



Marine Spatial Planning Pilot

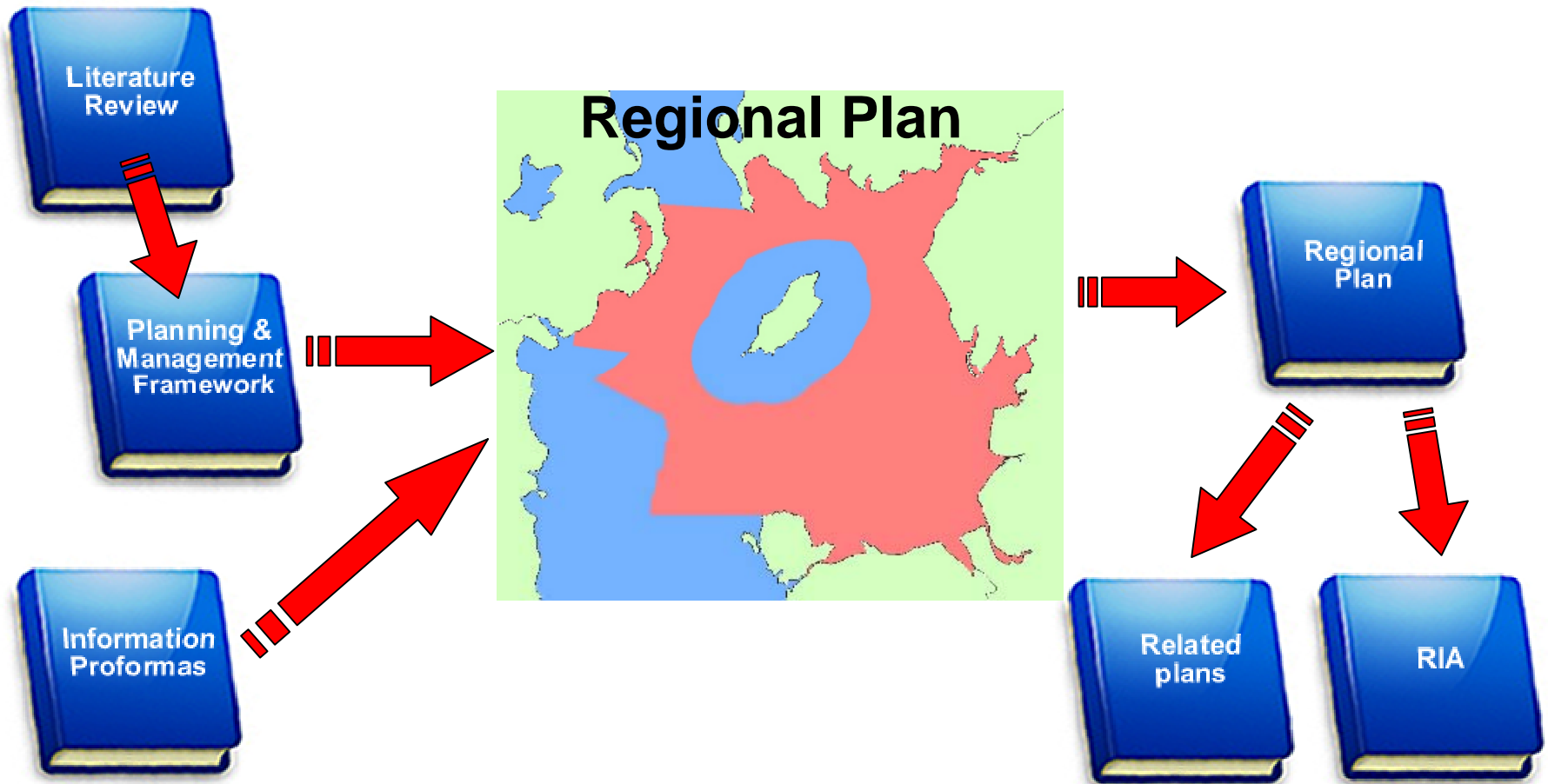
Introduction and Update

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Workshop Objectives

- **Present information and obtain feedback on:**
 - **The draft Regional Plan**
 - **The three scenarios**
 - **MSP- Related plans**
 - **Towards Marine Spatial Planning and Management**
 - **The Regulatory Impact Assessment**
- **Promote discussion on the drawbacks and benefits of MSP**

Project Deliverables



Documents you should have

- **Draft Regional Plan**
- **3 x Scenarios**
- **MSP – Related Plans**
- **Revised Towards paper**

Liverpool Workshop

- **Support for Planning and Management Process**
- **MSP elements:**
 - **Information**
 - > **Policies, objectives and targets**
 - > **Spatial context (maps)**
 - **Prepared by lead organisation**
 - **Stakeholder participation**
 - **Better regulation**

Potential Drawbacks

- **Lack of certainty/lack of flexibility**
- **Additional complexity/bureaucracy**
- **UK doesn't have legal competence in some areas**
- **Introduce conflict with existing regimes**
- **Greater involvement of stakeholders**
- **Too green/not green enough**
- **Data doesn't exist/not available**
- **Dynamic nature of marine environment defies planning**

Some More Questions

- **How will MSP deliver ecosystem approach?**
- **Integration with existing plans?
Devolved administrations?**
- **Nature and form of stakeholder involvement?**
- **Relationship to sectoral SEA?**
- **Information requirements – data sufficiency?**

Headline Benefits

- **Integrating mechanism necessary for delivering sustainable development**
- **Practical delivery of ecosystem approach**
- **A plan-led approach to future development**
- **Framework for ongoing management**
- **Greater transparency, consistency and certainty**

Administrative Benefits

- **Data collection/availability**
- **Opportunities for consent streamlining**
- **Focus for stakeholder participation**
- **A forum for conflict resolution**
- **A plan led approach to management**

Economic + Social Benefits

- **Greater locational certainty – facilitates sector growth**
- **Optimising use of the sea/ minimising conflicts with other users**
- **Cost reduction - consenting process**