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## **To Community Councils and Community Planning Partners**

This short note is about a project Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), along with partner organisations, launched in December 2018 that I think would be of interest to you and your local community.

MarPAMM (Marine Protected Area Management and Monitoring) is an ambitious three-year marine management project that aims to develop tools for monitoring and managing a number of protected coastal marine environments in Ireland, Northern Ireland and Western Scotland.

To deliver this aim the project has a number of different streams, one of which is focussed on the management of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). To date the management of MPAs has focused on site specific management with little reference to or interaction with wider marine planning. MarPAMM intends to trial the production of MPA management plans at a regional scale and two Marine Regions in Scotland have been selected for the trial, Argyll and the Outer Hebrides.

The outputs of the project do not need to follow a specific format or structure but instead will be guided by the requirements of maritime stakeholders. The outputs could take a variety of forms, and ideas so far include guidance documents or an interactive website that holds all up-to-date and relevant information on MPAs. In Argyll, a Steering Group of 18 people has been formed to guide the production of the Regional MPA management plan. The composition of the group includes people from various organisations, corporate bodies and sectors to ensure broad representation of the maritime interests in Argyll. By working closely with maritime stakeholders and gathering their views we hope to better understand their aspirations for the MPAs across Argyll and deliver an agreed vision.

For more information about MarPAMM please visit the MarPAMM website at <http://www.mpa-management.eu/>

I would be happy to provide further information if you would like to get in touch.

Best wishes,  
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