

National Engagement

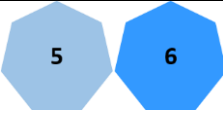
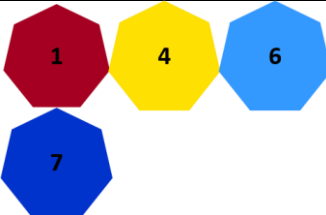


Policy Drivers

Numerous international and national bodies develop key policy drivers that help us meet and achieve key challenges that impact our ocean. The MBA's role and contributions to the policy drivers to address these global challenges is listed below. Each policy driver has been allocated a key and for more information and **to see definitions of the policy drivers with their associated key see below.**



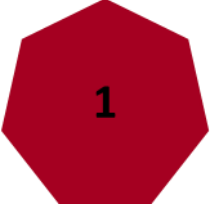




MBA contribution to National Policy Drivers





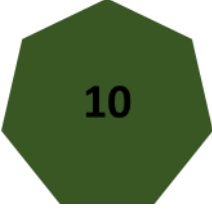
	Description	Our Role	Contributions to Policy Driver
Healthy and Biologically Diverse Seas Evidence Group (HBDSEG)	HEDSEG is part of the UK Marine Monitoring and Assessment Strategy (UKMMAS), the group coordinates and implements observation and monitoring programme on marine ecosystem health and biodiversity processes.	The MBA represented as the Vice – Chair of HBDSEG.	
<u>Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership (MCCIP)</u>	MCCIP aims to provide a framework by which high quality and impartial evidence as well as guidance on adaptation to climate change impacts can be.	MBA is the Chair of MCCIP.	
<u>Marine Science Coordination Committee (MSCC)</u>	The MSCC supports UK marine science to inform policy decisions in Government by identifying opportunities for improved collaboration and co-ordination of scientific knowledge, resources and communication, as well as	The MBA sits on the MSCC Steering Committee with Dr Matt Frost as a member.	

	forwarding the implementation of the UK Marine Science Strategy.		
<u>Parliamentary and Scientific Committee (APPG)</u>	The Parliamentary and Scientific Committee is responsible for providing liaison between Parliamentarians and scientific bodies, science based industry and academics, major focus for scientific and technological issues.	The MBA attends meetings as a member where appropriate.	
<u>UK – Integrated Marine Observing Network (IMON)</u>	The IMON is a central body for the co – ordination of UK sustained ocean observing across marine sectors to enable a stable and sustainable integrated marine observing network, capable of meeting UK national and international marine science obligations and commitments.	The MBA is a member of UK - IMON.	
MEDIN Executive Team	The MEDIN Executive Team, provides guidance and management of the MEDIN operational work programme to deliver a UK framework for marine environmental data.	The MBA is a member of the Executive team.	
MEDIN Data Access Working Group	The MEDIN DAC Working Group provides UK wide coordination between the thematic national MEDIN Data Archive Centres (including BODC, BGS, Cefas, UKHO, Met Office, Marine Science Scotland and others) to ensure a consistent and comparable approach to the archiving and publication of marine environmental data.	The MBA is chair of the data access working group.	

MBA Policy Drivers

Each policy driver is defined in the table below and has been allocated a key.

<p>Capacity building</p> 	<p>Capacity building is the process of developing and strengthening the skills, instincts, abilities, processes and resources that organisations and communities need to survive, adapt and thrive in a fast changing world. Capacity Building also features as a key policy driver for the United Nations, UNESCO and many more. The definition is taken from the United Nations.</p>
<p>Equity, Diversity and Inclusion</p> 	<p>MBA policies and Special Interest Group that promotes the representation of different groups of individuals, including people of different races and ethnicities, ages, genders, religions, cultures, abilities and disabilities and sexual orientations.</p>
<p>Global Ocean Equity</p> 	<p>MBA focus on the provision of social, cultural and economic benefits and spans a variety of ocean related sectors and equity dimensions. Global Ocean Equity also features as a key policy driver for the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy. The definition was taken from Blue Paper Towards Ocean Equity.</p>
<p>Informing decisions on marine management and protection</p> 	<p>This policy driver is central to the work of numerous national and international, Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations. It is articulated in numerous goals and policy statements (e.g. SDG14's aim to "further the sustainable management and protection of marine and coastal ecosystems") and increasingly underpinned by legislation.</p>
<p>Open Science</p> 	<p>Open science is a key policy driver for the MBA, UNESCO and OECD. UNESCO defined Open Science as an inclusive construct that combines various movements and practices aiming to make multilingual scientific knowledge openly available, accessible and reusable for everyone, to increase scientific collaborations and sharing of information for the benefits of science and society, and to open the processes of scientific knowledge creation, evaluation and communication to societal actors beyond the traditional scientific community.</p>

<p>Policy Research</p> 	<p>The MBA engages in research programmes with a policy focus and informs policies on marine research.</p>
<p>Science diplomacy</p> 	<p>Science diplomacy is key policy driver for UNESCO and is defined as the building and enhancing scientific collaborations and relationships between nations. The definition is taken from UNESCO.</p>
<p>Understanding Climate Change</p> 	<p>Enhancing our knowledge and understanding of climate change is a key policy driver for the MBA, as well as the UN Ocean Decade and the Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership (MCCIP). It includes contributing to solutions to mitigate, adapt and build resilience to climate change impacts. This definition is taken from UN Decade challenge 5.</p>
<p>UN Decade of Ocean Science</p> 	<p>MBA contributions to the challenges and actions of the UN Decade of ocean science for sustainable development 2021 – 2030. This definition was taken from UN Decade.</p>
<p>UN Sustainable Development Goals</p> 	<p>MBA contributions to achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Policy work carried out covers a various number of the SDGs. This definition was taken from UN SDGs.</p>