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Dear Sirs

DELIVERING MARINE CONSERVATION AND ZONES AND EUROPEAN MARINE SITES

The Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) is the professional body of the United Kingdom representing conservation specialists and historic environment practitioners in the public and private sectors. The Institute exists to establish the highest standards of conservation practice, to support the effective protection and enhancement of the historic environment, and to promote heritage-led regeneration and access to the historic environment for all.

Thank you for inviting us to participate in this consultation.

The Institute's area of interest is the historic environment which sometimes overlaps the areas of interest in the consultation through wreck sites and other sub-surface structures and artefacts.

We are pleased to see the references on pages 16 and 28 to the possibility that statutory designations of such sites may assist with the protection of the marine environment. But we would like to see, somewhere in the document, a reminder that works or activities aimed at conserving the marine environment should avoid damage to historic sites and artefacts especially those with statutory protection.

Yours faithfully

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