



The Maritime Historic Environment & Marine Renewables

How the future can look after our past

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Introduction

- What is the **maritime historic environment**?
- Why is it important to look after the maritime historic environment?
- How is the historic environment protected and the way ahead?
- Historic environment input and the life-cycle of a development



What is the maritime historic environment?



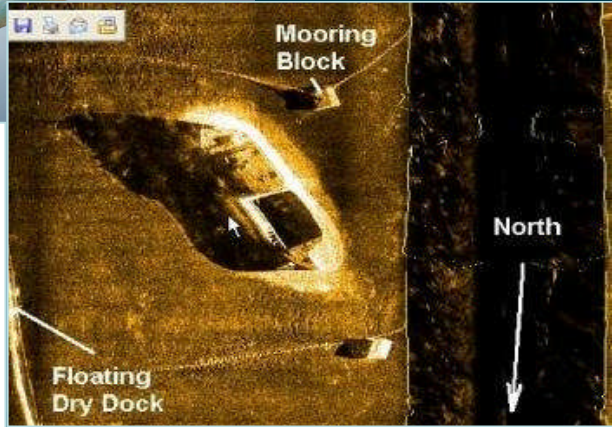
Ports & harbours



Coastal Sites

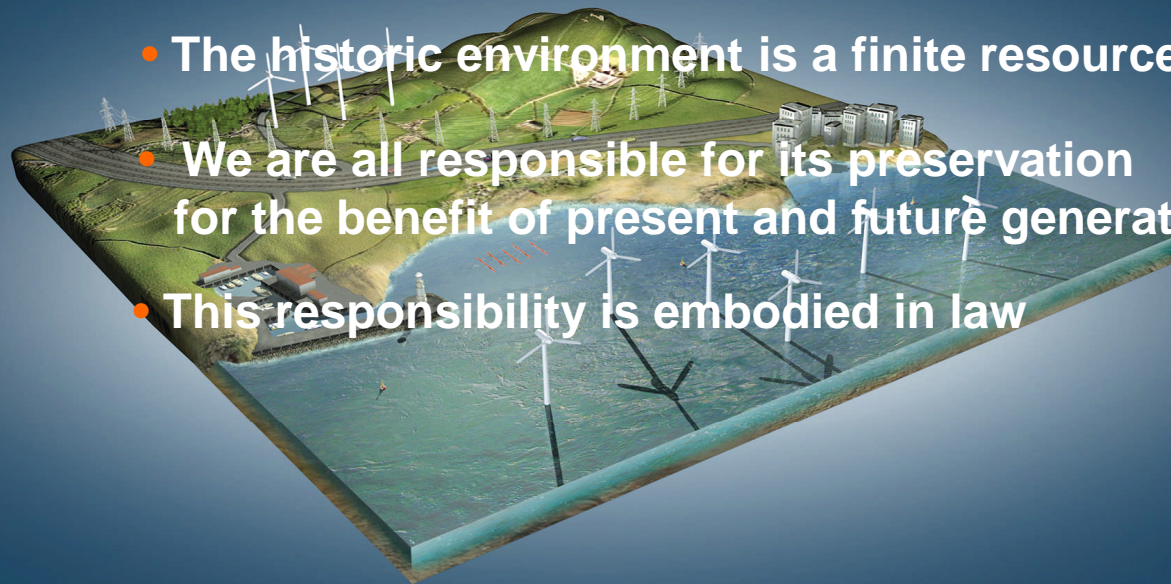


Near and Offshore



Why is it important to look after the maritime historic environment?

- It represents the tangible remains of our cultural past & embodies our cultural identity
- The historic environment is a finite resource
- We are all responsible for its preservation for the benefit of present and future generations
- This responsibility is embodied in law



How is the historic environment protected and the way ahead?

Through legislation, policy and guidance:

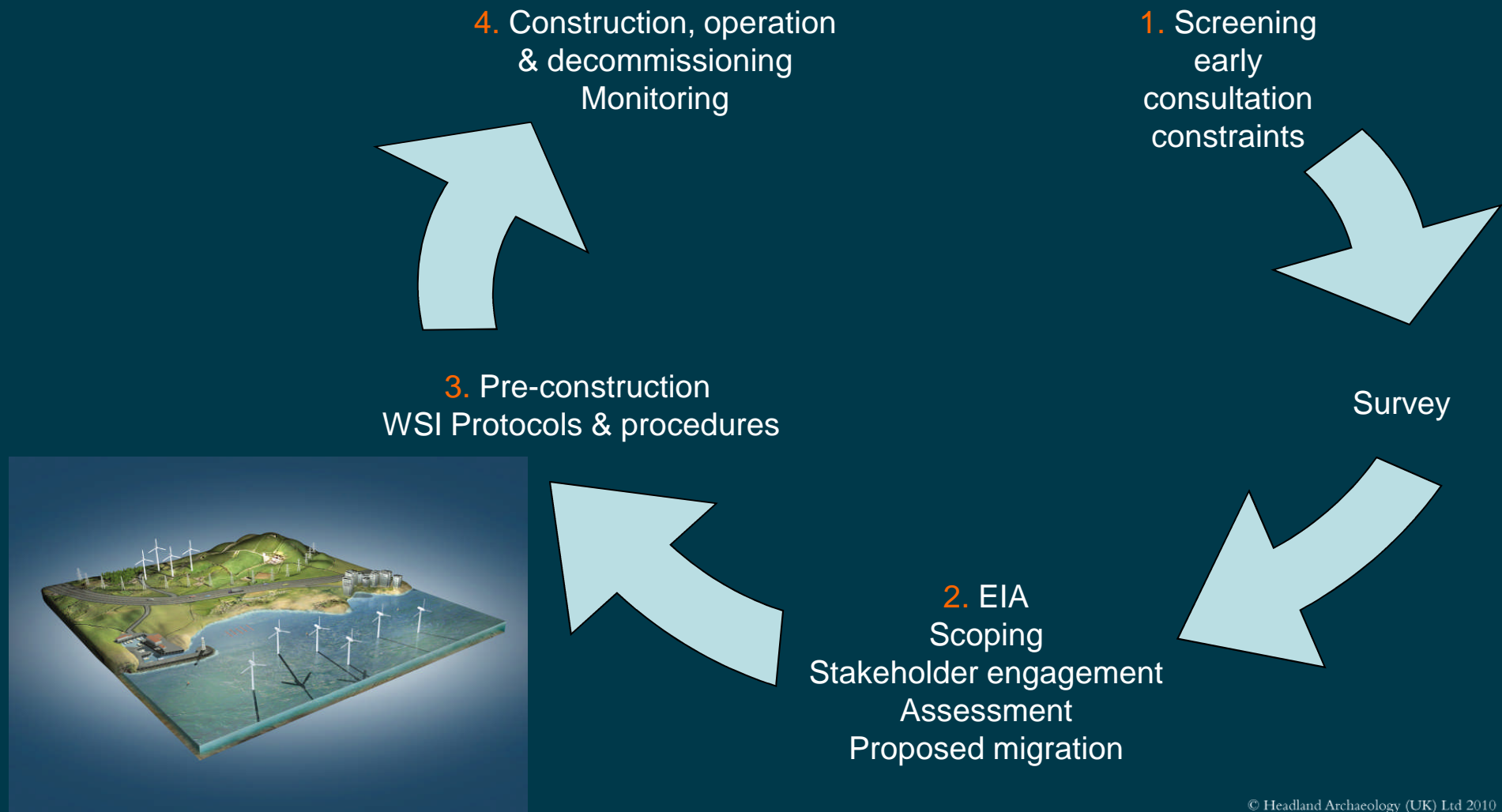
The current situation

Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

- The definition of a marine historic asset has been expanded
- Nationally important assets & Marine Protected Areas (MPA's)
- Marine planning for regional and locally important assets



Historic environment input & the life-cycle of a development



Key message

- **The historic environment is a key environmental consideration**
- Changes to come about as a result of the Marine (Scotland) Act –
- Will ensure responsibility for HE protection – both nationally important assets and the rest
- Marine HE protected through planning – below the low water mark
- The definition of an historic asset is expanded – not just wrecks
- As with other environmental considerations, involvement at an early stage will ensure that a development is subject to as little delay and expense as possible

