

# UK SEAS

## SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTS AT SEA

**Inspiring people to connect to our beautiful UK SEAS**

South West Marine Ecosystem conference, 2018

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# UK SEAS - Sustainable Environments at Sea

- 5 year programme of work led by WWF UK
- Vision: safeguard precious wildlife and places and ensure sustainable use of the seas by increasing the effectiveness and sustainable management of UK Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)
- Work areas:
  - Taking a fresh look at marine governance structures
  - Investigating and implementing sustainable funding for MPAs
  - **Engaging the local communities with their seas**



## Case study areas

- North Devon
  - Marine Pioneer project: Biosphere Reserve, Blue Marine Foundation, Natural England, MMO, Plymouth University PML, Devon and Severn IFCA
  
- Outer Hebrides
  - Scottish Natural Heritage, Marine Scotland, Western Isles Council

# Why connect people to the sea?

## Bottle and can deposit return scheme gets green light in England

Consumers to receive small cash sum for returning plastic, glass and metal drinks containers



▲ Deposit return schemes currently operate in 38 countries. Photograph: Don Ryan/AP

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## Michael Gove says he wants to ban plastic straws

But Environment Secretary claims EU laws may prevent him doing so

Benjamin Keetch Political Correspondent | @BenKeetch | Friday 23 February 2018 10:50 GMT | 338 comments



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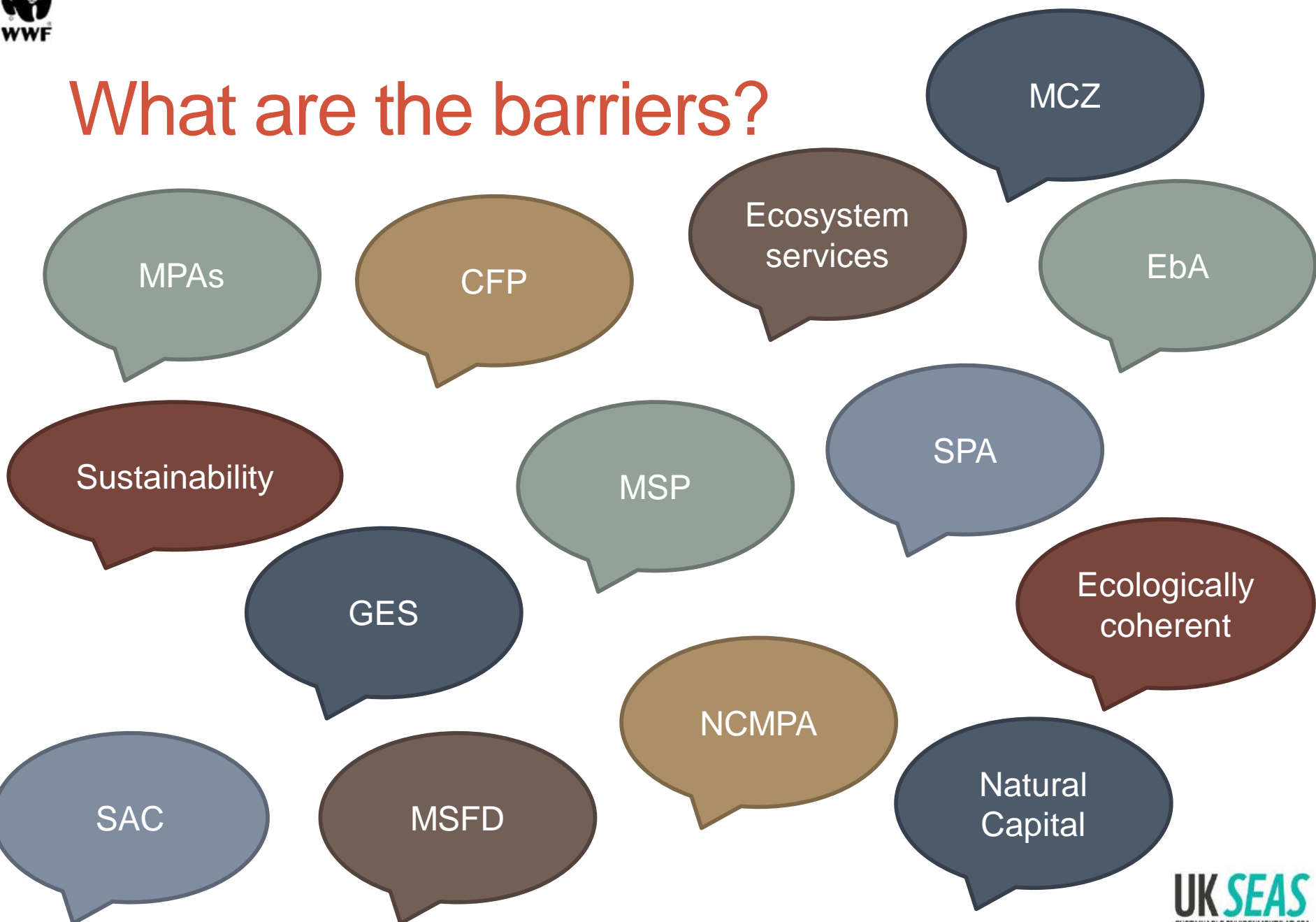


## Plastic microbeads ban enters force in UK

Manufacturing ban means the tiny beads which harm marine life can no longer be used in cosmetics and personal care products



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### Ocean plastic could treble in decade

By Roger Harrabin  
BBC environment analyst

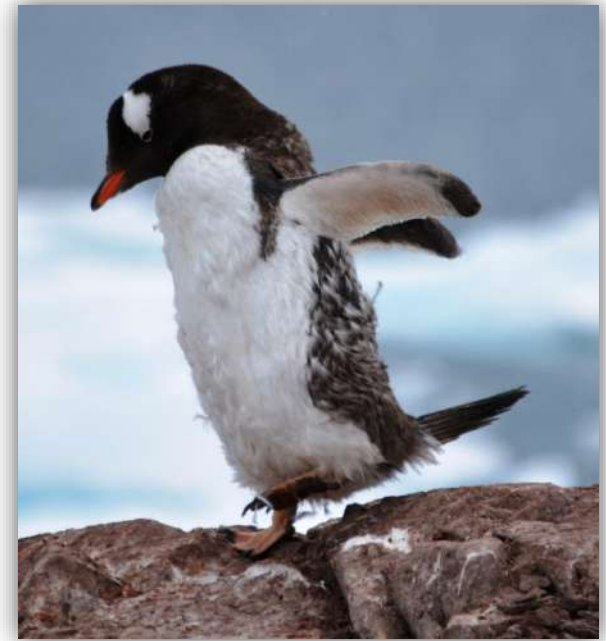
Marine heatwave set off 'carbon bomb' in world's largest seagrass meadow

More than 90 per cent of the world's most popular bottled water brands contain tiny pieces of plastic known as 'microplastics'

By Sofia Petkar

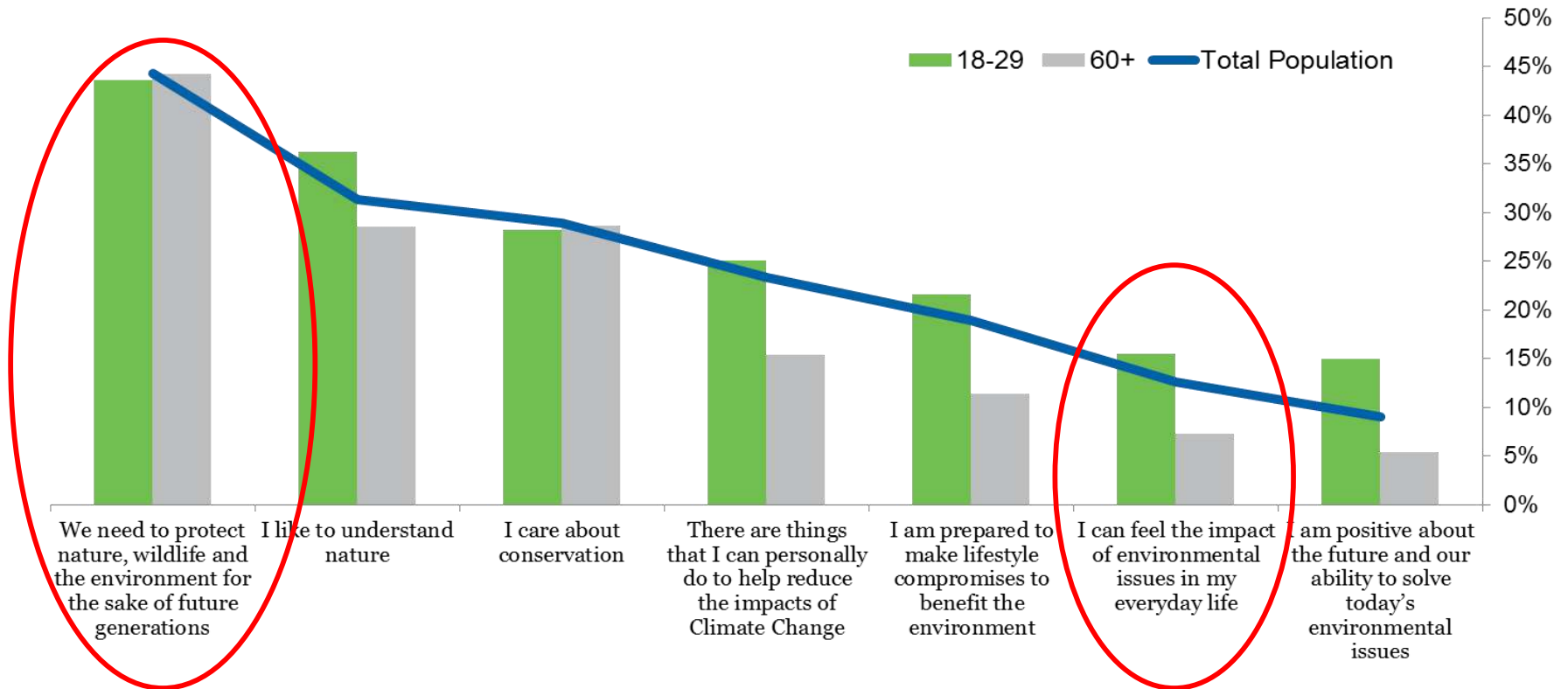
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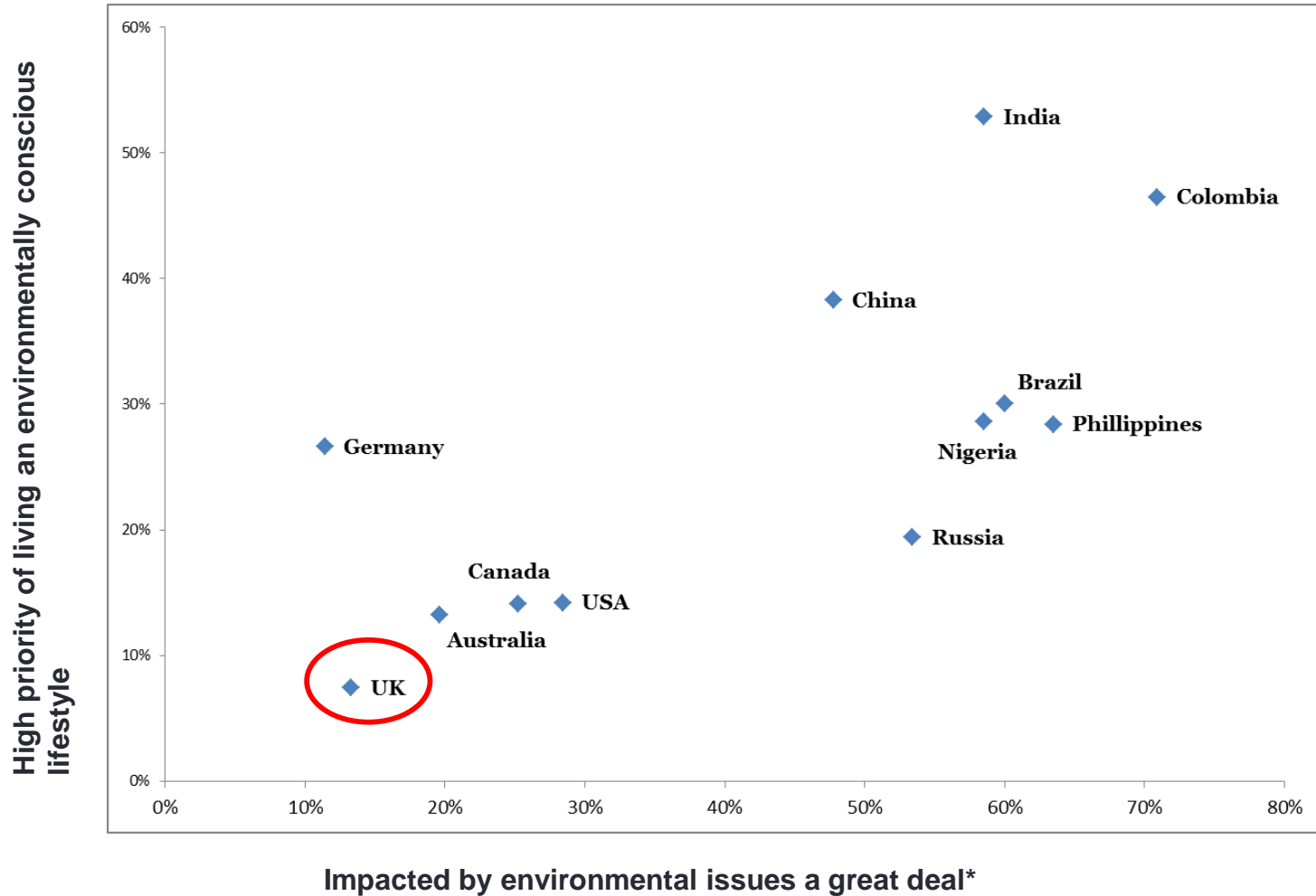




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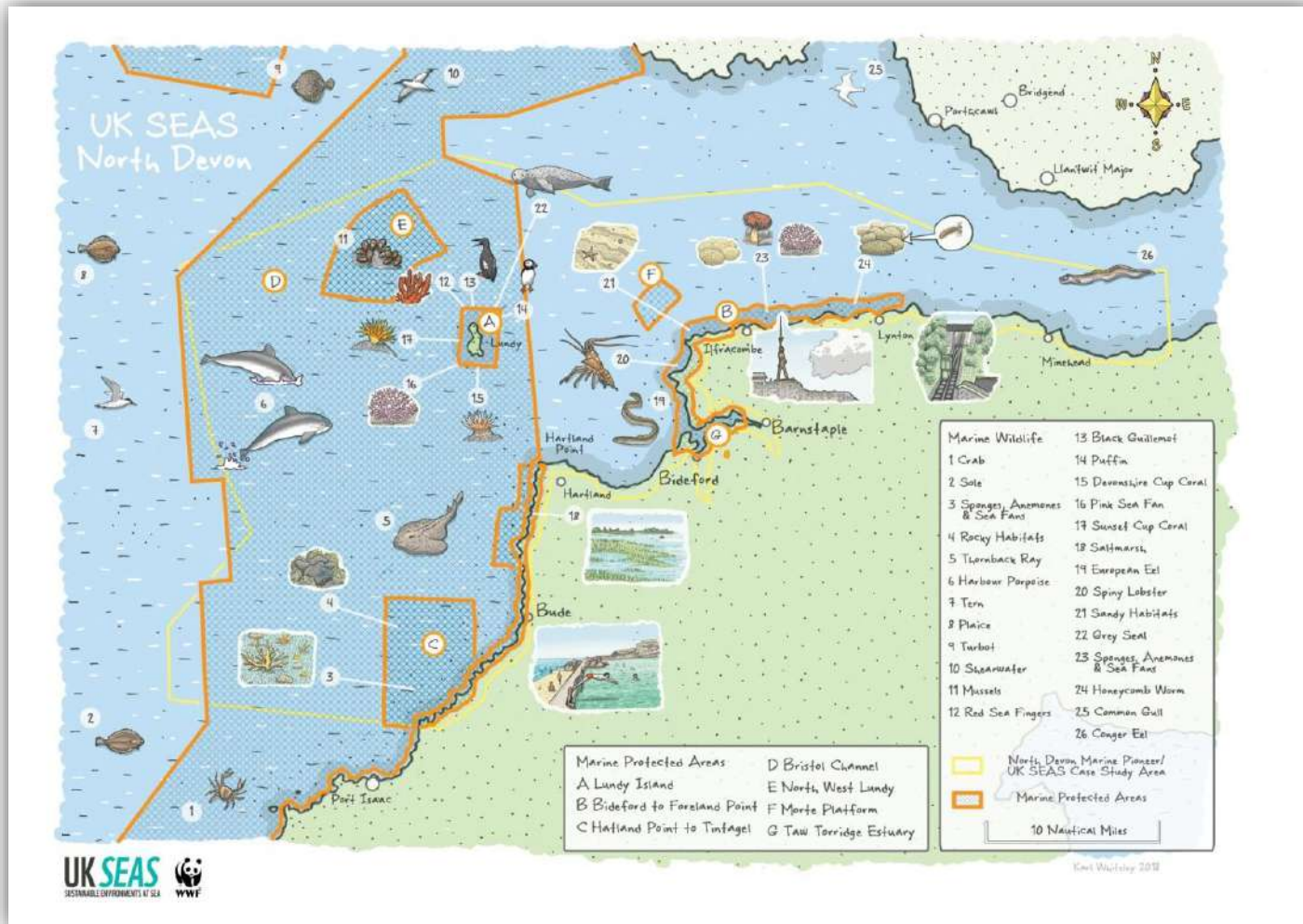
Data Source: Globalmonitor 2016

# The UK SEAS approach

Engage the local communities in our case study areas to develop a sense of stewardship for their local Marine Protected Areas.



# What will we do



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# Thank you for listening!



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