

Local Management Agreements

To enable coastal communities and organisations manage areas of seabed and foreshore we recently introduced Local Management Agreements (LMAs). A Local Management Agreement is a formal option agreement between The Crown Estate and a local partner (which must be a not-for-profit organisation), which gives a degree of exclusivity over relevant areas of Crown foreshore and/or seabed.

An LMA can then be used to help deliver projects which achieve one or more of the following:

- Bring benefit to local communities
- Allow community groups to enjoy improved facilities
- Aid economic development of the locality
- Protect the natural habitat and wildlife

LMAs can assist in developing small scale activities such as improved harbour facilities, creating local amenities, improving local management of moorings, giving opportunities to create or expand local business interests or managing nature conservation areas.

LMAs give applicants the certainty that they can obtain a right to occupy The Crown Estate land, should they demonstrate that their proposal can become a reality. It allows local partners time to develop their proposals and provides access to expertise and advice from The Crown Estate.

Projects should be locally-driven, based on a need or opportunity that has been identified by the community, and are most likely to be suited to proposals that have an existing level of support and buy-in from the community.

Once project plans and funding are in place, the organisation can then seek a final agreement to access the seabed/foreshore from The Crown Estate.





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How to apply

If you feel you would benefit from an LMA we recommend you contact us at scotland@thecrownestate.co.uk as early as possible to discuss your proposals.

The Crown Estate has a wide range of knowledge and experience in delivering small scale projects and we will be able to discuss your proposals before you consider progressing to a formal application.

We would expect all applicants to have a business plan showing some of the following factors:

- Benefits to the local community
- Benefits to the local environment
- The extent of community engagement and support evidenced
- The availability of funding to undertake proposals
- The skills and experience of the applicant organisation and its consultants

Contact us

Members of The Crown Estate's team are based around the Scottish coast.

You can contact your local representatives by emailing scotland@thecrownestate.co.uk

For further information please visit www.thecrownestate.co.uk/coastal