

Ministry of Health, the Environment, Energy and Climate Change

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## **Gibraltar's Marine Monitoring Programme**

H.M. Government of Gibraltar is seeking views on Gibraltar's Marine monitoring programme for British Gibraltar Territorial Waters (BGTW) to measure progress towards achieving and maintaining Good Environmental Status (GES) in our seas by 2020. The Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) requires that Member States put in place measures to achieve or maintain GES in their seas by 2020.

Gibraltar's Marine monitoring Programme covers monitoring proposals for each of the eleven Marine Strategy Framework Directive descriptors.

These relate to:

- biological diversity
- non-indigenous species
- fish and shellfish
- food webs
- human-induced eutrophication
- sea floor integrity
- hydrographical conditions
- contaminants
- contaminants in fish and other seafood
- marine litter
- introduction of energy (including underwater noise)

H.M Government of Gibraltar welcomes consultation comments from any individual or group that would like to submit their views for consideration, the document is available online at: <a href="http://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/new/marine-monitoring">www.gibraltar.gov.gi/new/marine-monitoring</a>

Comments can be submitted electronically via email to The Department of the Environment and Climate Change via email at: <u>marine.monitoring@gibraltar.gov.gi</u> or alternatively sent to:

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