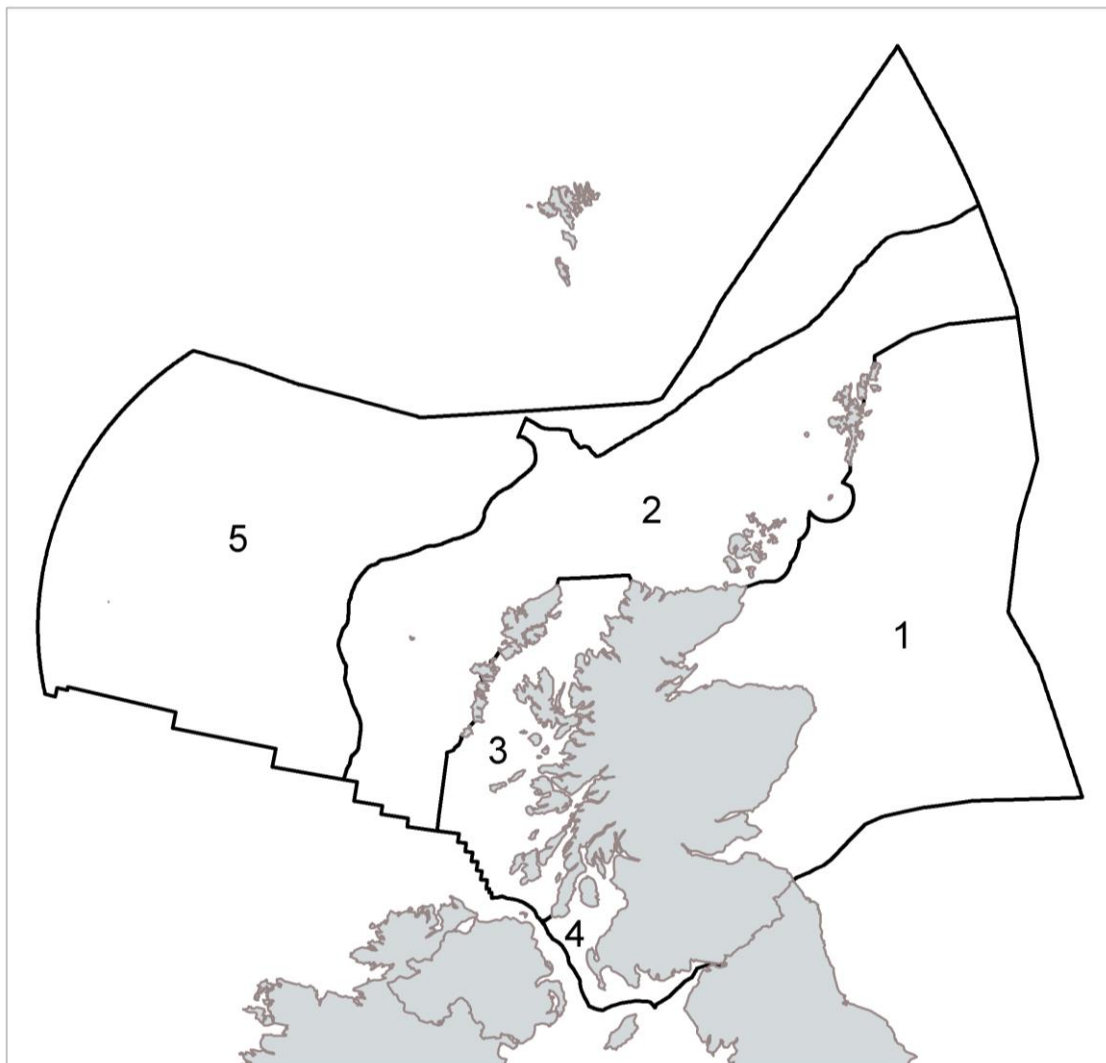


Biogeographic regions in Scottish waters

These regions are the Scottish component of the [biogeographic regions](#) used for [Charting Progress 2](#) and for UK MSFD reporting purposes



- 1 Northern North Sea
- 2 Scottish Continental Shelf
- 3 Minches and Western Scotland
- 4 Irish Sea (Clyde & Solway)
- 5 Atlantic North-West Approaches

Regions 1, 3 and 4 are used in the construction of the National Performance Framework - Clean Seas Indicator¹.

Regions 2 and 5 are not used in the Clear Seas Indicator. Region 5 is too difficult to sample, and Region 2 has insufficient spatial coverage for regional assessments of contaminants in both biota and sediment.

¹ Until 2017, Regions 1, 2, 3 and 4 were used in the Clean Seas Indicator. Region 2 was excluded in 2018 because of the lack of spatial coverage, and the Indicator for 2015-2017 was recalculated using just Regions 1, 3 and 4.