

# Orkney Marine State of the Environment Assessment

## Outline of the project

The Orkney Marine Environment Project (OMEP) is a data-gathering project that will form the first steps in preparing a regional marine plan for Orkney. It will provide a **snapshot of the existing baseline condition** of the environmental, social and economic state of the area, identify and summarise key pressures and impacts of human activity and highlight data gaps. This will be done by preparing a State of the Environment Assessment.

Any information you share with us will be anonymised and stored according to data protection requirements\*. Please use additional pages if you require more space to respond. Thank you.

Please provide the name of your organisation

Contact name/email/phone

[Click here](#) if you would like to be added to our stakeholder list to receive updates on the Orkney marine planning process.

## Your organisation

1. What is the nature of your organisation?
2. How many employees do you have; how many are based in Orkney?
3. Which geographic area do you cover? i.e. part or all of Orkney or beyond?

## Issues

4. What do you see as the main area(s) for growth for your sector?
5. Do you have any information about how your business and/or sector contributes to the marine economy nationally or in Orkney?
6. What do you see as the main pressure(s) hindering growth?
7. What do you think is the overall trend for the wider industry/organisation?

## Information provision

- 8 Do you hold publicly available data sets that outline your business's productivity? If yes, please provide the website address
- 9 If no, do you have data you are willing to share with the project to ensure your sector is represented appropriately?

## Role of marine planning

- 10 How do you think marine planning can aid the growth of your organisation?
- 11 What do you think the priorities for regional marine planning should be? Please rank the level of importance for each issue/topic from 1-5, with 1 as least important, to 5 as most important. You can add as many 'other' categories as you wish, but please only rank the top five.

Protect the intrinsic value of the marine environment  
Support economic growth opportunities  
Support opportunities for marine research and education  
Manage the potential conflict between marine users  
Reduce pressures from economic activities on the marine environment  
Other(s)

Any other comments you'd like to make?

**Thank you for your time, we really appreciate your contribution!**  
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