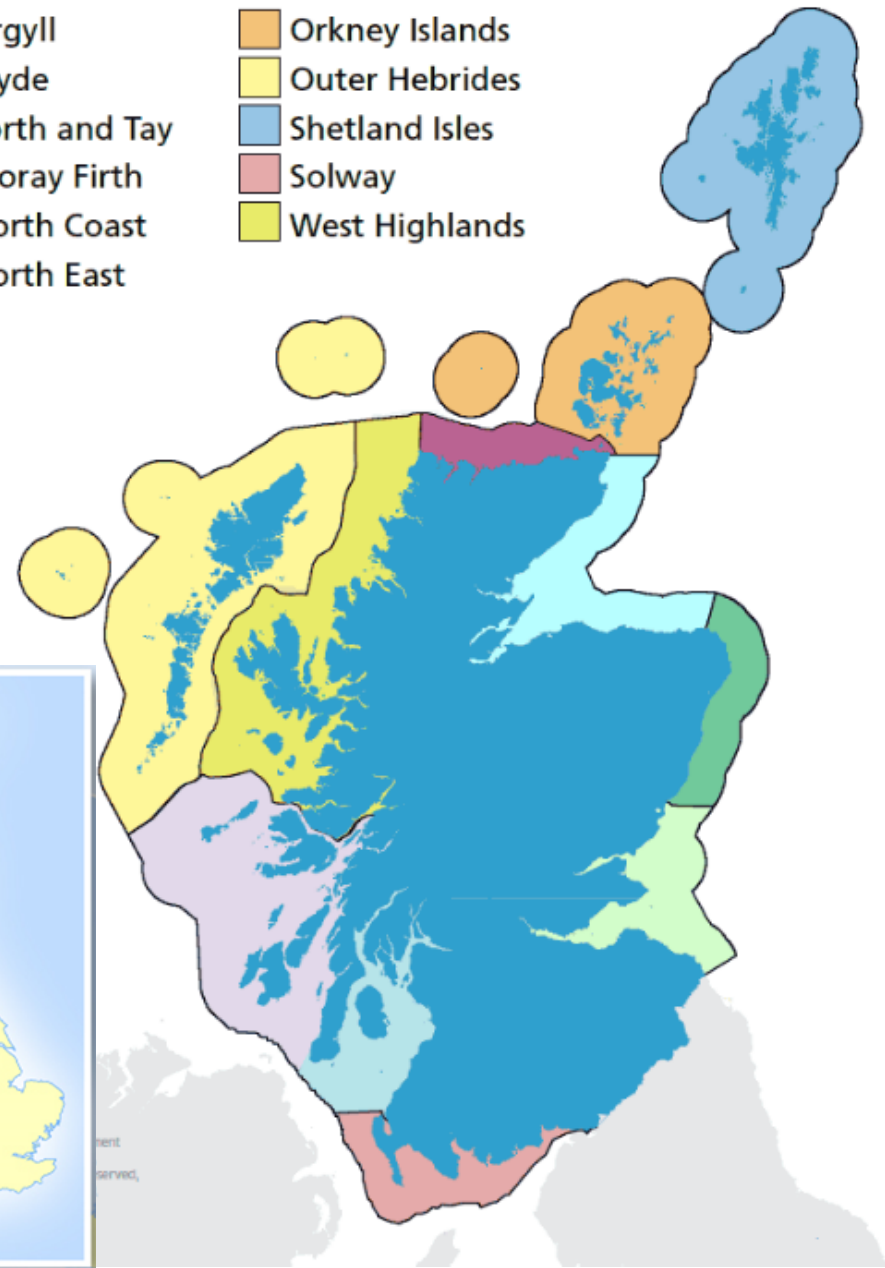
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# Where



- Argyll
- Clyde
- Forth and Tay
- Moray Firth
- North Coast
- North East
- Orkney Islands
- Outer Hebrides
- Shetland Isles
- Solway
- West Highlands



The Pilot PFOW MSP area covers two of the 11 Scottish Marine Regions: North Highland & Orkney

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# Who? A multi award-winning team!



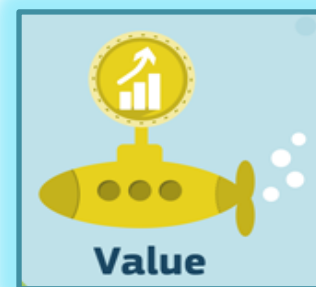
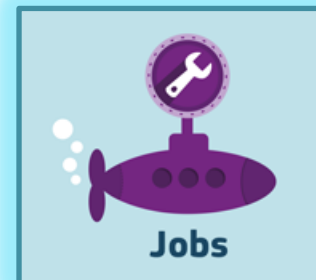
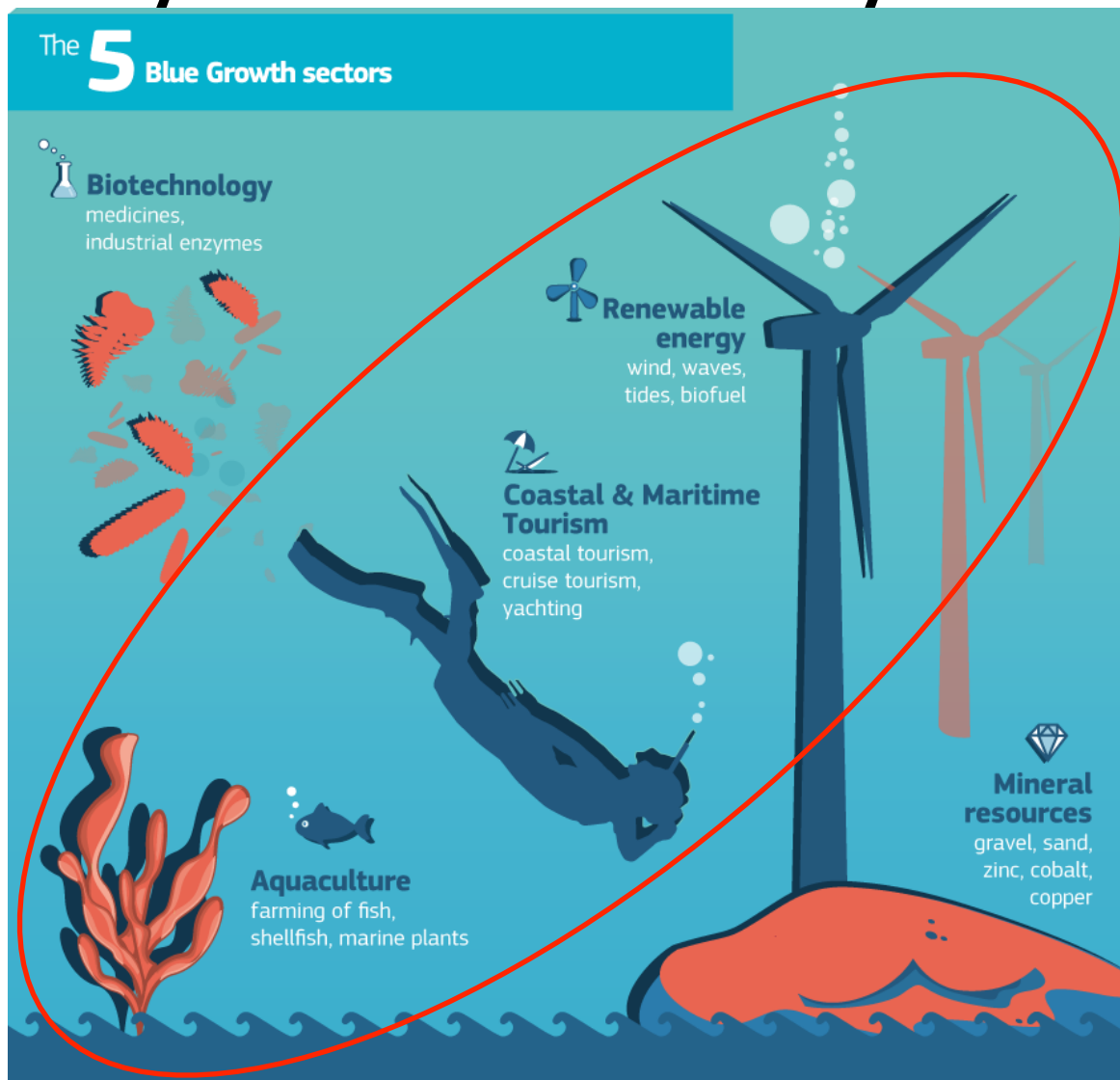
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# Why: Growth of key sectors



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# What: MSP



## Pilot Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters Marine Spatial Plan

From this...



to this



Pilot Pentland Firth & Orkney Waters  
Marine Spatial Plan

Lessons Learned

March 2016



and this



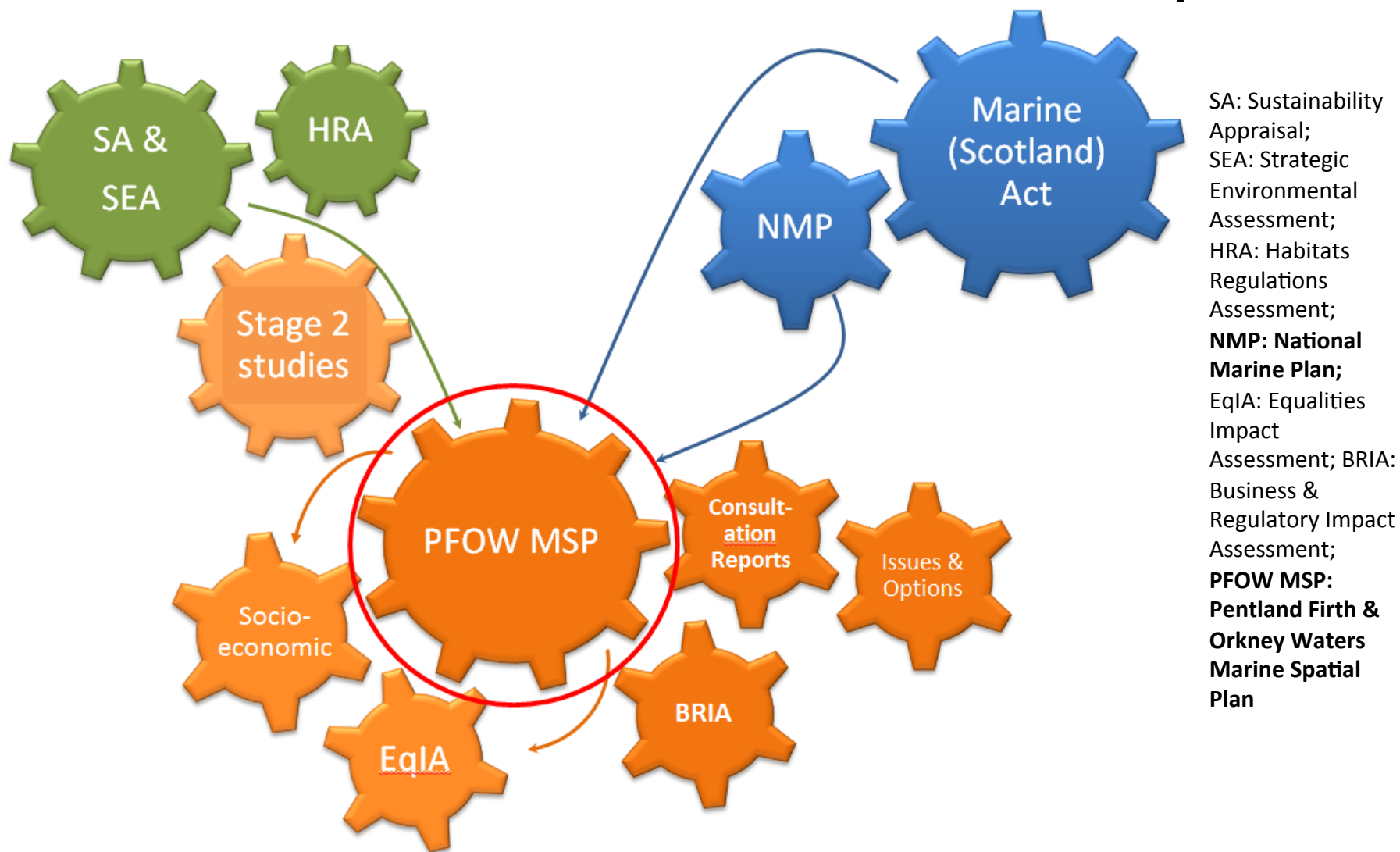
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# What 2: associated documents required



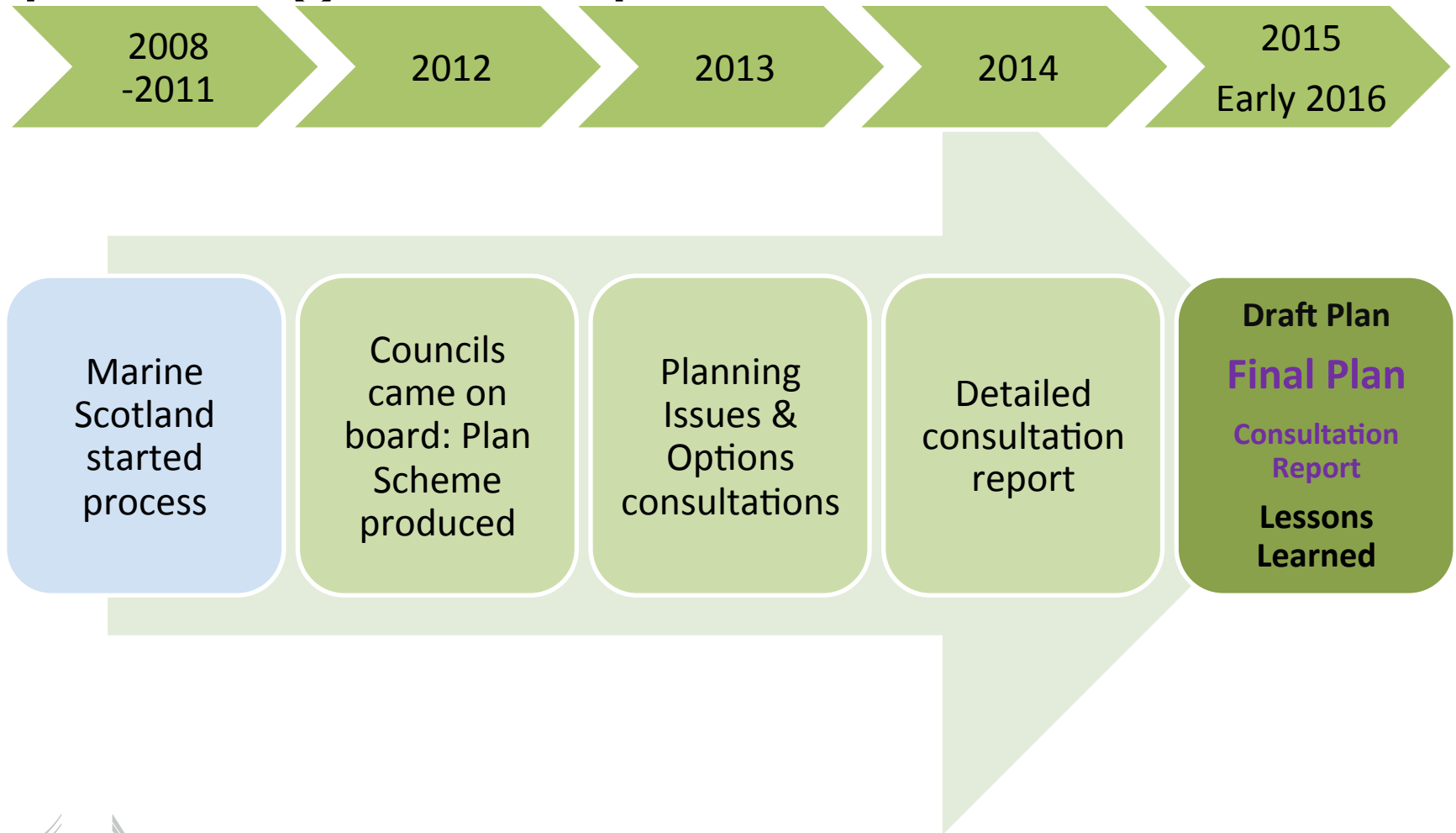
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# When & How: borrowed terrestrial planning techniques



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# How: Tools used



	Tool	Benefits	Constraints
	Matrix compiled for key issues and sectors	Useful in early stages to identify key pressures and stakeholders	Did not identify magnitude of pressure; complex and time-consuming
	Planning Issues & Options Paper	Very helpful for identifying most sectors	Extra step in the process
	Mix of skills: manager/scientist, planner, coastal planner	Good management; clear roles and division of labour.	Pressures of other work
	The final plan	Provides policy support for sustainable development; excellent base line for statutory MSP.	Limited awareness on north coast; non-statutory.



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# Building on success



- Development of a locally derived marine planning strategy. Often national legislation carries with it a one size fits all approach and one size certainly does not fit, particularly in an island context
- Partnership working and building a collective understanding
- Regional marine planning can help everybody understand the constraints within which each other are working



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# Conclusions

- Pilot project allowed flexibility in approaches
- Provided good baseline to build future regional marine plans
- Introduced the topic of marine planning to many new audiences but still relatively little understanding in the wider public.
- Working at the Small Sea Scale allows national interests to be interpreted at the local level to reflect local circumstances



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