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These measures are due to come into effect on **16 October 2025**.

They include restrictions on certain fishing methods to help protect sensitive marine habitats and species, while supporting long-term sustainable fisheries.

Measures are site specific and include:

- Full-site and zonal restrictions
- Restrictions on the use of certain fishing gear types in designated areas

Vessels will not be permitted to enter restricted areas below 6 knots (see Article 50 1224/2009 UK assimilated version)

Full details, including maps, gear codes, coordinates, and guidance, are available online.

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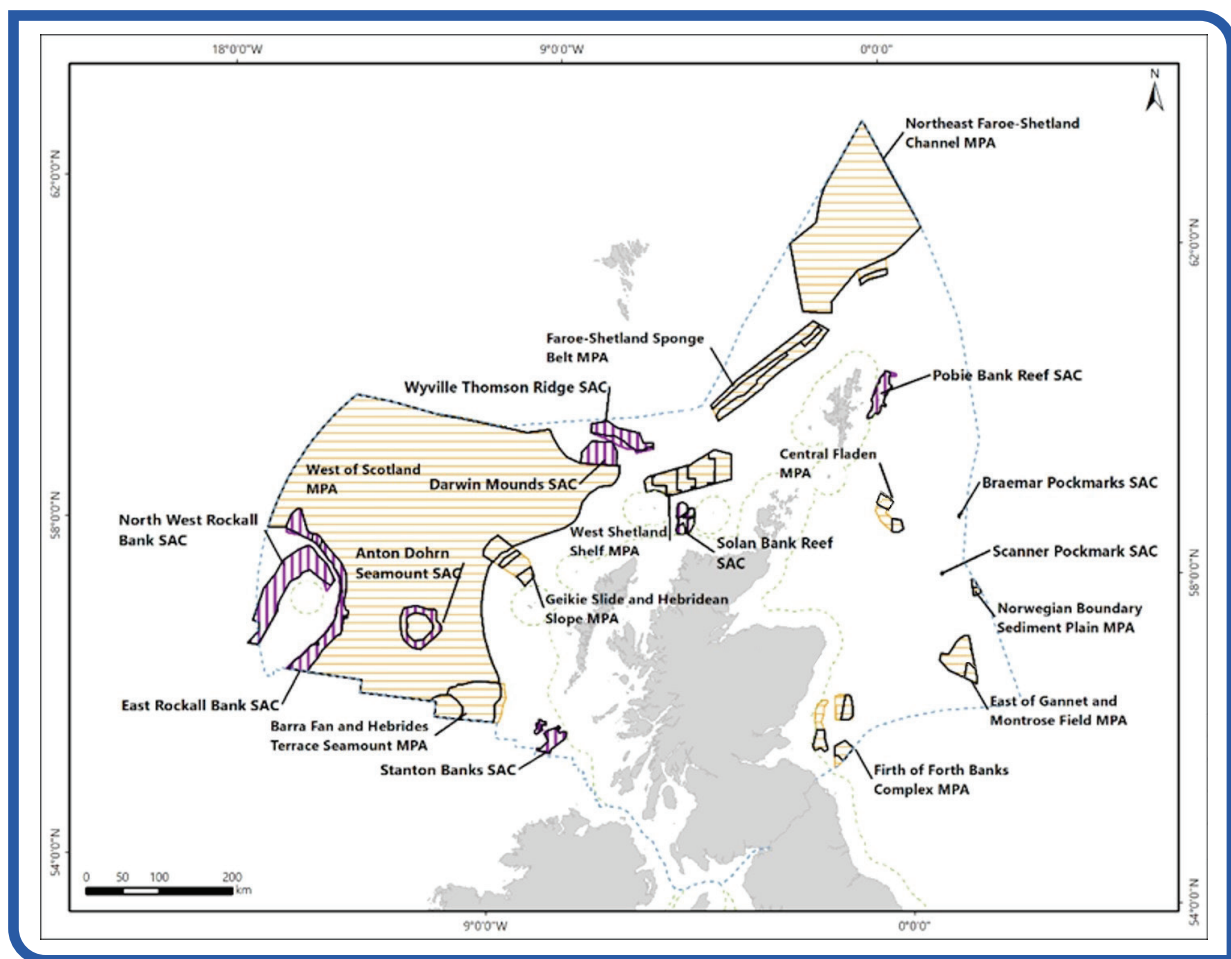
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