



Public Consultation on Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC)

Article 17 update of the Assessment (Article 8), Determination of Good Environmental Status (Article 9) and Environmental Targets (Article 10)

Feedback Form

Introduction

As outlined in the public consultation document which can be downloaded from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government website.

<https://www.housing.gov.ie/water/water-quality/marine-strategy/public-consultation-marine-strategy-framework-directive-200856ec>

Article 17 of the Directive requires that the elements of the marine strategy are reviewed every 6 years. Article 19 of the Directive requires that consultation with the public and interested parties is undertaken at various stages in the implementation cycle. This important consultation process is part of the first step in the second implementation cycle of the Directive.

The elements of the Directive which are now being consulted on in Ireland are:

- Assessment of the Marine Environment (Article 8)
- Determination of Good Environmental Status (Article 9)
- Establishing Environmental Targets (Article 10)

As this second cycle of the Directive's implementation in Ireland advances there will be separate opportunities for public consultation on the Monitoring Programmes (Article 11) and the Programmes of Measures (Article 13), to fulfil the requirements of the Directive and its amending Directive (2017/845) and Decision (2017/848).

Please outline your views on the various elements of the Directive into the appropriate section of this form below. In addition, please provide separate feedback sheets for each descriptor as appropriate.

Environmental Status

Please provide comments and feedback on the Environmental Status of the marine environment for the Descriptors in the Public Consultation Document.

Good Environmental Status

Please provide comments and feedback on the characteristics of Good Environmental Status for the Descriptors in the Public Consultation Document.

Environmental Targets

Please provide comments and feedback on the proposed Environmental Targets and associated Threshold Values (as appropriate) for the criteria included in the Public Consultation Document.

Additional Comments

Please outline any additional comments and feedback relevant to this stage of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.