

Carmarthen Bay & Estuaries European Marine Site Management Scheme consultation

Carmarthen Bay and its estuaries are part of a Europe-wide network of areas established to protect wildlife that is important or threatened on a European scale.

European Marine Sites are the most important marine areas needing conservation and protection, and are part of the European Union's contribution to taking care of marine biodiversity. They are not nature reserves since they continue to be used for many kinds of activities, but high priority must be given to the protection of marine wildlife.

The public authorities responsible for management of the various activities that take place in the Bay have worked in partnership to prepare a management scheme which identifies the pressures and proposes solutions to minimise them.

The draft Management Scheme is open for comment at www.cbeems.org.uk until 31 October 2011. Responses from the public, stakeholders, local communities and regulatory and management authorities are invited and welcomed.

Mindful of conserving resources, the authorities responsible for the Scheme have decided to make the consultation documents available on line only. Though, recognising that not everyone with an interest in the environmental health of the European Marine Site will have personal access to the internet, the documents can be viewed on line at all Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and Swansea public libraries, and paper copies of the scheme are also be available at:

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