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Coexistence with ORE - overview

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MSP Directive

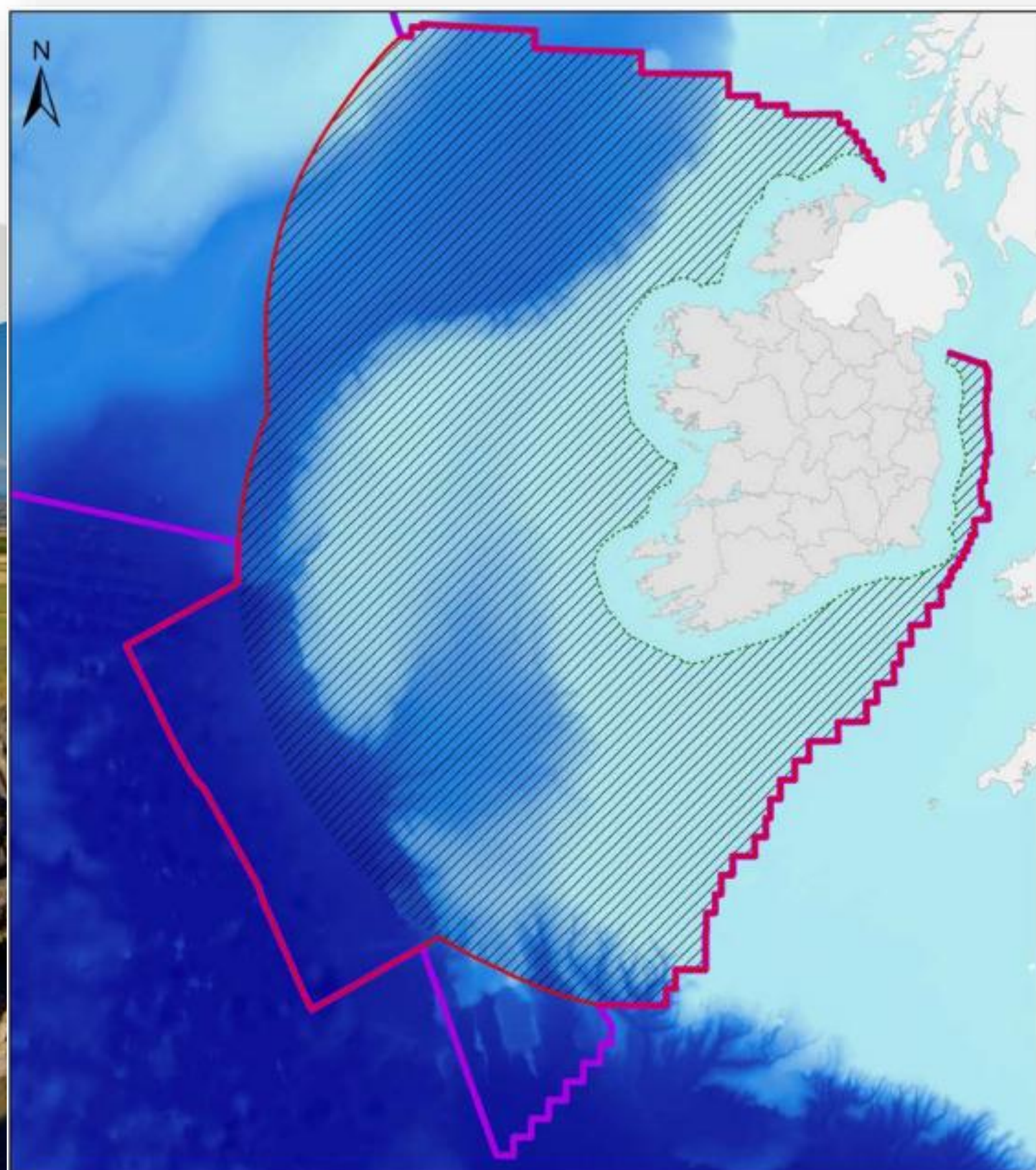
- Legal basis – [Maritime Spatial Planning Directive](#) through MSP (Transposed – [MAP Act 2021](#))
- Purpose of MSP is to manage spatial uses and conflicts
- MSP aims to identify and encourage multi-purpose uses
- MSP can deliver healthy marine ecosystems with multiple services can deliver substantial benefits – food production, climate change mitigation, recreation, etc...
- Objectives of MSP
 - Promote coexistence of different types of maritime uses & activities & apply ecosystem-based approach
 - Contribute to sustainable development of multiple sectors at sea & protect the environment
- [S.86 P&D Act 2024](#) – PA & Commission to ‘have regard’ under Part 4 development consent





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National Marine Planning Framework



NMPF

- [National Marine Planning Framework](#) - *‘coexistence is where multiple developments, activities or maritime uses existing together or close to each other in the same area and / or at the same time’*
- **Objective:**
 - encourage effective use of space to support existing and future sustainable economic activity through coexistence, mitigation of conflicts and minimisation of the footprint of proposals.
- **Policy**
 - Must demonstrate consideration of optimal use of space including through coexistence & cooperation with other activities, enhancing other activities where appropriate.
- **Key issues**
 - need to minimise the footprint of proposals and consider coexistence of activities where possible, including clustering, but avoiding cumulative negative effects & ensuring effective management
 - Forward looking - future spatial demands informed by consultation

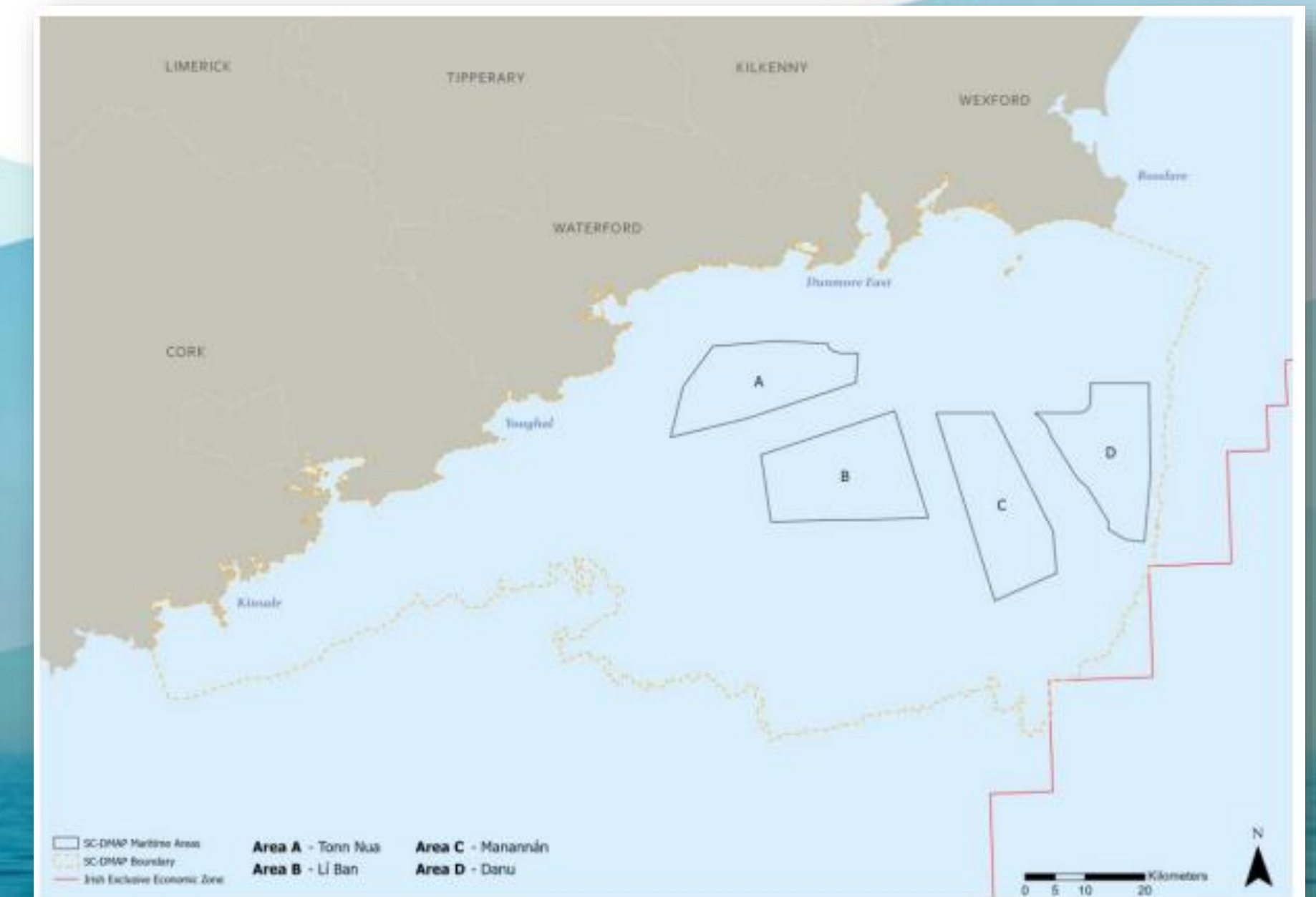
SCDMAP for ORE

- Central to preparation of [South Coast DMAP](#)
- Mandatory permanent exclusion of additional uses/activities only in exceptional circumstances (survey and construction activities of ORE and transmission infrastructure)
- Coexistence objectives:
 - CO 1: Avoid permanent exclusions ... except for navigation safety, environmental protection or exceptional circumstances
 - CO 2: ORE developers to provide coordinates data for all infrastructure to MARA and other maritime users for navigation systems
- Coexistence-related objectives for other activities / uses:
 - Seafood & fisheries SF 1-6
 - Shipping S 1-3
 - Tourism & recreation T1
 - Telecommunications TEL 1
 - Marine Archaeological Heritage AH 1



South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan for Offshore Renewable Energy

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Future Framework for Offshore Renewable Energy

Policy Statement

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Future Frameworks

- [Future Framework for ORE](#) - Ireland's ORE policy
- Acknowledges considerations in addition to security of energy supply, co-existence with other maritime uses, and defence and cyber security.
- Use of environmental assessment to avoid cumulative impacts of coexistence of uses
- ORE transition – opportunity to facilitate / promote successful coexistence between different sectors and between different ORE technologies
- ORE transition - potential to improve spatial efficiency, increasing socio-economic benefits, and minimising environmental impacts

Going forward

- [NDMAP for ORE Proposal](#)
- Opportunities for coexistence
- Challenges for implementing coexistence
- Securing healthy marine ecosystems with multiple services in terms of food production, recreation, climate change mitigation



National Designated Maritime Area Plan for Offshore Renewable Energy Proposal

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Coexistence in practice



Coexistence implementation example