



UK Fishing Restrictions Mapping Service

From Kingfisher

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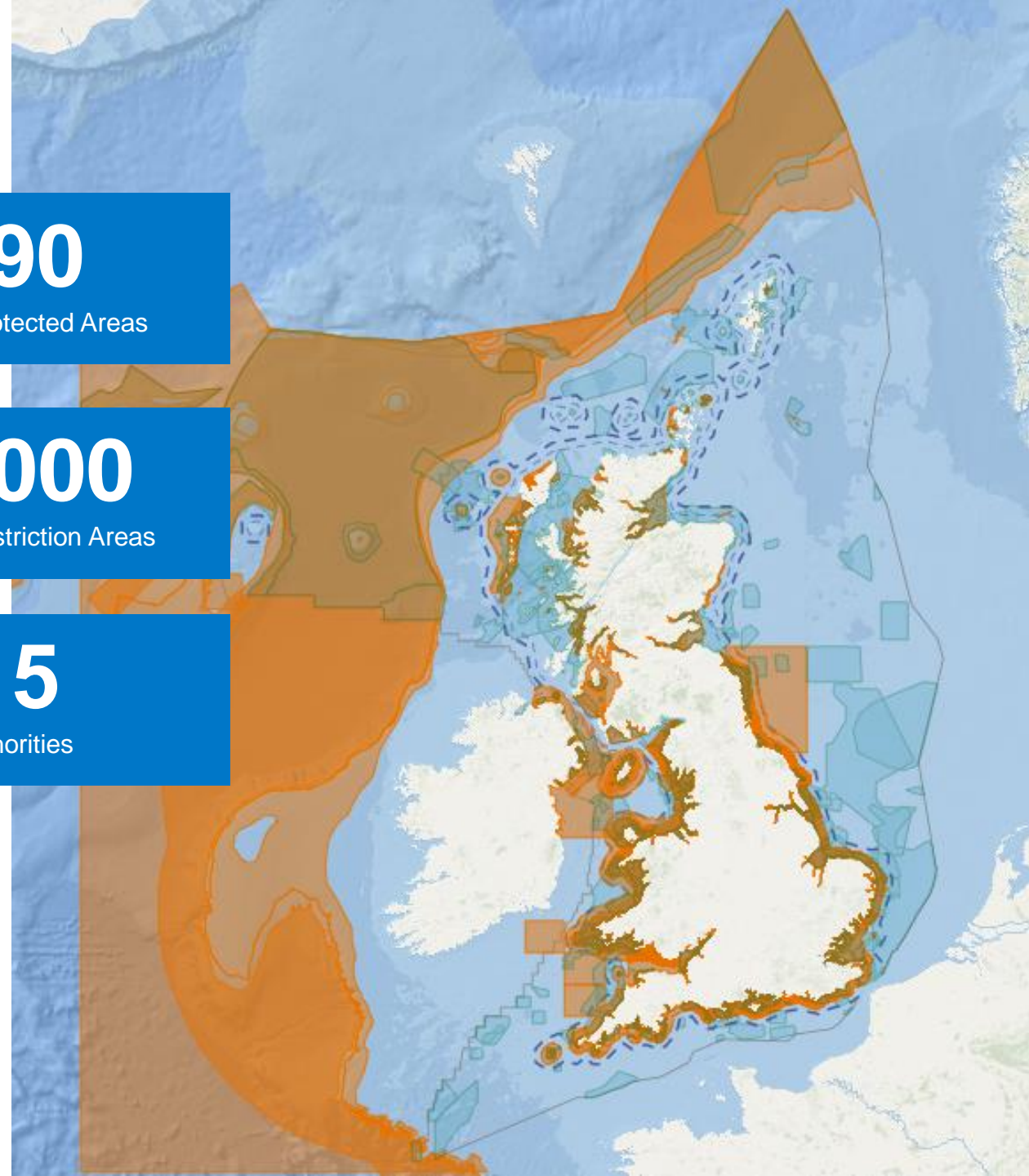
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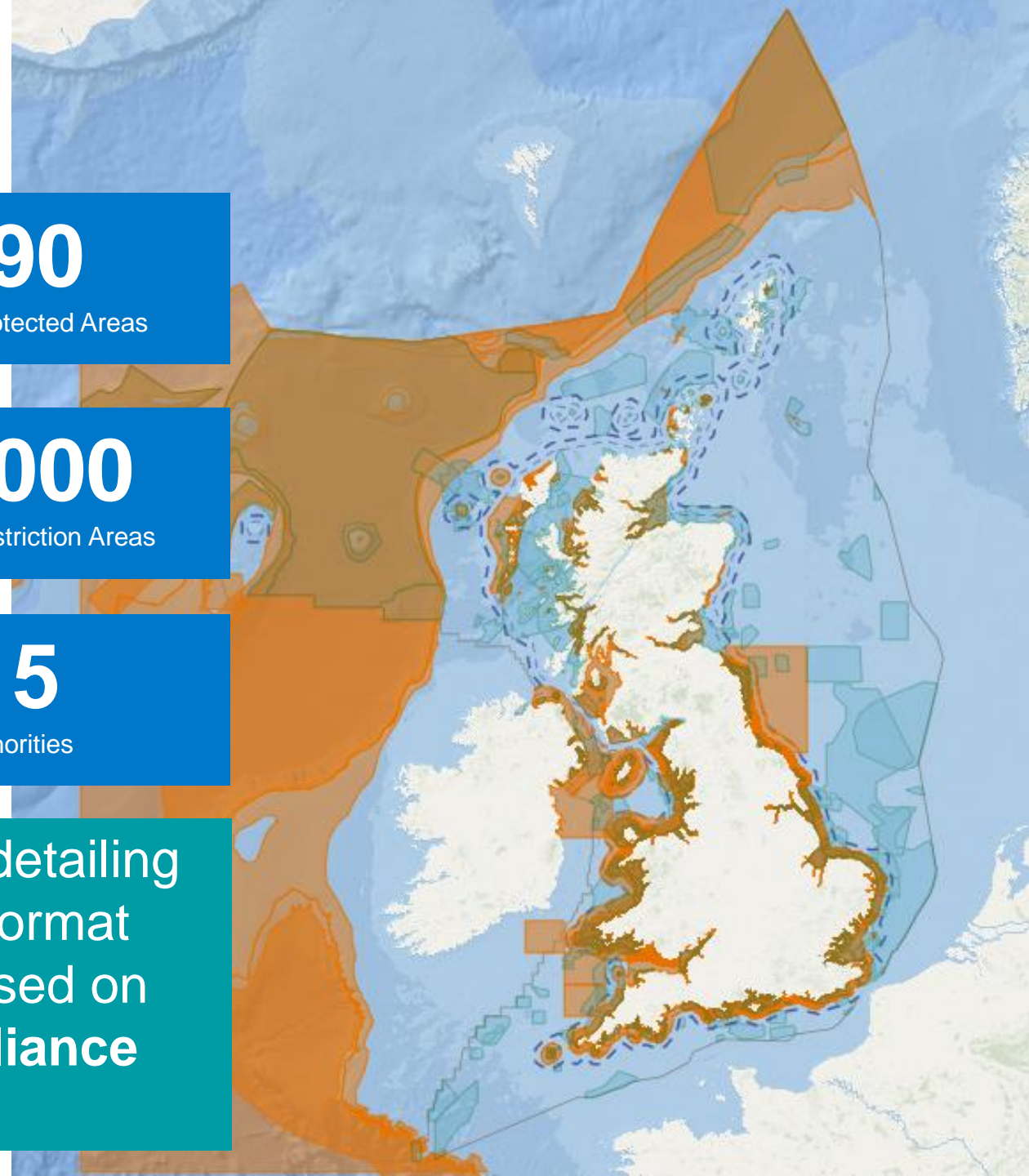
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There is no **consolidated spatial dataset** detailing **all fishing restrictions** for UK waters in a format which is **easy to understand** and can be used on multiple plotter systems. This makes **compliance with the law** very difficult.





Too many websites with **information buried** too deeply.

Just can't find it, it's usually buried in 100's of pages of **lawyer speak**.

A **one-stop-shop** [is needed] ... with restrictions in **layman terms**.

MMO and IFCA websites are a **mine field to get round** and find what you need.

I have to go through all the restrictions to see **which ones apply to me**.

About time this was done. **Long overdue!**

Fishing Restriction Mapping Service

The Project

- Aims to address the problem by offering a consolidated UK wide dataset of all gear restrictions

Our Approach

- Focus on providing a simplified gear focussed view of all current commercial fishing restrictions in UK waters

Project Deliverables

- A mobile friendly website with an interactive map, and fishing plotter datasets distributed via USB and available to download

Initial phase fully funded by the EMFF and MMO



Marine
Management
Organisation



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& Fisheries Fund

Relevance to Project UK

How can this dataset help you?

How is this new mapping service relevant to Project UK

- Though aimed primarily at fishers others can benefit: regulators, industry reps, eNGOs etc.
- Only dataset of its kind
- Free to download from the website
- Share maps by linking directly to pre-filtered datasets

Principle 2 - Minimising environmental impact

Action 8 - Habitats

- Quantify spatial scale, intensity and impact on commonly encountered and VMEs
- Develop appropriate management approaches

Action 8b

Provide a summary of scallop management measures within MPAs, SACs and any other designated sites.

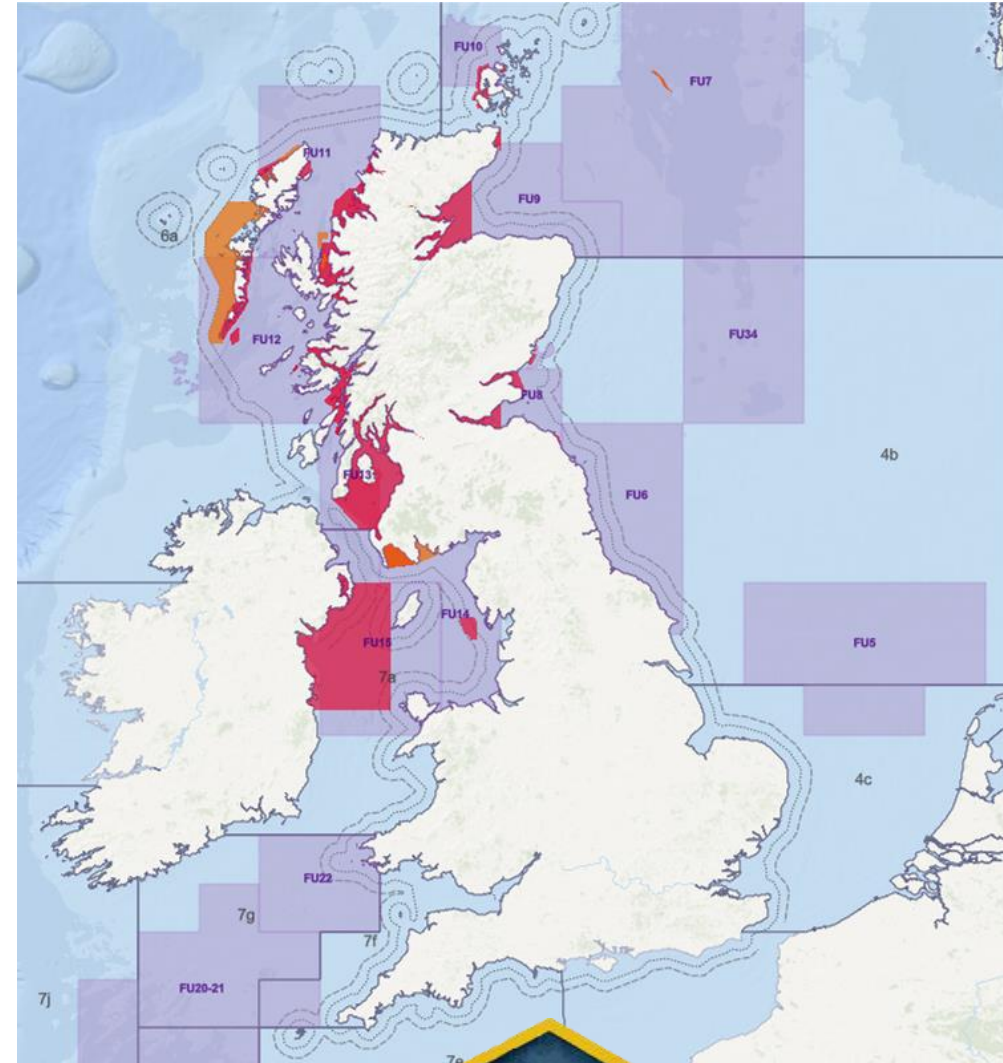
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We are also working with Whitby Seafoods to create a bespoke online map to aid the Nephrops FIP.

- Specifically maps trawling and creeling restrictions
- Overlays Nephrops FU and MPAs
- Extract % coverage information
- Map visuals for Fisheries Management Plans



UK Fishing Restrictions

Website demo

www.kingfisherrestrictions.org

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Thank you

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