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Hello

Please see comments below in relation to the draft scoping report for the environmental assessment of the CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027

The *Programme for Government* includes commitments to:

- Reduce the use of inorganic nitrogen fertiliser (p. 33, 67);
- Work with farmers and industry to protect and deliver improvements in water quality (p. 41);
- Seek reforms to the CAP to reward farmers for improving water quality (p. 63).

Loadings of phosphorus and nitrogen to the marine environment have started to increase since 2014, despite historical long-term reductions and 16% of the country estuarine and coastal waters are classified as eutrophic and potentially eutrophic. The most recent assessment under the MSFD by the Commission in 2018 of the Irish Programme of Measures also reported that there are gaps especially in that the measures do not seem to fully address pressures/activities and associated impacts for biodiversity descriptors water column habitats, seabed habitats or the extraction of seaweed.

Pg 22 of the SEA scoping report has DAFM as the authority for the draft national marine planning framework. The correct relevant authority for this framework is the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The links on page 67 result in a 404 error.

It is worth including the Common Fisheries Policy as an international policy of note under annex A. The scope of the CFP includes the conservation of marine biological resources and the management of fisheries targeting them.

Kind regards

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