Contaminated Dredged Marine Sediments: Developing a UK Management Framework

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Research and Support for Developing a UK Strategy for Managing Contaminated Sediments

'a decision that an area needs to be dredged has been taken'

Project Co-Funders

Budget	**£267,809**
Research duration	2.5 years

Managing Contaminated Dredge Sediments

- **Complex and politically charged issue**
- **Requires integrated economic, environmental and social framework**
- **Bias towards dredging needs**
- **Requires a sustainable, long-term solution**
- **Key project components include:**
  - **Problem definition on national scale**
  - **Legal (regulatory) barriers**
  - **BPEO**
  - **Wide consultation**
  - **Waste management ↔ DM management framework**
  - **Information gaps; future R&D**

Project History and Inception

Jan 2006 Internal review by the Defra

May 2006 Committee formed:

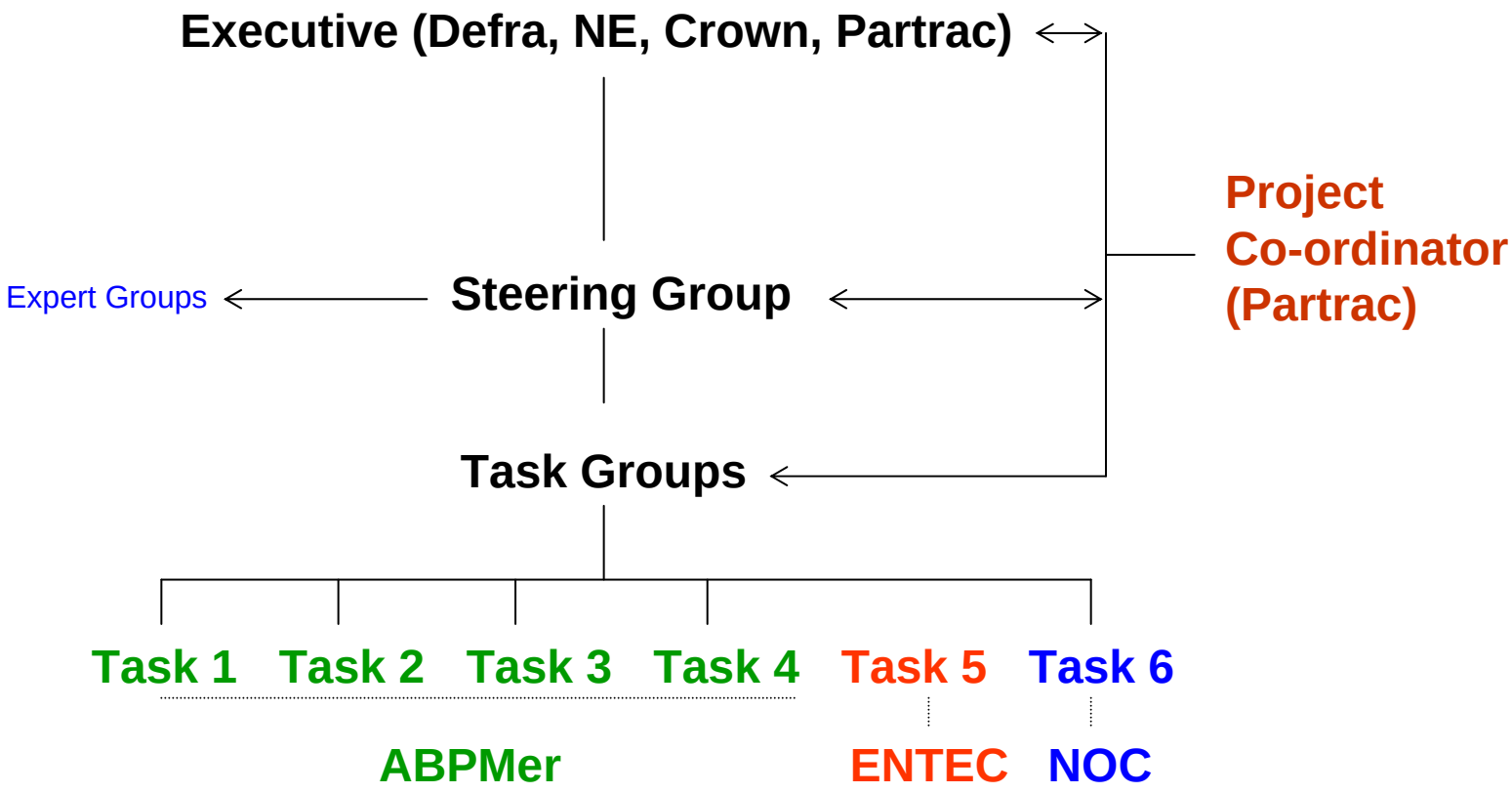
CEFAS,
Natural England,
Welsh Assembly & the Scottish Executive,
The Crown Estate,
Industry representatives (ABP, BPA, PLA),
Major UK conservation agencies and green NGO's (e.g. CCW, JNCC, MCS).

Terms of Reference for this group was *'to assist and facilitate the development of the UK strategy for handling and managing contaminated material to be dredged from UK marine waters, and to support and advise on the practical implementation of the strategy'*.

Feb 2007 Competitive tender issued for Tasks, including Co-ordination

Apr 2007 Project commences End Date October 31 2009

Project Management Structure



Project Work Packages

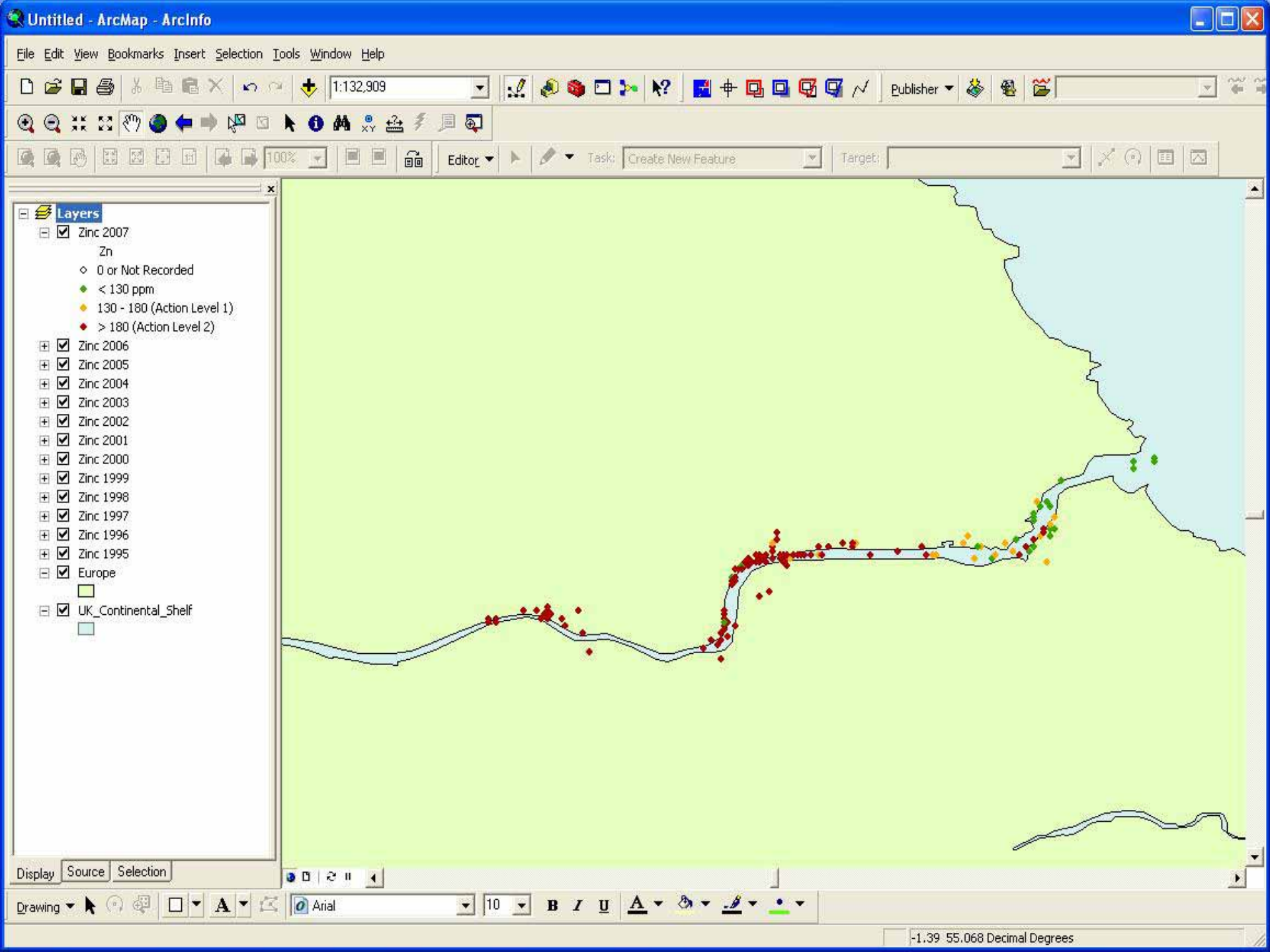
Task 1	ABP mer marine environmental research	Characterising the issue and delivering a national database of UK CMS
Task 2	ABP mer marine environmental research	Exploring liability and polluter pays isues issues.
Task 3	ABP mer marine environmental research	Identifying existing relevant legislative and regulatory barriers with respect to CMS
Task 4	ABP mer marine environmental research	Establishing Best Practise for the prevention of pollution arising from CMS
Task 5	Entec	Establishing Best Practise for current disposal and treatment options for CMS
Task 6	National Oceanography Centre, Southampton discovering the unknown	Identifying future R7D related to CMS

TASK 7 INTEGRATION/DELIVERY

- ‘analysis’ of the central issues →advise MFA in Defra (ditto for Wales, Scotland, NI)

Task 1 Characterising the issue and delivering a national database of contaminated marine sediments in UK waters.

- Generation of GIS data layers in ArcGis 9.2
- Population with data from;
  - -CEFAS FEPA data
  - -National governments (WAG, SE, NI)
  - -BGS metals in sediments (subject to licensing agreements)
- Sediment type information from MESH
- Sediment fraction information
- AL ½ scripts
- Stored within Defra MAGIC database; system inter-operability
- Future maintenance? To be defined
- End user access? To be defined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Task 2 Exploring liability and the Polluter Pays principle

PROGRESS Draft report submitted

- Generic examination of the central issues; paper produced for review
- Transfer of costs ⇔ legal mechanisms
- Importance of the Environmental Liability Directive 2009
- Liability at the point of dredging key focus area
- Liability/risk during transport-disposal
- Examination of supplied case studies ongoing
- Discussions with Defra legal representatives ongoing

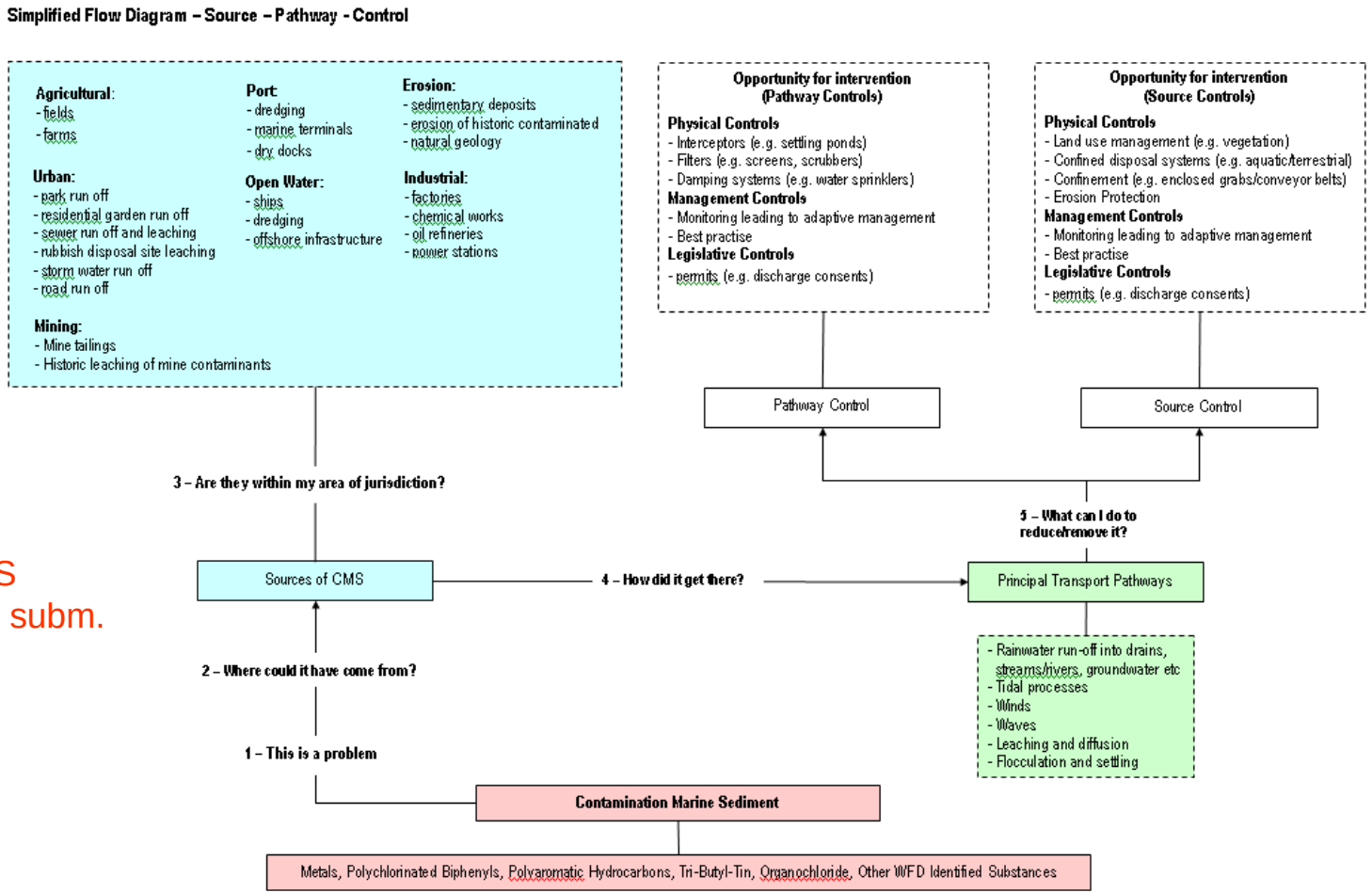
Task 3 Identifying existing relevant legislative and regulatory barriers, and guidelines and protocols, with respect to CDMS

PROGRESS draft report submitted

- Initial review of
  - general legislation of relevance to the CMS management
    - EU Directives
    - Domestic legislation (FEPA, CP Act, Marine Bill)
    - EU UK waste management legislation
- Examine classification/categorisation and options available for disposal/re-use within leg. boundaries
- Land versus Marine management trees
- Identification of regulatory barriers ⇒ way forward
- Identify and document connectivity to legislation within other tasks (Task 2 & 5)
- Industry/stakeholder consultation to identify barriers/experience
- Production of narrative identifying key legislation, barriers and present policy area recommendations
  - Case studies

Task 4 Establishing best practise for the prevention of pollution arising from CDMS

PROGRESS
-draft report subm.



Task 5 Establishing best practise for current disposal and treatment options for CDMS

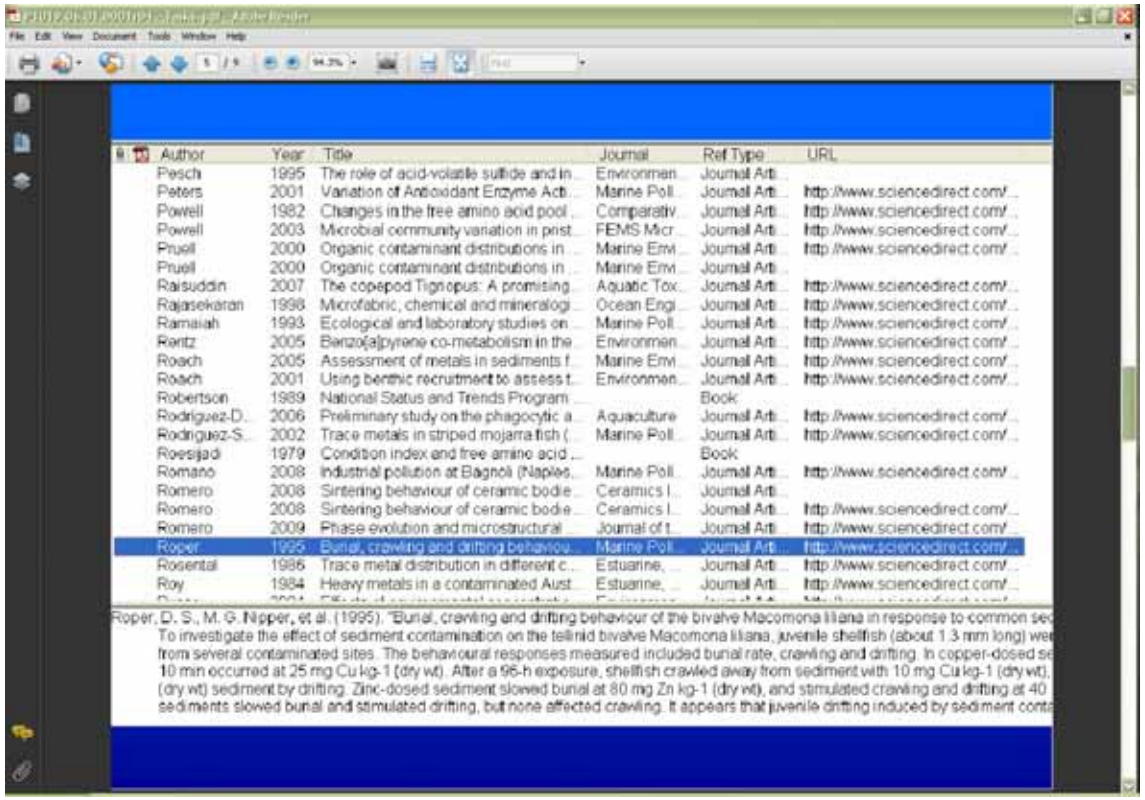
PROGRESS draft report submitted

•SedNet research

Task 6 Identify relevant marine sediment related R&D relevant to the management of CDMS

PROGRESS draft report submitted

- bibliographic software *Endnote 10*
- identify gaps and future priorities
- easily searchable format
- export to a variety of formats
- on-line database



INTEGRATION Analysis/Synthesis

- Just commenced
- Final Report to Defra end November-early December, 2009

- What is the problem? Incl. nature and extent of contamination, socio-economic implications for potential areas of development.
- What are the potential options when addressing the problem? Incl. technical possibilities and the scenario of simply not developing where economics do not make viable.
- What are the considerations when determining the best option? Incl. cost, regulatory framework, liability, ownership.
- What are the pros and cons of each option? What is the recommended way forward?

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In conjunction with The Crown Estate and Natural England, Defra is leading a 3-year initiative to provide a management framework to address contaminated marine sediments.

Years of historic industrialisation at the coast and within the ports of the UK have given rise to a legacy of pollution and contamination in the bottom sediments, and these pose both environmental and social risks. Increasingly these sediments need to be dredged in order to support ever increasing port developments and associated maritime trade.

The framework will provide stakeholders with guidelines for the management of contaminated marine sediments in UK waters and will:

- Promote objective, transparent assessment of all disposal options and Best Practice Environmental Option (BPEO) based on the principles of sustainable development (including the polluter pays principle and the precautionary principle) on a case by case basis.
- Act as a focus for existing work and good practice (not to duplicate work being done elsewhere e.g. The London and OSPAR Conventions, PIANC, CEDA etc.) including investigating the need to promote planning for treating and reusing contaminated dredged material

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