




## SCORECARD

Our scorecard set out an assessment of 5 priority areas for the marine environment in 2021, listed in no particular order. Each priority area includes policies which we believed to be practical, achievable and most importantly beneficial for ocean health.

These have now been scored for progress in 2021 as either:

-  Good Progress
-  Some Progress
-  No Meaningful Progress

Score	DELIVER TARGETS FOR OCEAN RECOVERY
	The Environment Bill must be amended to include a legally binding target to halt nature's decline by 2030
	The UK Marine Strategy should be revised as a new 'Ocean Recovery Strategy', running up to 2030
Score	PROTECT AND ENHANCE MARINE BIODIVERSITY
	Begin consultation on the designation of pilot HPMA's in English & SoS waters by World Ocean Day 2021 and announce designation by year end
	HPMA pilot sites should be identified that cover a range of habitats including Blue Carbon ecosystems, inshore and offshore waters areas and English coastal regions
	Deliver the MPA bottom trawling restrictions the MMO has recently consulted on and remove environmentally damaging fishing activities from all offshore MPAs
	Publish a detailed roadmap for achieving 30% of our waters being fully or highly protected by 2030 ahead of the COP15 biodiversity conference
	Deliver a consultation on Remote Electronic Monitoring on fishing vessels
	Deliver meaningful action to ensure that fisheries are sustainably managed, with fishing quotas allocated fairly across the entire fleet based on sustainability criteria and scientific advice
Score	OFFSHORE PLANNING REFORM
	Marine Plans must be urgently updated so increasing demands on the sea are planned to allow nature to recover at the same time as helping to mitigate climate change
	Commit to a centralised, and cross-departmental, plan led approach to consenting of marine developments
	Ensure that nature protection, recovery and enhancement are front loaded into strategic marine planning
Score	ACTION ON BYCATCH
	Urgently increase testing and deployment of both alternative gears and effective mitigation measures at the fishing fleet level
	Ensure effective at-sea monitoring of fishing activity and bycatch reporting
Score	ACTION ON BLUE CARBON
	Action to prioritise the creation, protection and restoration of marine sites with potential for the greatest natural carbon storage
	At least one of the pilot HPMA's should focus on Blue Carbon protection and restoration, as recommended in the Benyon Review
	On the international stage, government should advocate for the preservation of Blue Carbon to be recognised as a key nature-based solution and climate mitigation strategy