



Case information

Case ID	300016714
File Reference	AMB/105/3/9
Name of Site	Iona I

Local Authority	
National Grid Reference	NS 26182 78499
Designation No. (if any)	HMPA 8
Designation Type	Historic Marine Protected Area
Case Type	Designation

Start Date	15/11/2008
Decision Date	26/10/2016 (comes into force on 9 November 2016)

1. Decision by the Scottish Ministers

The Scottish Ministers have decided to designate the area of sea within a distance of 90 metres of position⁽¹⁾ latitude 55° 58'.076 north, longitude 04° 47'.194 west as a Historic Marine Protected Area (Historic MPA) for the purpose of preserving a marine historic asset of national importance which lies within the area.

The marine historic asset is the remains of a vessel, the paddle steamer Iona I, lying wrecked on or in the seabed, objects formerly contained in the vessel and deposits or artefacts which evidence previous human activity on board the vessel.

2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

2.1 Designation Background

The wreck of the Iona I was previously undesignated but is recorded on Canmore <https://canmore.org.uk/site/102456/iona-i-tail-of-the-bank-upper-firth-of-clyde>.

This decision has been taken by the Scottish Ministers. The designation order comes into force on 9 November 2016.

⁽¹⁾ Geographic co-ordinates are defined with reference to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84)

2.2 Development Proposals

There are no known development proposals affecting this decision.

3. Assessment

Historic Scotland was first asked to consider designation of this wreck by a member of the public in November 2008. The site was visited by Historic Scotland's diving contractor in July 2009 but no designation was taken forward at that time.

As Historic Environment Scotland, in our capacity as advisor to Scottish Government on marine historic environment issues, we provided advice to Scottish Government (Marine Scotland) in December 2015 that the wreck of the *Iona I* met the criteria for designation as a Historic Marine Protected Area under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.

In March 2016, we undertook a public consultation on the designation proposal on behalf of Scottish Government. The consultation report is available online at <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/about-us/what-we-do/consultations/closed-consultations/>. This informed our final advice to Scottish Government on which basis the decision has been taken by Scottish Ministers to designate the site.

3.2 Assessment against designation criteria

Full information on the assessment against the criteria will be made available (from 9 November) on the designation record, which also includes other site documentation including management advice and a map showing the boundaries of the area.

The designation criteria are published in the Historic Environment Scotland Policy Statement June 2016, Annex 4, pp. 55-57.

<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/planning-and-guidance/legislation-and-guidance/historic-environment-scotland-policy-statement/>

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