



# Annual Strategic Plan

## April 2023 to March 2024



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# SECTION 1: Introduction

## Strategic Plan

Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority's (IFCAs) were created under Section 150 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act, 2009<sup>1</sup> (MaCAA), as designated statutory inshore regulators for the marine environment. Southern IFCA have clearly defined duties to manage sustainable fisheries and conserve the wider marine environment within the coastal waters of Hampshire, Dorset and the Isle of Wight.

Under Section (177) of the MaCAA, Southern IFCA are required to make and publish a plan setting out the Authority's main objectives and priorities for the year ahead.

In order to deliver a strategic plan and fulfill Southern IFCA's function as a competent inshore regulator for the marine environment, we recognise the need to align our work to a strategic direction. With many competing and evolving objectives, it is important that we maintain a considered overview in our delivery. This proactive way of working, with the recognition of the need to maintain a capacity for reactive and emerging work and oncoming challenges, will provide a template for Southern IFCA and our stakeholders moving forward through 2023 and beyond.

The strategic direction, as presented in this paper, will enable the Southern IFCA to be more transparent with our community, stakeholders and delivery partners, through anticipation of shared goals and objectives and seek to encourage joint working initiative and projects.

This plan sets out Southern IFCA's strategic direction for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

## Wider Context

The Strategic Plan demonstrates how Southern IFCA will continue to shape inshore fisheries and conservation management in accordance with our statutory functions, and in doing so support the UK's Governments vision for '*clean, healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse oceans and seas*' in accordance with the **UK Marine Policy Statement**<sup>2</sup>.

Further, it will demonstrate how Southern IFCA's work aligns with the Government's shared ambition under the **Joint Fisheries Statement**<sup>3</sup> (**JFS**) '*...to continue delivering world class, sustainable management...*' for sea fisheries, recreational sea fishing and aquaculture, in accordance with achieving, or contributing to the achievement of the **eight fisheries objectives**, set out in the **Fisheries Act 2020**<sup>4</sup>.

**The Marine Strategy Regulations 2010**<sup>5</sup> require fishery bodies in the UK to take action to

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/23/contents>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-marine-policy-statement>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-fisheries-statement-ifs>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2020/22/contents/enacted>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/1627/contents/made>

achieve or maintain Good Environmental Status (GES) in all UK waters. **The UK Marine Strategy**<sup>6</sup> is a key pillar of marine policy in the UK and the JFS is a cross cutting measure which will help to deliver GES for fisheries<sup>7</sup>.

In accordance with the Government's **Environmental Improvement Plan 2023<sup>8</sup> (EIP)**, which builds upon the **25 Year Environment Plan<sup>9</sup> (25YEP)** and key legislative frameworks, to include the **Environment Act 2021<sup>10</sup>** and the Fisheries Act 2020, Southern IFCA will endeavour to evidence our role in the collective delivery of the Government's vision, to '*...help the natural world regain and retain good health...*', following the commitment to '*...leave the environment in a better state for future generations...*' and '*...halt the decline of nature by 2030...*'

## External Landscapes

The impact of coronavirus and the subsequent restrictions introduced by the UK Government had a direct impact on the delivery of both the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Annual Plans<sup>11</sup>. However, as demonstrated in the subsequent Annual Reports<sup>12</sup> (2020-2021 and 2021-2022), Southern IFCA continued to adapt to the changing external landscapes in order to best achieve its duties and responsibilities. It is unlikely that the pandemic will continue to have a direct impact on Southern IFCA's functionality moving forward, however, the legacy may continue to be felt as we continue to rebuild the areas of work which were impacted most.

As with previous years where our delivery timetables have been impacted by unforeseen external events, we anticipate that our work over the forthcoming year will continue to be shaped by external political landscapes and economies. During these uncertain times, Southern IFCA commit to maintain full transparency with its community and stakeholders in order to account for any variations in delivery and operation. Southern IFCA appreciates the support that the community has provided over recent years and we will continue to strive to fulfill our legislative duties in the forthcoming year and beyond.

## National IFCA: Core Values

### The IFCA Vision, High Level Objectives and Success Criteria

Together, the National IFCA Vision, High Level Objectives and Success Criteria set out the intentions of IFCA's to sustainably manage inshore fisheries and conservation.

***“ Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities will lead, champion and manage a sustainable marine environment and inshore fisheries, by successfully securing the right balance between social, environmental and economic benefits to ensure healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and a viable industry ”***

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/marine-strategy-part-one-uk-updated-assessment-and-good-environmental-status>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-fisheries-statement-ifs> (page 11)

<sup>8</sup> [Environmental Improvement Plan \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk)

<sup>9</sup> [25 Year Environment Plan - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

<sup>10</sup> [Environment Act 2021 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.southern-ifca.gov.uk/authority-reports>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.southern-ifca.gov.uk/authority-reports>

IFCA High Level Objectives	IFCA Success Criteria
Achieving a sustainable marine economy	IFCAs are recognised and heard, balancing the economic needs of the fishery whilst working in partnership and engaging with stakeholders.
Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society	IFCAs implement a fair, effective and proportionate enforcement regime.
Using sound science responsibly	IFCAs use evidence based and appropriate measures to manage the sustainable exploitation of sea fisheries resources and deliver marine environmental protection within their districts.
Living within environmental limits	IFCAs have appropriate governance in place and staff are trained and professional.
Promoting good governance	IFCAs make the use of evidence to deliver their objectives

## National IFCA: Core Functions

Southern IFCA have clearly defined duties under Section (153) and (154) of the **Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)** to ensure that the marine environment within the district is conserved and maintained in a viable state.

## National IFCA: Other Duties

Under the **Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019**, Southern IFCA must ensure that fishing activity does not damage, disturb or have an adverse effect on the wildlife or habitats for which a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) or Special Protection Area (SPA) within the national site network is legally protected.

In accordance with **The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**, when carrying out our duties, Southern IFCA must consider any marine component of a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), which provides protection to species, and/or habitat of national importance.

## National IFCA: Supporting Government Vision

**The Fisheries Act (2020)** was introduced to make provisions in relation to fisheries, fishing, aquaculture and marine conservation following the departure of the UK from Europe. The Act enshrines in law the UK’s commitment to sustainable fishing, supporting future generations of fishers, while allowing the marine environment to thrive. It provides a legally binding structure to protect and recover stocks, support a sustainable fishing industry and safeguard the environment. In accordance with the JFS, IFCAs are required to have regard to the Fisheries Act (2020), the JFS and Fisheries Management Plans (FMP), where required by guidance issued by the Secretary of State, or when undertaking a relevant function as delegated by the Marine Management Organisation.

**The Environment Act (2021)** sets clear statutory targets for the recovery of the natural world in four priority areas: air quality, biodiversity, waste and water, and includes a target to reverse the decline in species abundance by 2030. The Act designated the 25YEP as the first statutory Environmental Improvement Plan (EIP), and IFCAs, as Arm’s Length Bodies (ALB) to Defra, play a crucial role in the delivery of the EIP.

## Southern IFCA: Core Principles

With the overarching context provided by legislative function, policy principles and Defra's best practice guidance, Southern IFCA will embed the following Core Principles in the delivery of our work at all stages, drawing all the components together to drive the collective delivery of the UK Government's vision.

Undertake compliance and enforcement functions in accordance with legislative requirements, overarching policy principles and Codes of Conduct, namely:

- Work in Partnership
- Collaborate with other fisheries enforcement bodies
- Take a risk based approach to compliance as informed by an intelligence led model
- Undertake inspections in accordance with a national standard
- Seek to achieve compliance through engagement, understanding and advice
- Undertake regulation in accordance with the Regulators Code, the functions of which are specified in The Legislative and Regulatory Reform (Regulatory Functions) Order 2007.
- Work in accordance with the Southern IFCA Compliance and Enforcement Framework, FAP Guidelines and the Code for Crown Prosecutors.

Ensure that fishing activity does not damage, disturb or have an adverse effect on the wildlife or habitats for which a SAC or SPA is legally protected.

Have regard to the Fisheries Act 2020 (to include the 8 Fisheries Objectives), The Joint Fisheries Statement and Fisheries Management Plans when carrying out our functions.

In areas of the district which are outside any Marine Protected Area (collectively MCZ, SPA, SAC), we will ensure that:

- Fishing is carried out sustainably
- We balance the social and economic benefits of fishing with the need to protect the marine environment. and promote its recovery from the effects of fishing.
- We contribute to sustainable development.
- We balance the different needs of persons engaged in fishing.

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Further the Conservation Objectives of Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs) within the District.

When undertaking our duties, consider any Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI) with marine components, which provide protection to species and/or habitats of national importance.

Manage the inshore marine environment in accordance with Defra Policy Guidance and overarching policy principles, namely:

- The use of best available evidence
- Where appropriate and within legislative remit, undertake a risk-based approach to assess the potential risks that fishing activity may present to the marine environment, providing an evidence base for prioritising the development of management measures, which will enable delivery of duties in an evidence based, strategic and proportionate way.
- The use of the Precautionary Principle in the absence of evidence
- Transparent decision making
- Partnership working
- Collaboration between fisheries enforcement bodies

Align our delivery to the Environment Improvement Plan (2023), with specific consideration of targets relating to MPAs, Marine Spatial Prioritisation, Net Zero/blue carbon habitats, VMS and Catch App and marine heritage.



## SECTION 2: Resources

### The Membership

Elected Members	
Cllr Mr. M Roberts	Dorset Council (Chairman of Authority)
<i>Pending</i>	Hampshire County Council
Cllr Mr. R Hughes	Dorset Council
Cllr Mr. P Miles	BCP Council
Cllr Mr. R Rocca	BCP Council
Cllr Mr. D Furnell	Southampton City Council
Cllr Mrs. D Curnow-Ford	Hampshire County Council
Cllr Mr. M Winnington	Portsmouth City Council
Cllr Mr. P Fuller	Isle of Wight Council

Representative of Partner Organisations	
Mr P Rudd	Environment Agency
Dr R Morgan/Mr J McClelland	Natural England
Ms R Irish	Marine Management Organisation

General Members (appointed by the Marine Management Organisation)	
Dr. A Jensen (Chairman of the TAC)	Marine Environment/Academic Sector
Mr. R Stride (Vice Chairman of the TAC)	Commercial Fishing Sector
Dr. S Cripps	Marine Environment/Conservation Sector
Mr. C Francis	Recreational Sea Angling Sector
Mr. T Legg	Commercial Fishing Sector
Ms. L MacCallum	Marine Environment/Conservation Sector
Mr. G Wordsworth	Aquaculture Sector
Mr. N Hornby	Fisheries Science and Policy Sector
<i>Vacancy</i>	Recreational Sea Angling Sector

### Co-option

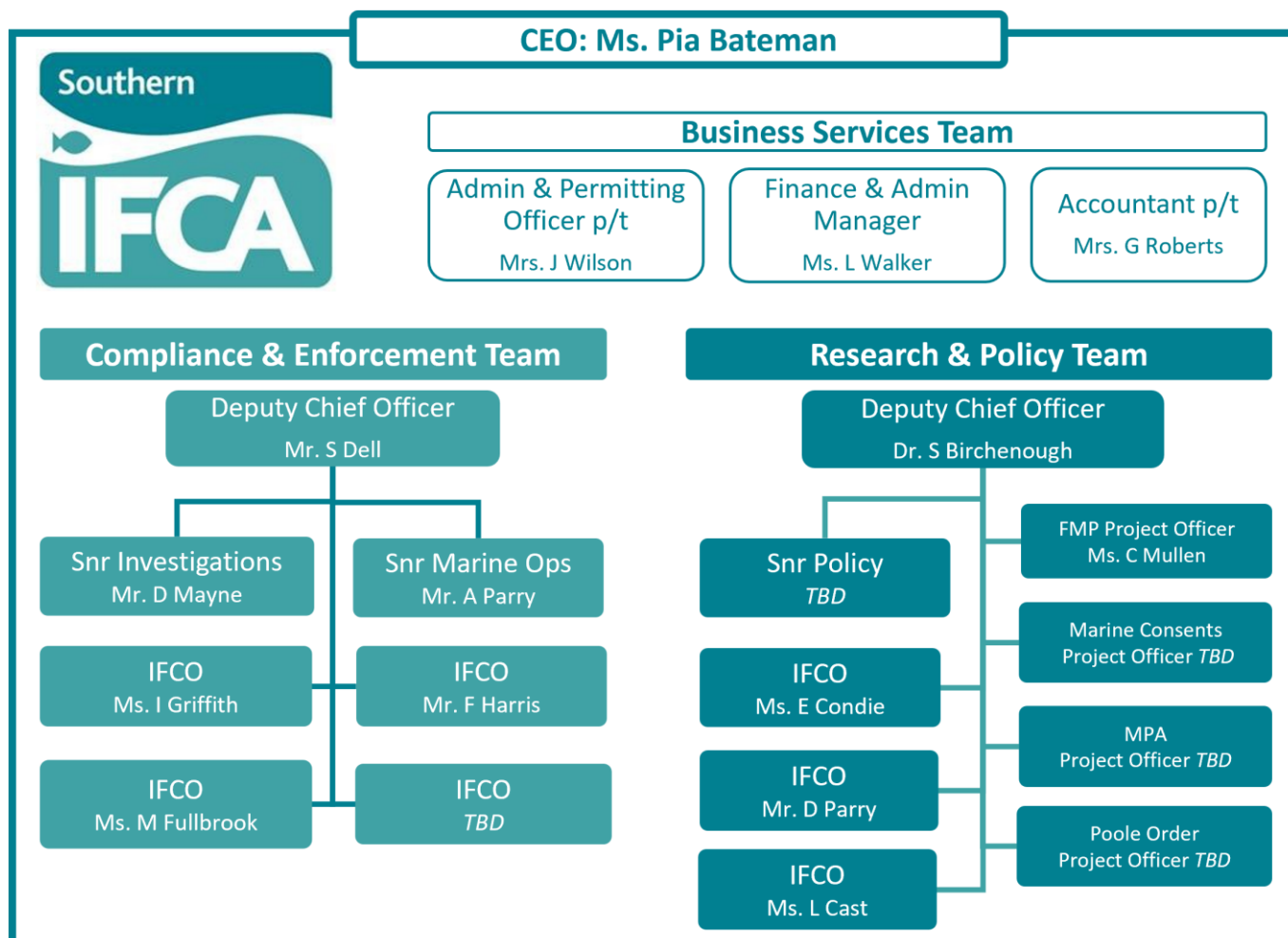
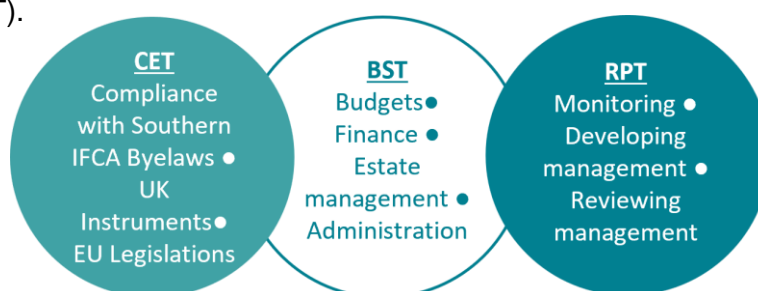
A Co-opted person is someone who has passed the Marine Management Organisation's (MMO) General Member Recruitment process and resides on the MMO merit list and has been invited to Committee Meetings to contribute specific experience and knowledge pertinent to discussions, at the discretion of the Chairman. In accordance with this function a Co-opted person is required to

declare any interests, as required under the Southern IFCA Code of Conduct for Non-Elected Members. In accordance with Southern IFCA’s Standing Orders, a Co-opted person is not able to vote on any matter.

Co-opted Persons	
Ms E Bussey-Jones	Marine Environment/Other
Mr S Matthews	Commercial Fishing Sector

## The Team

The Southern IFCA Team is led by Chief Executive Officer Ms. Pia Bateman who oversees the Business Service Team (BST), the Compliance and Enforcement Team (CET) and the Research and Policy Team (RPT).



## The Budget: Financial Year 2023-2024

The Southern IFCA (Amendment) Order 2010 states that the relevant Councils must defray the expenses incurred by Southern IFCA. Dorset Council, Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight Council and the BCP Council receive a grant from central government (via the New Burdens Doctrine<sup>13</sup>) of £329,425.

For the financial year April 2023 to March 2024 the constituent authorities were levied a sum of £813,091, divided in accordance with a prescribed formula. Due to the current economic climate and pressures facing the constituent councils, it was agreed at the December 2022 Authority Meeting that levy contributions for the financial year 2023-2024 would match those received in the previous financial year (2022-2023).

Constituent Council	Formula (%)	April 2023- March 2024		
		Levy (£)	Government Grant (£)	Total Contribution (£)
Hampshire County Council	40.40	124,845	203,644	328,489
Dorset Council	24.79	101,752	99,785	201,537
Isle of Wight Council	14.35	103,015	13,663	116,678
BCP Council	11.14	78,274	12,333	90,607
Portsmouth City Council	5.02	40,817	0	40,817
Southampton City Council	4.30	34,963	0	34,963
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		<b>483,666</b>	<b>329,425</b>	<b>813,091</b>

Expenditure Summary	April 2023- March 2024
Business Services	£892,405
Compliance and Enforcement	£162,607
Research and Policy	£31,384
Capital Equipment	£120,685
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£1,207,081</b>

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£1,175,441</b>
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<b>INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£-31,640</b>
<i>Post- inflationary projections at 7.4%</i>	<i>£-49,600</i>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/new-burdens-doctrine-guidance-for-government-departments>










## SECTION 3: 2023-2024 Horizon Planning

The Horizon Goals identified in this section will be translated into clear, outcome-focused Delivery Priorities under the Research and Policy Plan 2023-2024 and the Compliance and Enforcement Plan 2023-2024. These Delivery Priorities will be broken down into 3-month phases, where possible, in order to provide transparency in timelines. The Horizon Goals demonstrate where Southern IFCA consider their work for the forthcoming year aligns with:

- Delivery of IFCA High Level Objectives via **IFCA Success Criteria**
- the eight **Fisheries Objectives** (Fisheries Act 2020)
- the delivery of the **Environment Improvement Plan 2023** (Environment Act 2021)
- supporting **Defra’s delivery** of the Fisheries Act
- the **UK Net Zero Strategy**, via identification and instigation of changes in operations, in order to minimise and reduce emissions.

The following graphics will be used to demonstrate this alignment both in this strategy and in the respective team plans:

IFCA Success Criteria	No.	Fisheries Objectives
IFCAs are recognised and heard, balancing the economic needs of the fishery whilst working in partnership and engaging with stakeholders.	1	Sustainability 1
IFCAs implement a fair, effective and proportionate enforcement regime.	2	Precautionary 2
IFCAs use evidence based and appropriate measures to manage the sustainable exploitation of sea fisheries resources and deliver marine environmental protection within their districts.	3	Ecosystem 3
IFCAs have appropriate governance in place and staff are trained and professional.	4	Scientific Evidence 4
IFCAs make the use of evidence to deliver their objectives	5	Bycatch 5
		Equal Access 6
		National Benefit 7
		Climate Change 8
UK Net Zero Strategy 		
Supporting Defra in delivery of Fisheries Act Objectives		FMPs  MPAs  Marine Consents 
Environment Improvement Plan (EIP) 2023		
<b>Goal 1: Thriving plants and wildlife</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For 70% of designated features in MPAs to be in favourable condition by 2042 with the remainder in recovering condition, with a new interim target of 48% of designated features to be in favourable condition by 31 January 2028. To achieve interim target: management measures to be in place across all MPAs by 2024.</li> <li>• Marine Spatial Prioritisation Programme delivery (via FMPs, Marine Plans and Marine Consents).</li> <li>• Achieving Net Zero via harnessing of blue carbon habitats (saltmarsh and seagrass).</li> <li>• Implementation of VMS and Catch App across the inshore fleet</li> </ul> 		
<b>Goal 6: Using resources from nature sustainably</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop FMPs as ways of managing fisheries more sustainably.</li> </ul> 		
<b>Goal 10: Enhancing beauty, heritage &amp; engagement with the natural environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider marine heritage in marine plans</li> </ul> 		

## Business Services Horizon Goals

<b>Permit Database</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Benefits</b>
		Manual issuing of c.85 permits annually under the SDPB and PHDP Byelaws, in addition to c.369 'Fishing for Sale' permits every two years (on a rolling cycle).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in administration function associated with manual processing</li> <li>• Associated cost savings (tasking and finance)</li> <li>• Provide user friendly platform for fishers working in permitted fisheries, reducing paperwork burden.</li> <li>• Provide data downloads for fishers.</li> </ul>
	<b>Why</b>		
		Adjusting to additional administration of c.230 permits and issuing of gear tags direct with end user.	
	<b>Key Assumption</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Overarching Objectives</b>
		Ratification of the PFB and NFB by the Secretary of State	DCO Compliance & Enforcement and Administration & Permitting Officer
<b>Success Criteria</b>			
	Permit fisheries to be automated in a staged approach starting September 2023.		
<b>Finance System</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Success Criteria</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in administration function to allow for reallocation of tasking in BST.</li> <li>• To facilitate remote accountancy provision.</li> <li>• Continuation of online support</li> <li>• Cost savings</li> </ul>	Transition to new software to be active and operational by March 2024
	<b>Why</b>		<b>Who</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To align budget with operational function</li> <li>• Current system discontinuing support services from August 2024</li> </ul>	Finance and Administration Manager & Accountant
		<b>Overarching Objectives</b>	
<b>Governance Review</b>	<b>What &amp; Why</b>	<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Success Criteria</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal review of process and policy</li> <li>• To analyse and interpret current performance against best practice to identify possible improvements</li> <li>• Ensure compliance with relevant regulations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify areas for improvement</li> <li>• To maximise performance and efficiency</li> <li>• Retention of staff</li> <li>• Ability to deliver statutory functions</li> <li>• Business resilience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of change following report on findings by March 2024</li> </ul>
	<b>Overarching Objectives</b>	<b>Who</b>	
		CEO, Finance and Administration Manager & Accountant	

## Compliance and Enforcement Horizon Goals


<b>Introduction of Cabin RHIB</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Success Criteria</b>
	Transition in operational delivery with introduction of new marine asset.	Procurement process complete December 2022. Boat building tender awarded December 2022 to a UK company.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational deployment of vessel by end of March 2024</li> <li>Operational Policy updates, health &amp; safety and training in place pre-deployment.</li> </ul>
	<b>Why</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To deliver functions in accordance with MaCAA, whilst ensuring capability to deliver work in accordance with the Fisheries Act</li> <li>To provide a joint regulatory platform for partner organisations</li> <li>To deliver any future contracts beyond current jurisdictional boundaries</li> <li>Increase compliance and enforcement capabilities</li> <li>Provide a platform for IFCOs that adheres to health and safety requirements as well as wellbeing of officers.</li> </ul>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Further Details</b>
		DCO Compliance & Enforcement and Senior IFCO Marine Operations.	Compliance and Enforcement Team Plan 2023-2024
<b>Overarching Objectives</b>			<b>Key Assumption</b>
			Completion of boat build in accordance with T&Cs.
<b>Implementation of Net Fishing Byelaw (NFB)</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Success Criteria</b>
	A Byelaw which introduces Net Prohibition areas, Net Restriction Areas (seasonal/gear restrictions), Net Permit Areas (flexible permit conditions) and gear marking across the district.	NFB submitted to MMO Byelaw Team 11 March 2022 for quality assurance prior to ratification by the Secretary of State.	Delivery of Implementation plans to include Communication Strategy following ratification in order to support stakeholders.
	<b>Why</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To facilitate compliance with measures relevant to commercial and recreational net fishers.</li> <li>To support a change in management of net fisheries across the district.</li> </ul>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Further Details</b>
	<b>Key Assumption</b>	DCO Compliance & Enforcement	Compliance and Enforcement Team Plan 2023-2024
Ratification of the NFB by the Secretary of State.			
<b>Overarching Objectives</b>			

<b>Implementation of Pot Fishing Byelaw (PFB)</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Success Criteria</b>
	A Byelaw which introduces Commercial Potting Permits and Recreational Potting Permits, pot markings and prohibition of removal of berried crab.	PFB submitted to MMO Byelaw Team 13 Oct. 2022 for quality assurance prior to ratification by the Secretary of State.	Delivery of Implementation plans to include Communication Strategy following ratification in order to support stakeholders.
	<b>Why</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To facilitate compliance with measures relevant to commercial and recreational pot fishers.</li> <li>To support a change in management of pot fisheries across the district.</li> </ul>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Further Details</b>
	<b>Key Assumption</b>	DCO Compliance & Enforcement	Compliance and Enforcement Team Plan 2023-2024
	Ratification of the PFB by the Secretary of State.	<b>Overarching Objectives</b>	

## Research and Policy Horizon Goals

<b>Minimum Conservation Reference Size Review</b>	What and Why	Status	Success Criteria
	To consider existing MCRS limits which are currently applicable across the District, and whether there is a need to introduce MCRSs for additional species in the district.	Stage 1: Evidence Gathering	Progression of Byelaw through Management Intervention Process.
	<b>Key Assumption</b>	DCO Research & Policy	Research and Policy Team Plan 2023-2024
	Authority approval at each stage of Byelaw development.		
	<b>Overarching Objectives</b>		

<b>Supporting Defra's Delivery of Fisheries Act Objectives</b>	What	How	Status
	<b>Fisheries Management Plans:</b> Relevant to the Crab and Lobster, Whelk, Bass, Scallop, Non Quota Species and Southern North Sea an Eastern Channel Mixed Flatfish Front runner FMPs, Southern IFCA will; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support planning/preparation phase (on going)</li> <li>• Support publication phase – review and evaluate (to begin c. April 2023)</li> <li>• Log requests and feedback concerns (on going)</li> </ul>	Recruit Project Officer + existing resource	Funding received, role offer to candidate Jan 2023
	<b>MPA Programme:</b> To conclude the implementation of all appropriate management measures for MPAs by 2024 (BTFG, Shore gathering and Black Bream), identifying strategic blocks to delivery and establishing a narrative around the delivery of these plans.		Awaiting funding
	<b>Marine Consents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To engage with the Marine Spatial Prioritisation Programme via scenario testing, stakeholder engagement and data and evidence (impacts of co-location work relating to fishing, aquaculture, marine licenses and MPAs).</li> <li>• To contribute to the development of 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Marine Plans, via data and evidence, stakeholder engagement and policy development. (2<sup>nd</sup> South Report due July 2024).</li> <li>• Contribution of delivery of Aquaculture and Mariculture Strategy.</li> <li>• Contribution of delivery of Angling Strategy.</li> </ul>		Awaiting funding
	Overarching Objectives	Success Criteria	Who
	Delivery of project in line with Defra requirements	DCO Research & Policy	

MPA Management Review	What and Why	Status	Success Criteria
	<p>(1) To introduce management measures for T3 MCZs and additional features for T1&amp;T2 MCZs ensuring that the Conservation Objectives of any feature within an MCZ are furthered.</p> <p>(2) Incorporate an update to existing management within district-wide MPAs (SPAs, SACs) based on the best available spatial evidence of feature presence/extent, as provided by NE, to ensure that there is no damage, disturbance or adverse impact caused by fishing activity on the features subject to protection.</p> <p>(3) Incorporate a scheduled review of the existing Prohibition of Gathering (Sea Fisheries Resources) in Seagrass Beds Byelaw and the Bottom Towed Fishing Gear Byelaw 2016, as well as consideration of relevant legacy byelaws, where the existing management footprint falls within MPAs.</p>	Bottom Towed Fishing Gear Review: Phase 1, Stage 3: Draft Byelaw	Stage 5: Submission of BTFG Byelaw to MMO Byelaw Team by March 2024.
		Shore Gathering Review: Stage 1: Evidence Gathering	Progression of Review to Stage 4: Draft Byelaw by March 2024.
		Pending receipt of data from Natural England following outcomes of Black Bream survey work undertaken in April 2021.	Progression of Review to Stage 4: Draft Byelaw by March 2024.
		<b>ALL - To achieve by 2024, in line with Government targets.</b>	
Key Assumption	Who	Further Details	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authority approval at each stage of Byelaw development.</li> <li>Provision of Conservation Advice from Natural England.</li> <li>Provision of data on location and extent of black bream within relevant MCZs from Natural England for BB Review</li> </ul>	DCO Research & Policy	Research and Policy Team Plan	
	<b>Overarching Objectives</b> 		

## SECTION 4: Reporting Metrics

Southern IFCA will report on the annual delivery of the 2023-2024 Annual Plan in the context of:

