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## Management Group Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Officer Update  
Nick Brodin



Berwickshire & Northumberland  
Marine Nature Partnership



Look back at 2023  
Project Work

# Championing Coastal Coordination (3Cs)

- Joint project with Durham Heritage Coast
- One of the Regional Demonstration Projects within a national project led on by the Coastal Partnerships Network
- Latest phase is looking at producing a collaborative strategy looking at habitat recovery and restoration in the coastal/marine areas of Berwickshire and North East England



# Championing Coastal Coordination (3Cs)

- Workshops held in March and in November/December this year
- Further workshop to be held in February 2024
- End point will be a regional plan which captures the range of regional activity/aspirations and identifies collaborative actions to help realise these



Detail map omission

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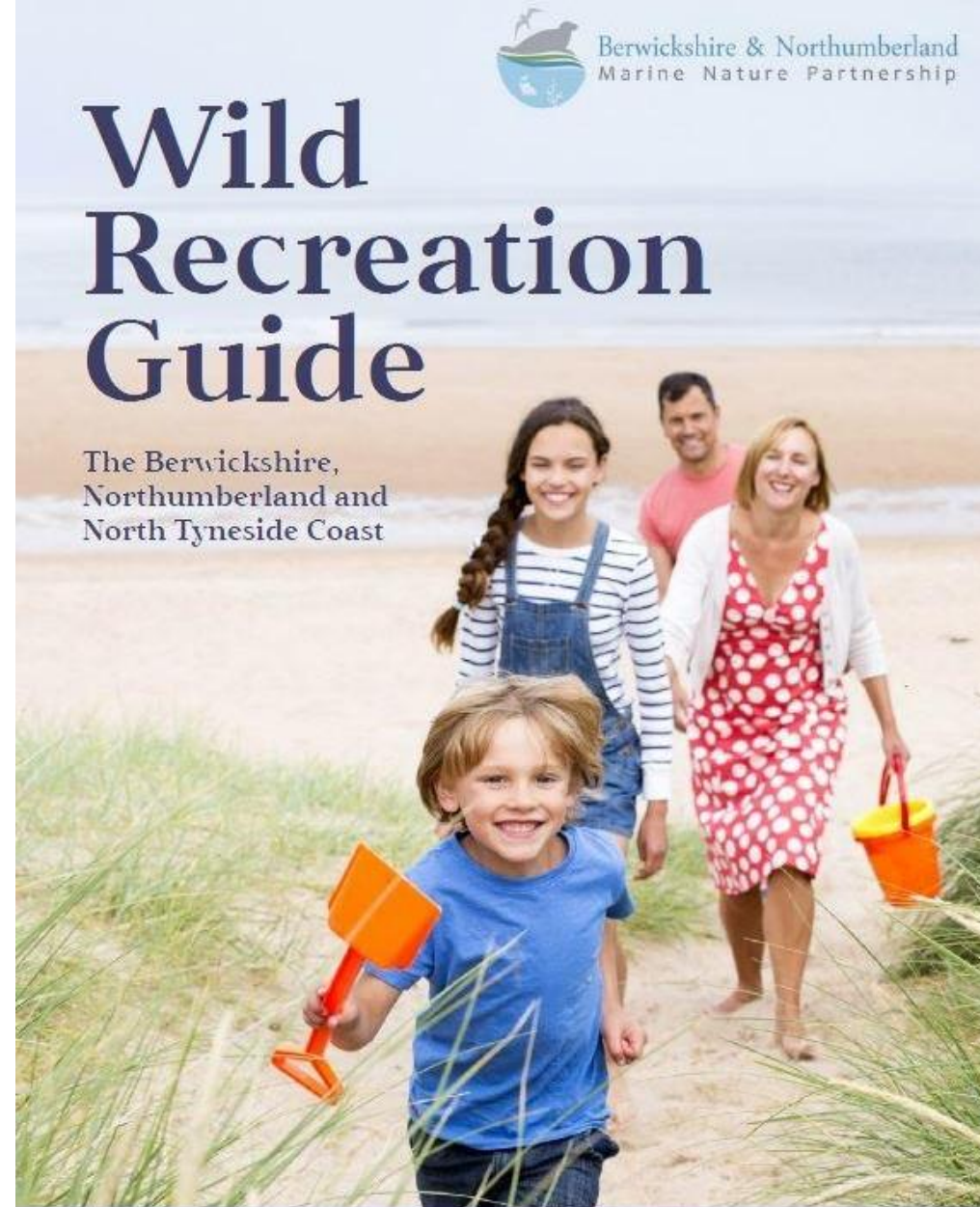
# Enhancing Coastal Infrastructure Project

- Funding from WEIF and from the MNP
- Feasibility Study looking at opportunities to enhance the wildlife value of existing hard coastal infrastructure
- Consultants report due in March 2024
- Next stage will to look at how any opportunities identified might be funded/delivered



# Wild Recreation Guide

The Berwickshire,  
Northumberland and  
North Tyneside Coast



## Wild Recreation Guide

- Published in April 2023
- Online only document to allow for updating
- Short films commissioned to amplify some of the messaging. First will be launched in the new year
- Looking at other ways of publicising the contents of the document

Respect | Protect | Enjoy

# Marine Invasives Species Strategy

- Sets out actions for the prevention, early detection, control and mitigation of the introduction and spread of Marine INNS
- Published in October and available online
- Will be reviewed every 2-years





Look back at 2023  
Citizen Science Activity

# CoastSnap

- Citizen Science monitoring of coastal change using mobile phone images of the coast
- First CoastSnap post in place ... more will follow
- Project will be officially launched in the next few months
- Longer term ambition to link the posts to site specific online interpretation



# Rocky Shore Monitoring

- Project with Natural England
- Rocky shore monitoring with volunteers using an indicator species approach
- Will feed into condition assessments of SAC/MCZ features
- Additional training events early in 2024

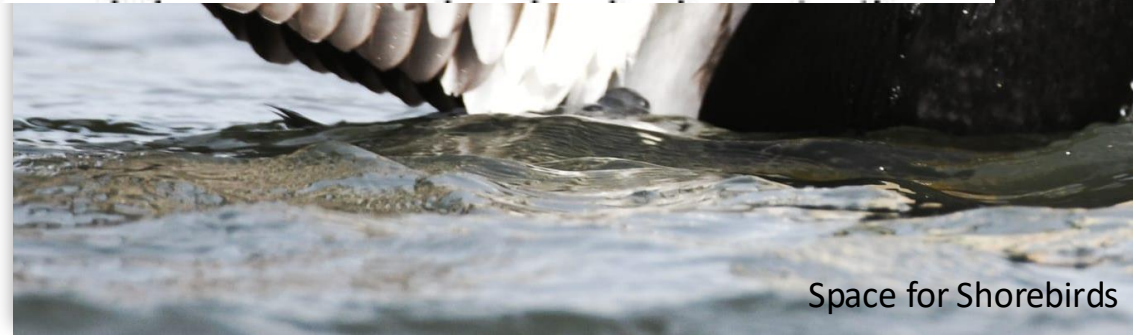
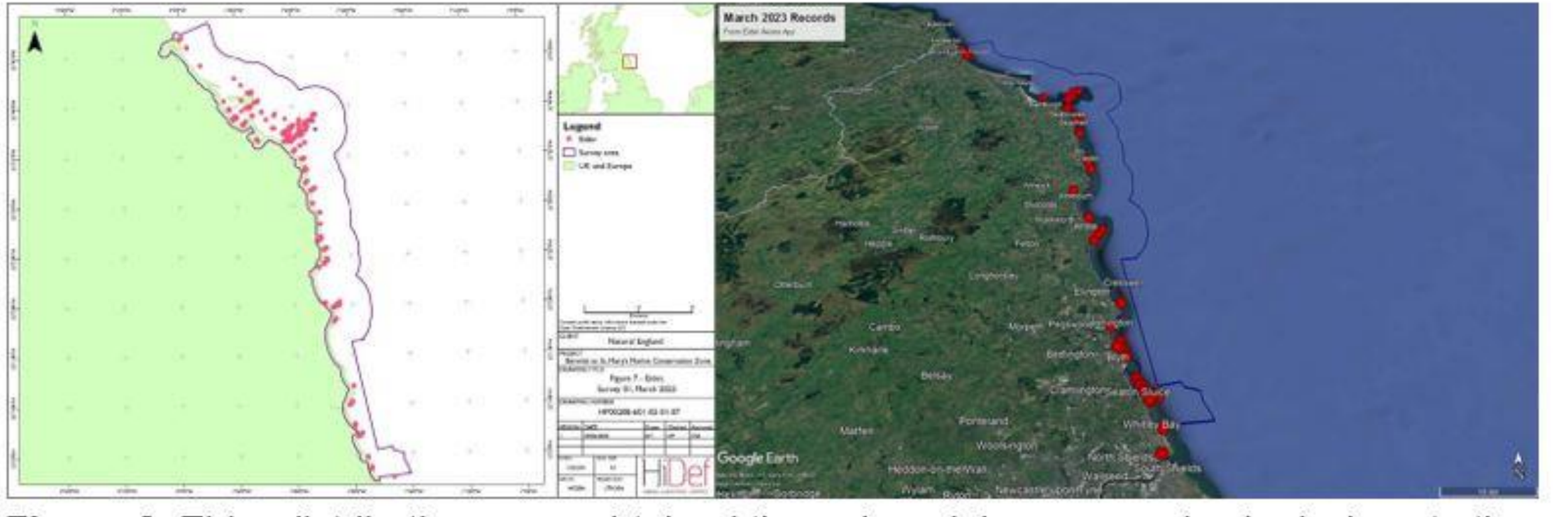


# Eider Aware

- This year we have been involved in a project with Natural England to look at changing distributions of Eider in the Berwick to St Mary's MCZ
- NE commissioned aerial surveys of MCZ during March, May, June and July
- Comparison of submissions to the Eider Aware App (and of WeBS counts) allow a comparison of aerial vs ground-based techniques
- Work being written up as a Natural England Commissioned Report



# Eider Aware





# Out in the wider world...

- Highly Protected Marine Areas (HPMAs)
  - HPMA at Lindisfarne not designated
  - HPMA at North East of Farnes Deep designated in June
  - Proposals to implement HPMAs across 10% of Scotland's seas will not be progressed
- Fisheries Management Plans
- Local Nature Recovery Strategies (England)
- Biodiversity Net Gain/Marine Net Gain (England)

# Latest progress report now online

[www.xbordercurrents.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/MNP-Progress-Report-March-2020-to-December-2023.pdf](http://www.xbordercurrents.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/MNP-Progress-Report-March-2020-to-December-2023.pdf)

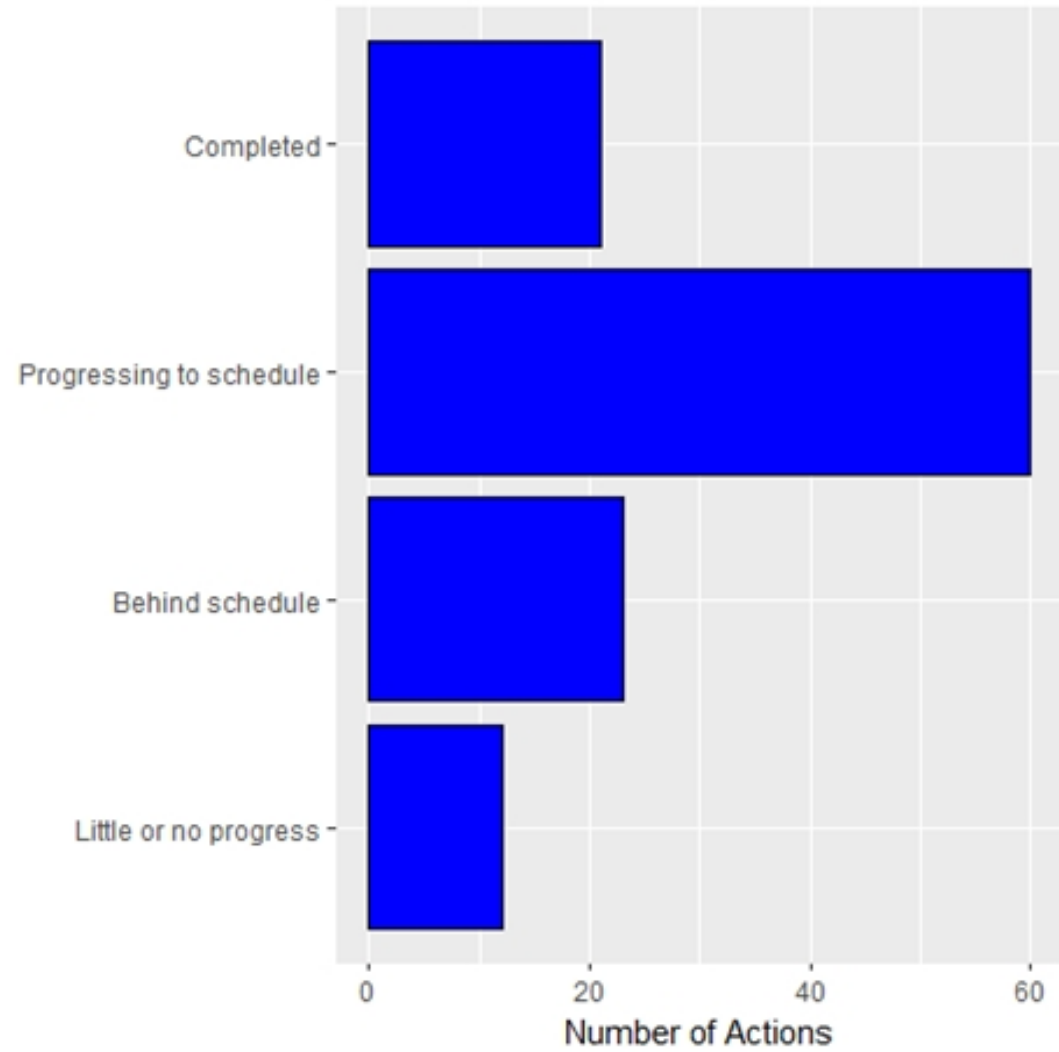


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Progress Report March 2020 to  
December 2023

# Progress With Management Scheme



# Progress with MPA management framework

Principle of a well-managed MPA network	Current Assessment	Outlook for next year
1. Site mapping available	Green	Green
2. Conservation objectives available for sites	Yellow	Yellow
3. Advice on pressures and threats	Yellow	Yellow
4. Site and feature condition is documented	Yellow	Yellow
5. Responsible Authorities have been identified	Green	Green
6. Management tools have been identified	Green	Green
7. Existing management activity has been documented	Green	Green
8. Gaps in management have been identified	Green	Green
9. Inventory of monitoring activity has been produced	Green	Green
10. Web-hub to hold information has been created and maintained	Green	Green
11. Inclusive and effective governance	Green	Green
12. Partnership management	Green	Yellow



# Look ahead to 2024

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Continued delivery of existing projects

Launch of a Student Bursary Scheme

Updating of Delivery Plan for Management Scheme

Input into marine elements of the North of Tyne  
LNRS

Additional work on outreach and interpretation



Fish species/numbers	NI/CA	1996 year	2016
State Titled Commission	SEA	1996 year	2016
Water Quality	SEPA	Water Quality	Water Quality
Presence of Non-Native Species	Natural England	Presence of Non-Native Species	Presence of Non-Native Species
Aircraft disturbance to birds	Natural Trust	Aircraft disturbance to birds	Aircraft disturbance to birds
Monitoring of breeding seabirds	Natural Trust	Monitoring of breeding seabirds	Monitoring of breeding seabirds
Monitoring of wintering seabirds	SEPA	Monitoring of wintering seabirds	Monitoring of wintering seabirds



Questions?

# Breakout Session

Small group discussions to share:

- Your priorities for the next year (and beyond)
- How the Marine Nature Partnership might be able to support you in achieving these

20 minutes