

To the management committee for marine planning,

Please, please, please do not wind back our marine sanctuaries. It is a retrograde step on so many fronts: conservation of species, eco-tourism, and general conservation, which will flow on to positive effects on climate change. A balanced environment is what is needed for the good of the planet and all living organisms on it, and sanctuaries will lead to redressing the balance. Mid-water trawling and long-lining will take everything in the opposite direction. Future generations will certainly not thank you for cutting back marine sanctuaries, and neither would many of the current generation.

Sue Carolane