

How Marine Planning Can Benefit Shetland



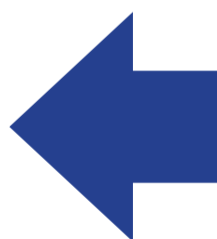
Water quality in Shetland is protected under two policies within the Shetland Islands Regional Marine Plan (SIRMP), 2021. (pages 21-24 of the SIRMP)



The policies protect water bodies from deteriorating in ecological status and require potential developments to contribute towards improving water quality.



Where mussel growing areas are achieving 'Grade A' status, mussels can be sold directly for human consumption without the requirement for depuration (purification).



Shellfish farms benefit from the waters around Shetland having 'good ecological status'.

Most mussel growing areas around Shetland are classed as 'Grade A' for E-coli.



This results in reduced costs for mussel farmers and helps maintain the reputation of Shetland mussels.