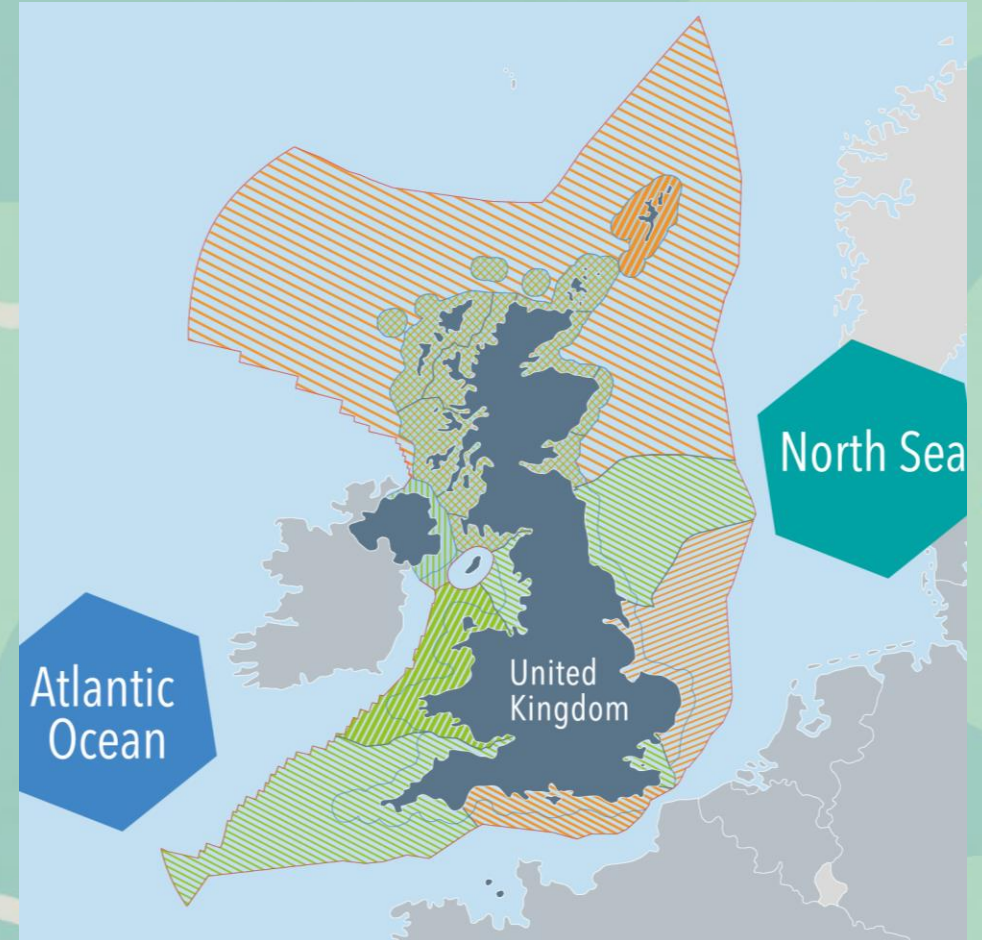


Marine Spatial Planning in the UK



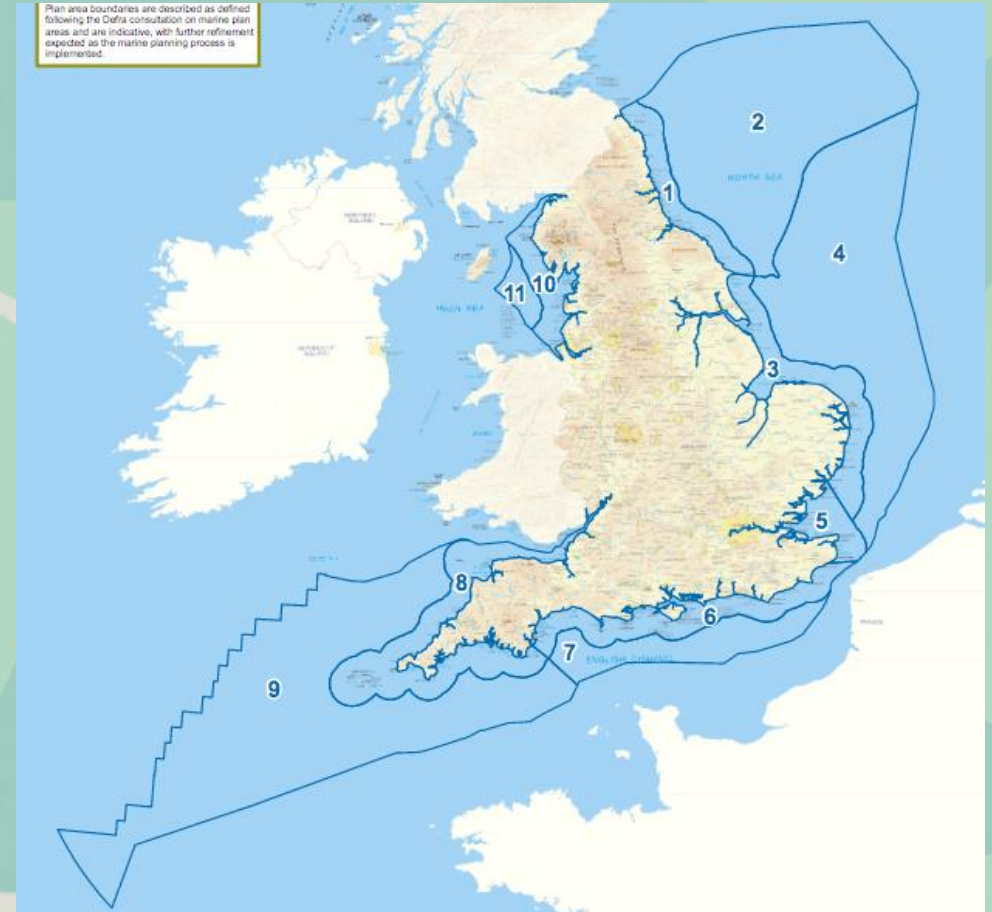
UK context

- First Marine Spatial Plan in the UK – England East Marine Plans in 2014
- Scotland followed in 2015
- Wales in 2019
- England finalised their plans in 2021
- NI in the process of doing so



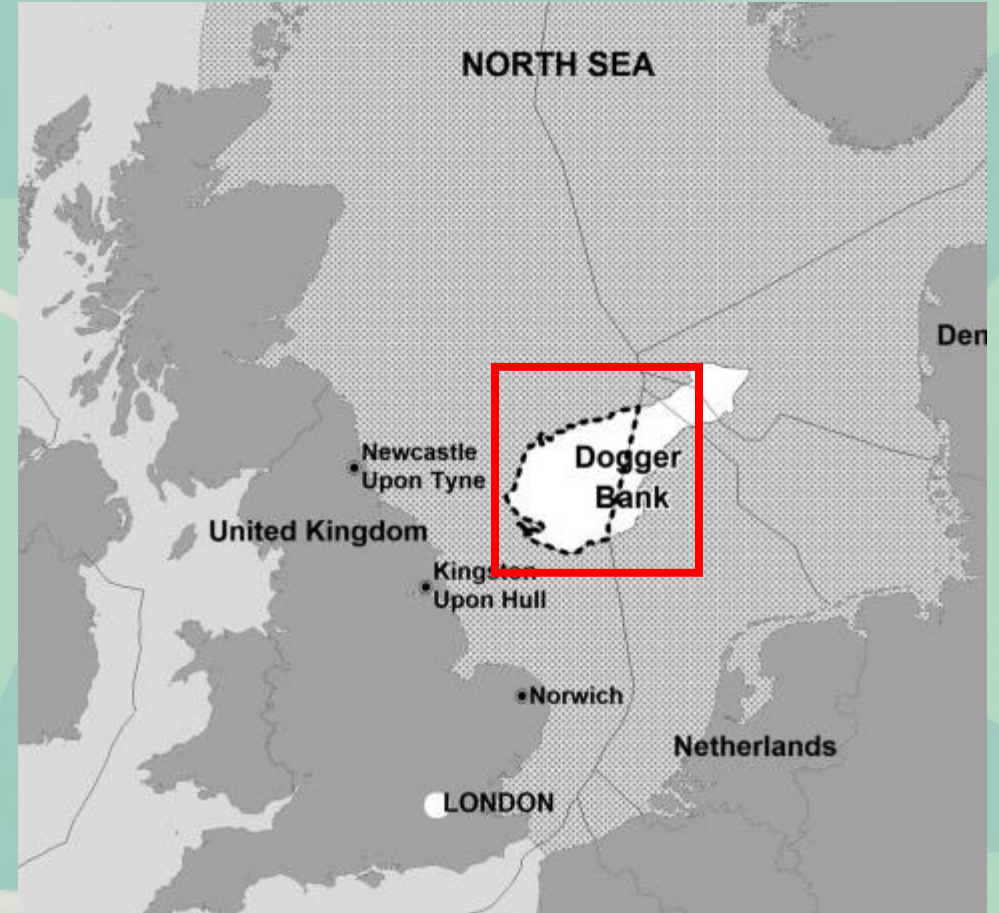
English Context

- Marine Spatial Planning is split in 11 areas (6 inshore, 5 offshore)
- Since the East Marine Plans, South Marine Plans were adopted in 2018, and all others 2021
- Plans are due for review every 3 years



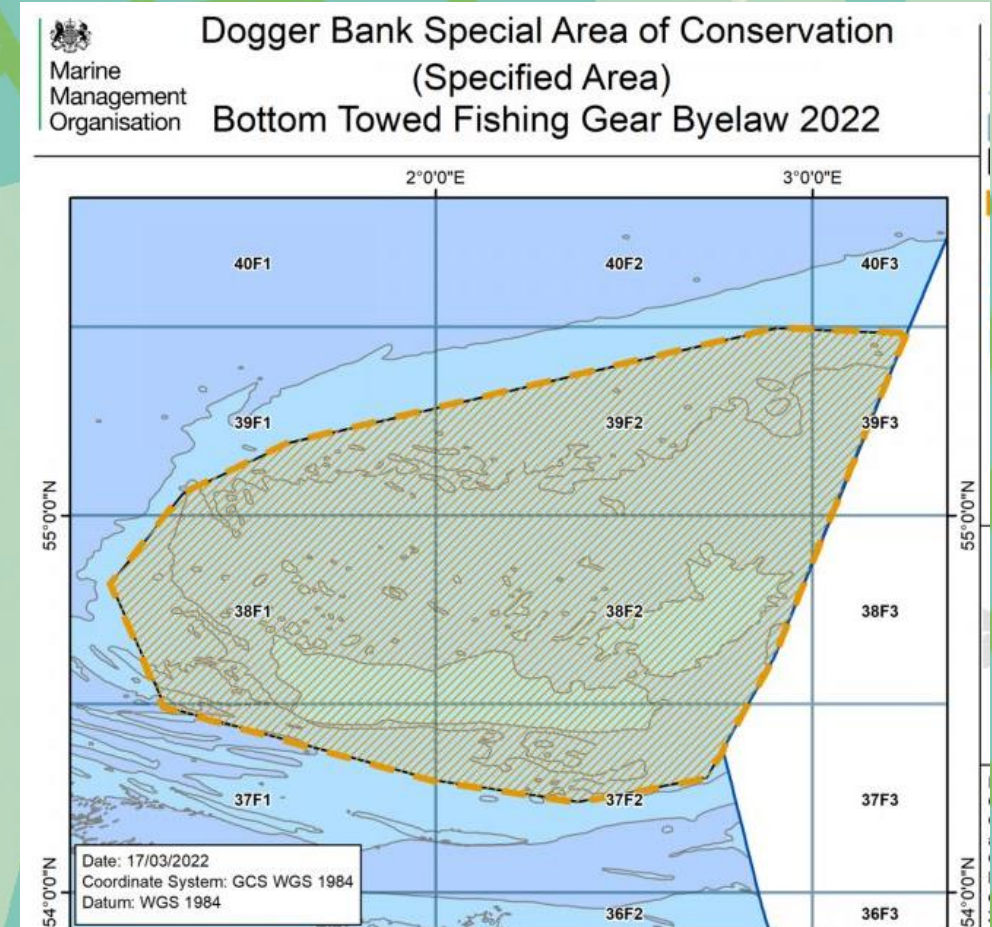
The East Marine Plans – Dogger Bank

- East Marine Plans are the pilot plans in the UK
- Due for amendment – the past couple of reviews assessed they weren't fit for purpose anymore
- The offshore plan covers the UK part of the Dogger Bank and some of the most significant OW developments in the UK



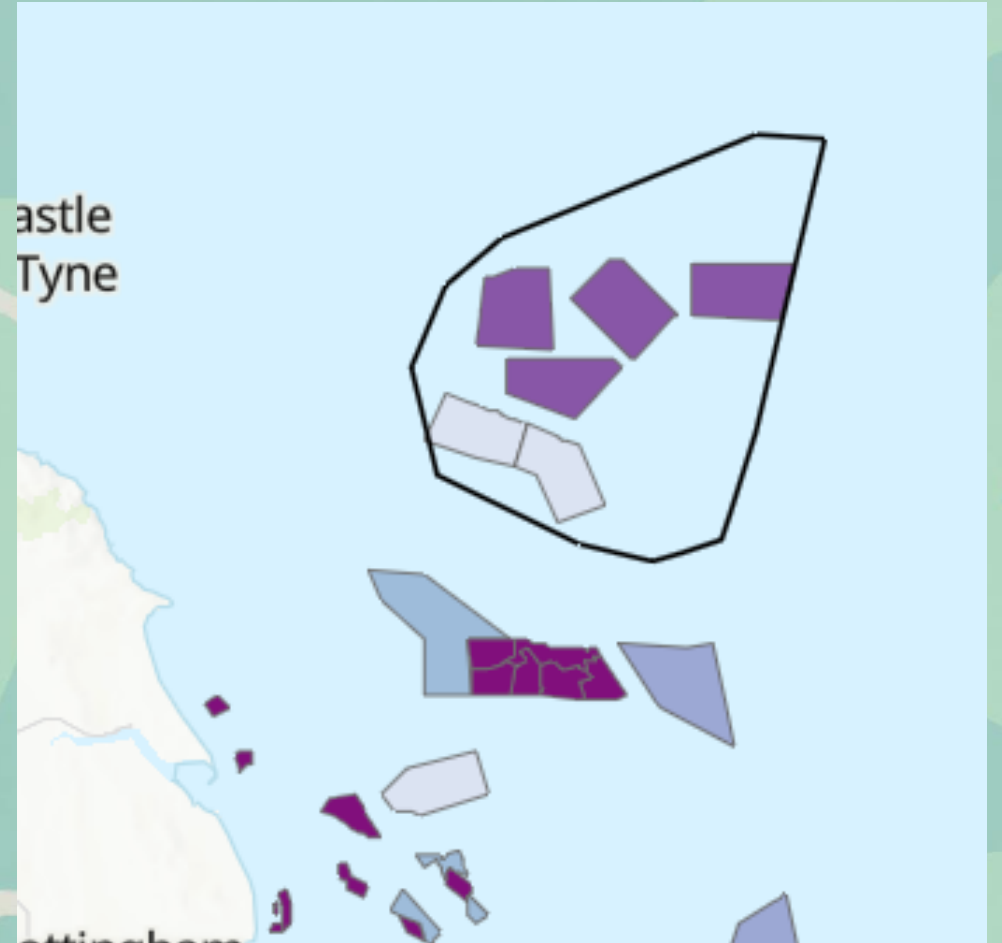
Spatial management tools – MPAs and byelaws

- The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has started a byelaw process in MPAs
- The first stage covered 4 sites including Dogger Bank SAC
- Stage 2 and 3 ongoing
- Stage 4 looking at SPAs and SACs for highly mobile species



Yet some gaps to holistic spatial management remain

- the MMO recommends that the plans be replaced
- New offshore wind targets set in 2020
- No holistic, strategic considerations – more a list of policies than a spatial plan
- Not ecosystem-based: UK not meeting GES



Next steps

- Marine Spatial Prioritisation Programme
- Co-location work
- POSEIDON
- MMO byelaws process



Thank you!

