



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, Section 6 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 18 April 2024. 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- s. 1(2)(b) word repealed by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 81\(1\)\(a\)](#)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)