# Marine and coastal enhancement projects in Scottish inshore waters

# Project assessment form

## Project DETAILS

### Project

Project title **►**

### Lead applicant details

Name **►**

Address **►**

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Organisation **►**

Position **►**

### Project partners

Partner 1 **►**

Role **►**

Partner 2 **►**

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Partner 3 **►**

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Partner 4 **►**

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Partner 5 **►**

Role **►**

Additional partners and roles **►**

### Project Information

#### Feature

What is the feature of interest, i.e. the habitat or species?

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#### Enhancement type

Is it enhancement, recovery, regeneration, restoration, creation, rewilding or remediation?

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#### Location

Where is the planned project? E.g. site name, coastal / marine area name and region of Scotland?

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#### Off-site preparation

What are the physical steps involved in setting up the enhancement site? E.g. physical movement of supporting materials and structures.

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#### Site methodology

What method will be used for the proposal?

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#### Timescales

When would site preparation start, key milestones and final outcome timescales?

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## PROJECT RATIONALE

### Primary enhancement objective

What is the desired overall outcome of the project specific to the enhancement habitat / species? E.g. to increase extent, biodiversity or water quality. What is the wider conservation / climate rationale?

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## SITE PROFILE

### Site suitability

What characteristics of the site suggests it is suitable for the feature?

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### Activities and pressures

*Are there any ongoing constraints to enhancement success in the area? What activities cause these constraints? Consider both activities on site and those at distance that may impact the area. How well understood is the extent of the activity and how it directly impacts on the feature?*

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### Evidence base

What information has been used to inform the site suitability, i.e. what is the current evidence base? E.g. site-specific baseline survey or wider monitoring schemes, evidence of historical or existing habitat or species population and/or available site-specific data.

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## REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT

### Focal species / habitats

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### Protected areas

*Is the site located with a designated area? E.g. a Marine Protected Area, Special Protection Area, Special Conservation Area, Site of Special Scientific Interest or a Ramsar site?*

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### Activities

*What activities are being undertaken that may be regulated by the authorities and to what extent have these been considered?*

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### Landowner and access

*Who owns this site and has permission been sought from the owner? What are the rights to access?*

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## RISKS

### Initial risks assessed

To what extent have risks been assessed considering current and presumed current threats to the feature? This may just assess risks to the species’ biological attributes, else may extend to feature life history, wider ecosystem and socioeconomics, as well as different geographic scales.

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### Climate change resilience / adaption

By what means has the current and future climate been considered for the proposal and how will this affect the site? E.g. how will the site adapt to future sea-level rise, temperature change, terrestrial flooding, water table, wind and extreme events.

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### Risks management and mitigation

*In what manner will the potential risk(s) be mitigated against or managed? E.g. compensate for damage / /loss caused by a particular activity.*

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## BENEFITS

### Potential benefits assessed

To what extent have the benefits of the proposal been assessed? This may include information and examples of biological benefits, ecosystem services, socio-economic benefits, cumulative benefits or nature-based solutions to climate change.

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## ENGAGEMENT

To what extent has engagement and consultation been considered to date? Who has been consulted and for what purposes, e.g. regulators, community groups and organisations involved in previous work at the site?

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## MANAGEMENT, MONITORING & Evaluation

### Funding

What finances have been secured for the project? What is the total cost anticipate for the duration of the project?

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### Project implementation plan

How will the project be implemented and how will this be managed? E.g. consider Management Action Plans, Working Groups, intervals between meetings and adapting objectives or adapting management measurements plan, or activating an exit strategy.

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### Site pressure management

How will the site pressure be managed? E.g. what activities will be undertaken to ensure the pressure(s) have been removed or reduced at the site to allow for a success? E.g. consideration of both current and future anthropogenic and natural pressures, such as disturbance effects.

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### Monitoring requirements

*To what extent have you considered how the site will be monitored? E.g. length of monitoring program, elements of the site that will be monitored, timescales and intervals, comparison with wider ecosystem or monitoring of self-sustainability of the site.*

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### Site monitoring logistics

*How will you carry out and resource monitoring at the site to allow measurement of outcomes over time, including beyond the initial restoration phase?*

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### Establishing Success

What measures will be used to determine how the primary objectives have been achieved? Please include any particular means of measurement, parameters or metrics, and how often they will be measured E.g. quantify the anticipated increase in habitat area, change in target community, population numbers, density, or nutrient reduction levels, etc.

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