



## 2013 CHAPTER 10

### Part 3

#### Marine protection

##### *Duties of Department*

#### Reports

**21.—**(1) Before the end of every relevant period, the Department must lay before the Assembly a report setting out—

- (a) the extent to which, in the opinion of the Department, the objective in section 20(2) has been achieved;
  - (b) any further steps which, in the opinion of the Department, are required to be taken in order to contribute to the achievement of that objective.
- (2) The report must also contain the following information—
- (a) the number of MCZs which the Department has designated during the relevant period;
  - (b) in relation to each such MCZ—
    - (i) the size of the MCZ, and
    - (ii) the conservation objectives stated for the MCZ;
  - (c) the number of MCZs designated by the Department in which the following activities are prohibited or significantly restricted—
    - (i) any licensable marine activity;
    - (ii) fishing for or taking animals or plants from the sea;

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- (d) information about any amendments which the Department has made to any orders made under section 13;
  - (e) the extent to which, in the opinion of the Department, the conservation objectives stated for each MCZ which it has designated have been achieved;
  - (f) any further steps which, in the opinion of the Department, are required to be taken in relation to any MCZ in order to achieve the conservation objectives stated for it.
- (3) In this section—
- “licensable marine activity” has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the 2009 Act;
  - “relevant period” means—
    - (a) the period beginning on the date on which this section comes into operation and ending on 31 December 2018;
    - (b) each subsequent period of 6 years.

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