



Extending Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy into the marine environment

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What do we mean by ‘local nature recovery’?

Recovering Nature in Dorset

Working together to restore and expand habitats, protect and increase wildlife, combat climate change, and benefit our communities.



What is a Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)?

A new England-wide system of spatial strategies for nature & environmental improvement.
Created by **local people working together** to:



Identify and agree **priorities** for nature's recovery.



Map the most valuable existing areas for nature



Map specific proposals for creating or improving areas for nature.

Required by The **Environment Act** to help deliver government's Environmental Improvements Targets & a National **Nature Recovery Network**

What will Dorset's Local Nature Recovery Strategy achieve?

- Resources and new funding will be **targeted** to the places where action can have the best impact.
- **Habitats** for nature will be improved and expanded
- A wider range of **people** will be involved in nature recovery
- More people will have access to the **health** benefits of nature
- **Nature-based solutions** will help respond to environmental issues, like flooding, climate change and water quality
- The **local economy** will benefit from natural assets and increased resilience.



What's been happening to prepare the Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy?



Ecological
Network Maps,
Workshops &
Planning Group
(2020-2022)

Nature recovery
projects & plans
happening now!



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

Statutory Guidance
& Regs (2023)



Responsible
Authority -
Supporting
Authorities group

Steering Group



Dorset
Wildlife Trust



NFU the voice of British farming



#HelpAndKindness



Dorset
Natural Beauty



Dorset
Local
Nature
Partnership



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Championing the rural economy,
environment and way of life.



Public Health
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Expert Advisory Groups
Nature, Farming, Forestry & Land use
Mapping & Data
Communications & Engagement



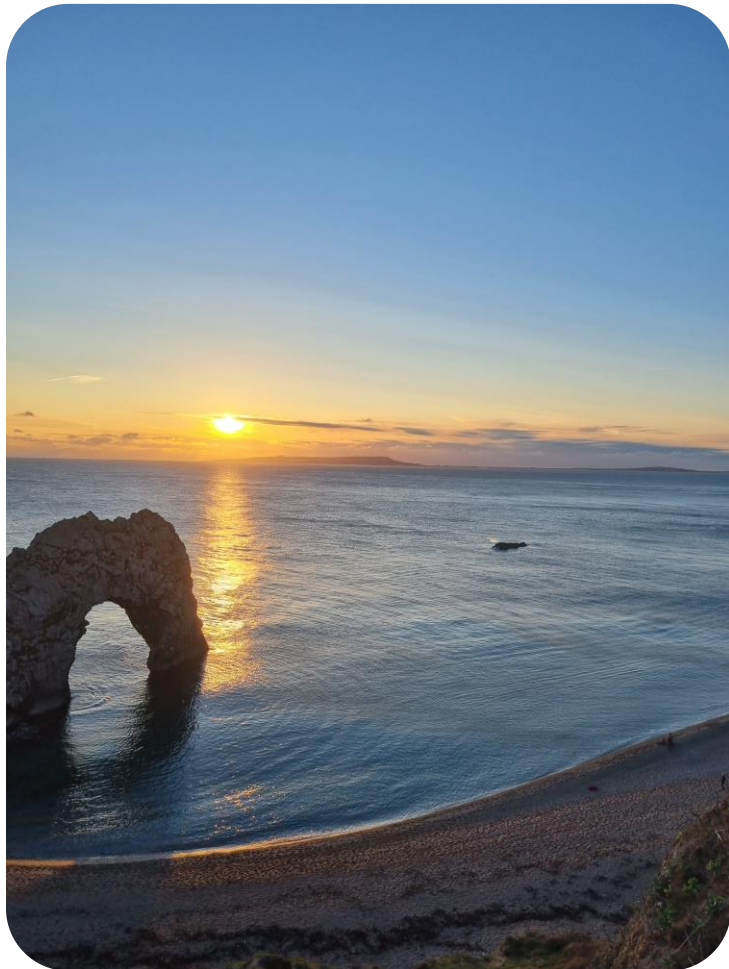
Everyone in Dorset can get involved

Do Local Nature Recovery Strategies include coastal and marine environments?

- Statutory element extends into the inter tidal zone as far as **low water**
- LNRS should **link** to marine areas and plans
- Nature recovery **on land** can benefit estuarine and marine zones



Will Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy include the marine environment?



Yes, but...

- **Voluntary non-statutory extension** further into the marine environment.
- Extending to 12 nautical miles (Territorial Sea)
- **Dorset Coast Forum** are helping us collaborate with marine & coast stakeholders

Who needs to be involved in the marine element of Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy?



Business & industry – including fishermen & aquaculture



Landowners & land managers – including farmers & coastal land



Communities – including recreational coast & marine users

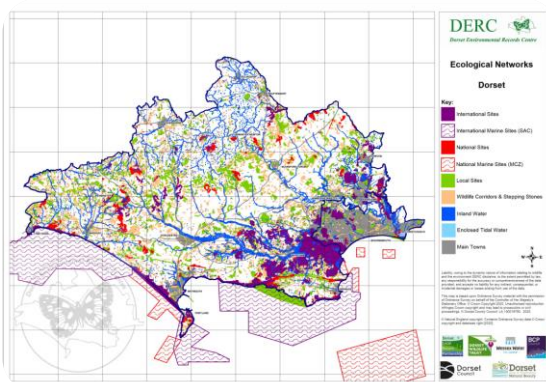


Nature & environmental organisations

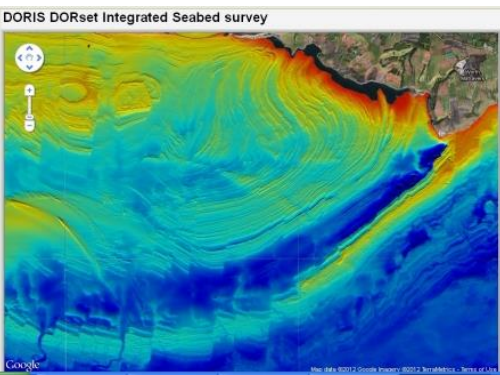


Public bodies

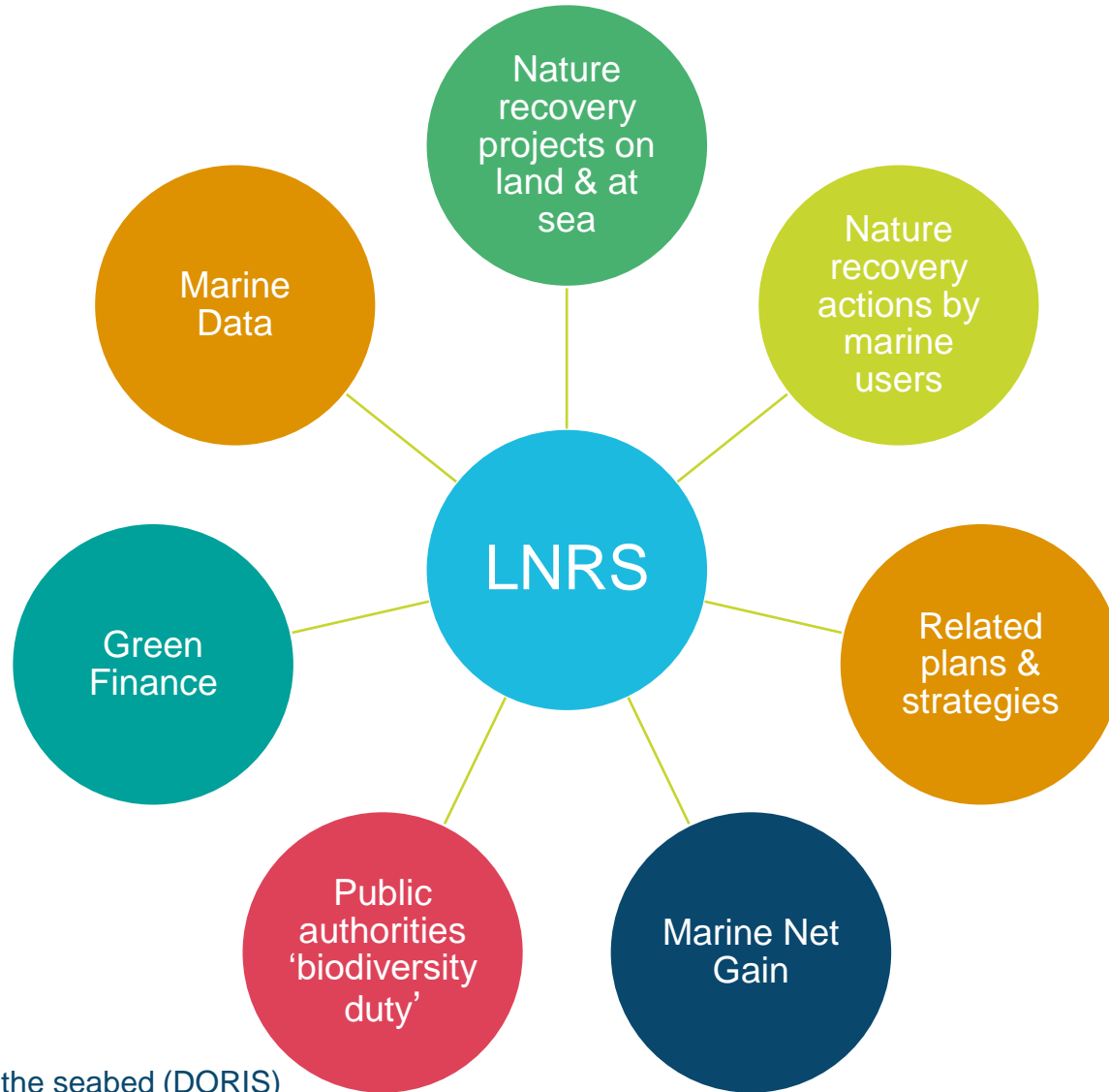
How will the strategy link with existing work?



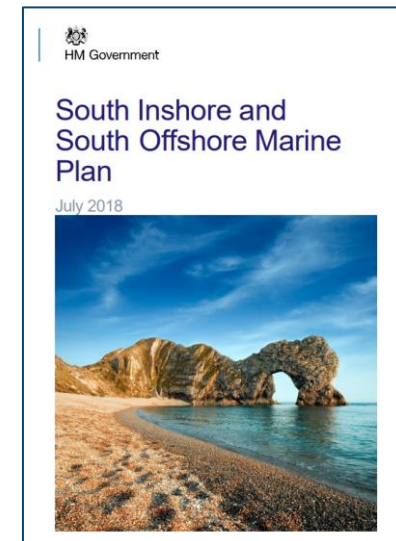
Dorset's Ecological Network Maps



Mapping the seabed (DORIS)



Studland Bay Marine Partnership



Poole & Christchurch Bays
Shoreline Management Plan

Your future coastline
Hurst Spit to Durlston Head including:

- Milford-on-Sea
- Barton-on-Sea
- Highcliffe
- Christchurch
- Bournemouth
- Poole
- Studland
- Swanage

www.twobays.net

A taster of what marine nature recovery can achieve for wildlife and people

Prof Rick Stafford, Marine Biologist,
Bournemouth University





Mussel farm



Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy
Marine Workshop



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- Where would it be done?
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- Multiple benefits for nature, coastal users, or wider environmental issues?
- Spans or linked with high-shelf coastal recovery?
- Part of an existing strategy or plan?





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- Species or habitat with high likelihood of recovery?
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Thank you!



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We'll stay in touch via Dorset Coast Forum

Find updates at: dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/nature-recovery