

South Hams Marine Economy & Decarbonisation Strategy

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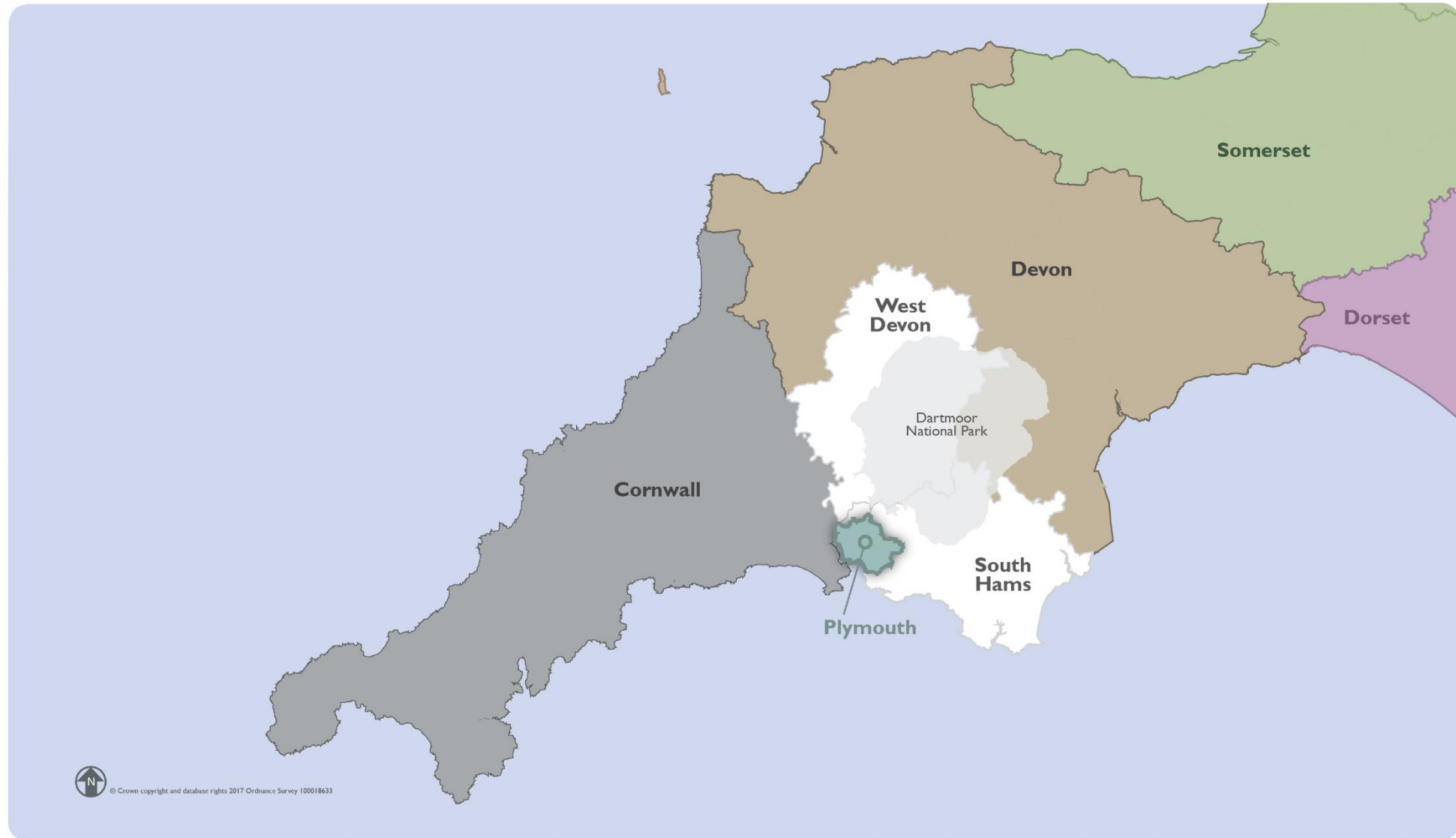
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Where are we?



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The AONB at a glance

- South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Dartmoor National Park
- County / Unitary Authority
- Parish Boundary
- Beach
- Inland Waterbody
- River
- Prominent headlands
- Sea Areas

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Our challenge

- We know that the marine sector plays an important role in our local economy but we don't have the data to quantify it
- This affects our ability to provide evidence to support funding bids and other activities
- The sector is also a crucial element of our decarbonisation work – we have our own vessels and the local authority is responsible for the running of Salcombe and other harbours
- Necessary to establish baseline data to demonstrate and measure progress towards our climate change objectives



LGA Advisor Programme – initiated May/June 2022

- We felt it would be a great opportunity to address these challenges
- We thought our brief was clear, but the responses came back heavily focused on the decarbonisation and less so on evidencing the economic importance of the sector
- We felt we could work with the Carbon Trust, but that their proposal would need altering slightly
- About a month's worth of meetings later, we were happy to move forward



Carbon Trust agreed activities

- Quantify the carbon footprint of our marine vessels and Salcombe harbour (the vessel data could then be applied more widely)
- Develop a marine decarbonisation strategy for the South Hams
- Undertake a limited amount of consultation with selected stakeholders
- Identify the next steps we need to take to move this “scene setting” work forward



First Stage – Economic & Carbon Footprint Measuring

- Carbon Trust had regular dialogue and relationship building with our harbours team
- Pulled together the emissions data for our vessels
- Collated information from a number of sources relating to the marine economy and a summary of various decarbonisation options
- First report was completed and signed off in November 2022



Impact of first stage

- Being put into immediate use
- Too late to support UKSPF, but really useful for our Rural England Prosperity Fund proposal
- Helped us to engage with a bid for the Clean Marine Demonstration Fund
- Sets the baseline information our well, and can be built upon with our UKSPF activities (£400k allocated to supporting the decarbonisation of the marine sector and clean economic sector growth)



Second Stage – Decarbonisation Strategy Development

- Very little engagement required from ourselves – this was greatly appreciated
- 3 weekly catch-up meetings with the Carbon Trust
- Report collated and shared with us on the 21st of February
- Still in the process of unpacking it, and have our feedback meeting next week



Initial thoughts on the final strategy

- It's a good, clear, 'non-jargony' report
- It sets out the range of options available to us, the cost / savings benefits, the carbon impact they would have and a range of other useful information
- It doesn't currently answer the question of which options we should go down for each of our marine vessels
- Will need tweaking to hopefully answer this question



Other comments

- The programme is really useful but you have to think carefully about your proposal due to the limited amount that can be achieved
- Crucial to get your brief right and to engage with the advisors at the start to ensure that they are going to deliver what you want
- Positive experience, linked into our other funded programmes to maximise impact.
- Would go through it again

