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Role of the UK MPA Centre and work to date

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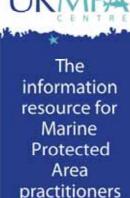
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A supporting role

Aims to draw together practitioners and facilitate sharing information, good practice and learning

- Holds factual information about MPAs in the United Kingdom, their designations, habitats, species, and activities
- Provides current news, research and activities on MPAs in addition to linking to existing websites of individual MPAs
- A tool to aid discussions and communication of ideas and issues

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MPA News

- Latest UK MPA news at a local, national, European and global level.
- Find out about legislation updates, what new reports are out and also hear about relevant meetings, workshops and conferences.
- Read a brief synopsis of the story or link to the full article.
- Sign up to get news alerts direct to your email.
- Publicize your own workshops and meetings or send us your press releases for any stories you may have.

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Case studies/ Good practice

- Two page reports detailing the various initiatives which have been carried out within MPAs.

- A chance to share information on successes, failures or difficulties and reasons for each.

- You can download a template, complete it and email back to info@ukmpas.org.uk to be uploaded.

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Discussion Fora

- **Public forum**
  - Open access to all
- **Practitioners forum**
  - Restricted area for practitioners to conduct technical discussion, sharing information and good practice.
- **EMS Officers Forum**
- **Other Fora**
  - Apply to the UK MPA Centre to host specific inter-organisational discussions regarding major MPA issues.

Forums are free to register and are moderated to ensure the code of conduct is observed.

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References

- Regularly updated database of MPA literature cover the general themes of :
  - MPA design, principles relevant to the selection of MPAs
  - effects of MPAs
  - evaluation of MPA success

- A summary of each reference gives users an opportunity to search free text by keyword.

- Useful keywords have been compiled and presented as a dropdown list for users to select from.

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Interactive Maps

- A Google™ powered interactive map:
    - Zoom in on specific MPAs and access site based information such as names, designation and features
    - Links to relevant websites and to the JNCC site review pages

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All this and more……..

- **Topic notes**
  - Precise, detailed and ready-to-print information on a variety of MPA related subjects.
- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**
  - Aimed at answering questions such as: "What is an MPA?"
  - "Are there different types?" "Why do we need them?"
  - "What are Marine Conservation Zones?"
- **Glossary**
  - Definitions of commonly used MPA terminology.
- **Links**
  - To other relevant and recommended websites.
- Presentations
  - From workshops such as this!

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