



The MARINET UK Marine Reserves Campaign

URGENT ACTION

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This implements the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution in their 25th Report, and is supported by over 300 European marine scientists in the York and Valencia Declarations 2008.

We would like you preferably to **visit your Member of Parliament** to ask them to sign Early Day Motion 337 (EDM 337) which calls for the Marine Bill to implement the Royal Commission's recommendation. Alternatively, we hope people can write a personal letter.

Each MP who signs EDM 337 brings us closer to the point when there is a majority in Parliament for highly protected marine conservation zones. **Therefore, both your action and your MP's decision to sign, counts.**

EDM 337 : "That this House notes the recommendation made by the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution in their 25th Report in 2004 that a widespread network of highly protected marine reserves throughout all UK seas is an important marine management tool which is required in order to rebuild UK commercial fish stocks and to halt the serious damage being caused to marine ecosystems; and calls upon the Government to develop selection criteria under the Marine Bill for establishing a network of protected marine areas based around science-based decision making."

How to visit your MP: Everyone has the right to visit their MP in their constituency office, usually on a Friday or a Saturday. You simply make an appointment by telephone. You can find your MP's contact details by visiting www.marinereserves.org.uk/mp

If you want to write a letter, you can do so. A suggested letter is available on the Campaign website www.marinereserves.org.uk/mp and click on "template letter".

A visit, however, carries more weight with the MP and, contrary to expectations, the MP will be pleased to see you!

This campaign is organised by MARINET, the Marine Network of Friends of the Earth Local Groups (www.marinet.org.uk). You can find out about the campaign, how to subscribe to it, and how to contact us, by visiting our Marine Reserves Campaign web site at www.marinereserves.org.uk where you can **sign up** for regular updating.



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