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**NEW GUIDANCE FOR COASTAL PROTECTED
LANDSCAPES: OPPORTUNITIES FOR
EUROPEAN MARINE SITES**

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Europarc

The Federation:

- a European network for protected areas
- C. 400 member organisations in 38 countries
- Promotes protected areas, good practice and policy at a European level

Atlantic Isles

- A Section of Europarc covering the 4 Home Nations + Iceland & Ireland
- 70 + member organisations

Coastal & Marine work is common to both

EUROPARC ATLANTIC ISLES

FOCUS OF ITS WORK

**Making the connection between land & sea
in the context of
coastal protected landscapes**

- **Numerous protected landscapes on the coast**
- **Derive many of their special qualities from the marine environment**
- **Relationship not understood and therefore neglected**

EUROPARC ATLANTIC ISLES

FOCUS OF ITS WORK

- **formed a coastal & marine working group**
- **undertaken work to raise awareness**
- **Published a booklet: describing the connection, the issues and opportunities facing PLs, and promoting a way forward**
- **Prepared advice for PL managers on making the connection between land and sea in management plans**

AIMS OF THE GUIDANCE

To redress the fact that:

- **The significance of the links between land and sea is rarely recognised by those responsible for coastal PLs**
- **Land and sea have historically been viewed and treated as independent resources**
- **Managers of coastal PLs need to express the nature and value of those relationships which link land & sea, so that PLs can be managed more effectively**

To help secure recognition of these special places

NATURE OF THE CONNECTION

**Special quality of the moods of the sea, the wide open vistas
and feeling of wilderness**



NATURE OF THE CONNECTION

Ecological connections are strong



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Natural processes impact on coastal form



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The quality of water is crucial



NATURE OF THE CONNECTION

There are strong social and economic connections



NATURE OF THE CONNECTION

Recreation and tourism resources are very popular



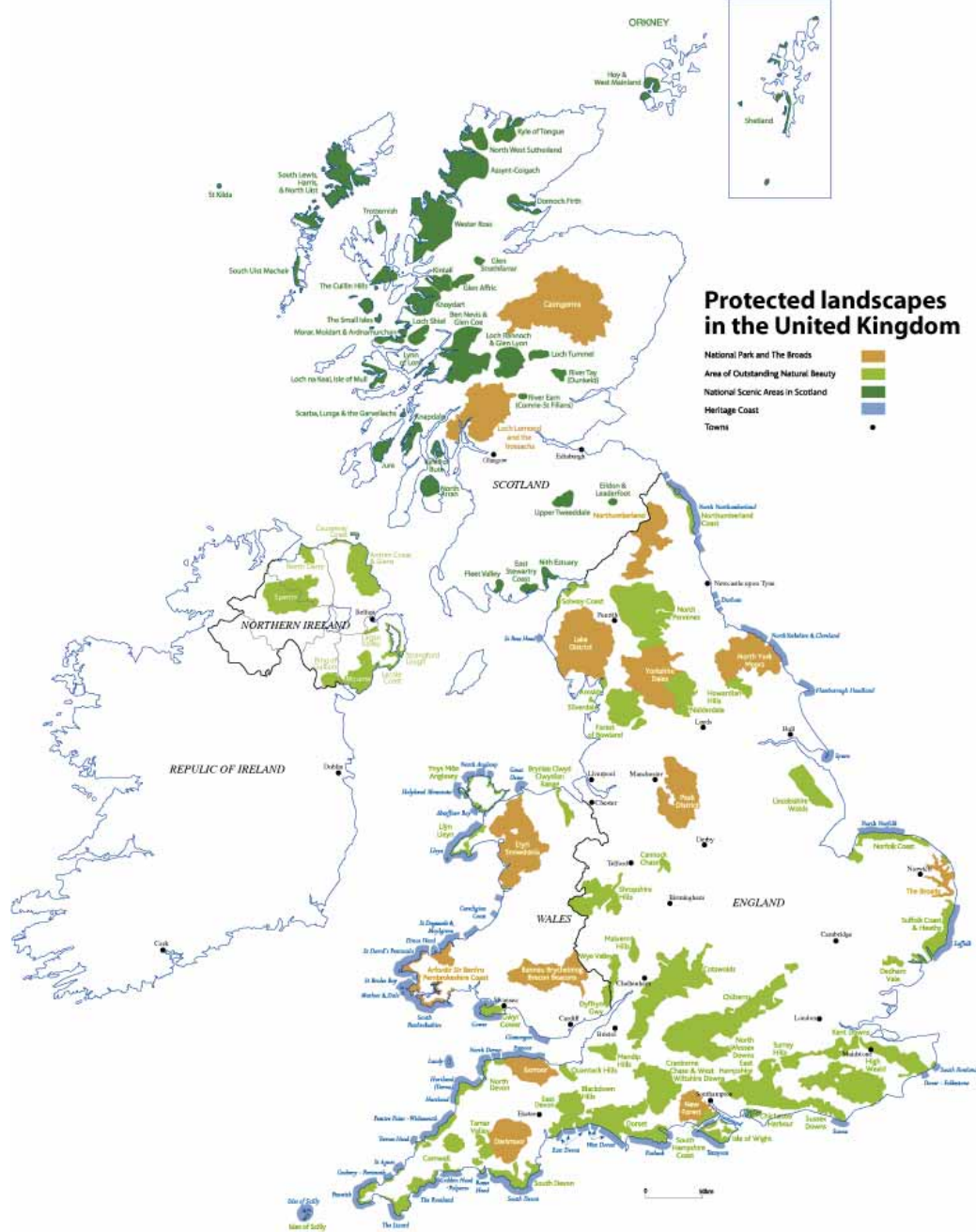
NATURE OF THE CONNECTION

There are strong cultural connections



THE GUIDANCE

- **Identification of the “special qualities” and the “area of significance” of the PL**
- **Risk analysis of susceptibility of special qualities to change**
- **Management response in terms of strategies, policies and action**
- **Development of suitable partnerships & delivery approaches**
- **Research & monitoring**



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Opportunities for EMS

- AONB plans currently being revised
 - More joined up approach
 - Shared objectives
 - Access to more funding
 - Reduced ‘stakeholder fatigue’
 - Increased awareness about sites

Berwickshire and North Northumberland Coast EMS and North Northumberland Coast AONB

- AONB 1958, EMS 1998
- 2006
- Management plan reviews
- Similar government agencies
- Similar public consultation



Benefits to coastal management

A scenic view of a coastal landscape. In the foreground, there are dark green trees and bushes. The middle ground shows a blue bay with a long pier extending into the water. The background features rolling green hills under a clear blue sky with some light clouds.

- Joined up policy implementation
- Statutory remits used to deliver AONB/EMS objectives
- Broader understanding of coastal and marine conservation among authorities and stakeholders
- Joint projects with greater scope