

# Research and analysis: Social baseline

## Requirement R103

### Requirement detail

MMO requires social baseline information on communities adjacent to marine plan areas in England. Information required includes:

- social value of marine activities to communities adjacent to or which gain significant benefit from the marine area
- drivers of change that affect the social value of marine activities
- social impacts of predicted changes to marine activities on beneficiary communities

It is suggested that the work will be carried out in a two stage process; firstly to prioritise appropriate required social evidence for planning including those social issues that planning could influence and secondly to carry out evidence gathering and research identified as a priority evidence gap from the first stage. This information should be provided in forms that are easy to use, include economic and social metrics and including displaying them spatially where relevant.