

# [Guidance: Evidence and the Marine Management Organisation \(MMO\)](#)

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Our seas are vast and complex and there is much still to learn and understand about their delicate ecosystems. Access to high quality evidence is critical to this.

Evidence influences much of our work, ensuring we continue to make informed decisions using the most up to date research to manage the increasing demands on the marine environment and its resources

## **Evidence strategy**

The Marine Management Organisation's (MMO) [Evidence Strategy 2015 to 2020](#), sets out our evidence requirements and how they will be delivered over the next five years, increasing access to high quality research and improving understanding of the marine environment.

[Part 1 of the strategy](#) was published in July 2015. It identifies and prioritises evidence gaps and sets out existing delivery functions and the associated evidence base for these functions.

[Part 2 of the strategy](#) was published August 2016. It sets out how knowledge exchange, partnership and influencing research will be used to deliver our future evidence requirements.

## **Evidence requirements**

As part of the strategy development we reviewed our evidence requirements. Each evidence requirement has a more detailed Evidence Delivery Plan. This includes research requirements, how the evidence will be used, a proposed method for filling the gap and a summary of existing evidence and current activity.

## **Evidence reports**

Knowledge sharing and collaboration is an important part of our evidence strategy. All our evidence reports are published and available online.

## **Contact**

For further information on our evidence strategy, evidence requirements or published reports email the [MMO evidence team](#).