



# National Heritage Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 14

### *Protected wrecks*

#### **6 Assistance in relation to protected wrecks**

After section 33B of the National Heritage Act 1983 (c. 47) (powers to exploit intangible assets), inserted by section 4 of this Act, insert—

##### **“33C Assistance in relation to protected wrecks**

- (1) The Commission may defray or contribute towards the cost of—
  - (a) any survey, excavation or other investigation undertaken in respect of any protected wreck;
  - (b) the removal of any protected wreck or of any part of any protected wreck to another place for the purpose of preserving it; or
  - (c) the preservation and maintenance of any protected wreck.
- (2) In this section—

“maintenance” includes repairing and covering in of a protected wreck and the doing of any other act or thing which may be required for the purpose of repairing the wreck or protecting it from decay or injury; and

“protected wreck” means any site which—

  - (a) comprises, or comprises the remains of, any vessel or part thereof which is protected by an order under section 1 of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973 (c. 33) designating an area round the site as a restricted area, and
  - (b) is in, on or under the seabed within the seaward limits of the United Kingdom territorial waters adjacent to England.
- (3) An order under section 33(10) applies for the purposes of paragraph (b) of the definition of “protected wreck” in subsection (2) as it applies for the purposes of section 33(9).”

**Changes to legislation:**

National Heritage Act 2002, Cross Heading: Protected wrecks is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 October 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 1(2)(b) word repealed by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 81\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 1(2)(d) and word inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 81\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 2(8)(a)(b) substituted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 80\(2\)](#)
- s. 17(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 80\(3\)](#)
- s. 19(4)(za) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 81\(2\)](#)

**Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the National Heritage Act 2002**

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2005/3255 art. 2](#) commences (2004 c. 33)