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### Background

Marine Scotland is the directorate of Scottish Government (SG) responsible for the integrated management of Scotland's seas.

Established on 1 April 2009, Marine Scotland brings together the functions and resources of the previous SG Marine Directorate, Fisheries Research Services and Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency. Marine Scotland has around 700 staff, a network of offices and laboratories around Scotland, and substantial support assets, including research and protection vessels, and surveillance aircraft.



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### Achieving the vision

Our contribution to achieving that vision, in carrying out our own functions and working with others, will be to:

- Work towards achieving good environmental status, through marine planning, licensing and other functions, to help ensure a healthy and sustainable marine environment;
- Promote sustainable, profitable and well-managed fisheries and aquaculture industries in Scotland;

### Our mission, purpose and vision

Our mission is to manage Scotland's seas for prosperity and environmental sustainability. This contributes to the Scottish Government's overall purpose of sustainable economic growth and achievement of a shared vision of clean, healthy, safe, productive, biologically diverse marine and coastal environments, managed to meet the long term needs of people and nature. Further details can be found in '*Making the most of Scotland's seas: turning our marine vision into reality*'.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/04/01085908/0>

- Ensure sustainably managed freshwater fish and fisheries resources;
- Promote the marine renewables industry in Scotland through streamlined planning and regulatory frameworks;
- Provide a sound scientific evidence-base to inform the development and delivery of marine policy, planning and services;
- Ensure effective compliance and enforcement arrangements;



- Continue to integrate our functions and resources, and to develop our organisational skills, competencies and capacity, to ensure effective and efficient marine management arrangements in Scotland.

Further details can be found in our Strategic Plan 2010-13, available on our website.

## Further Information

For further information about our work, you can:

Access our website:

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