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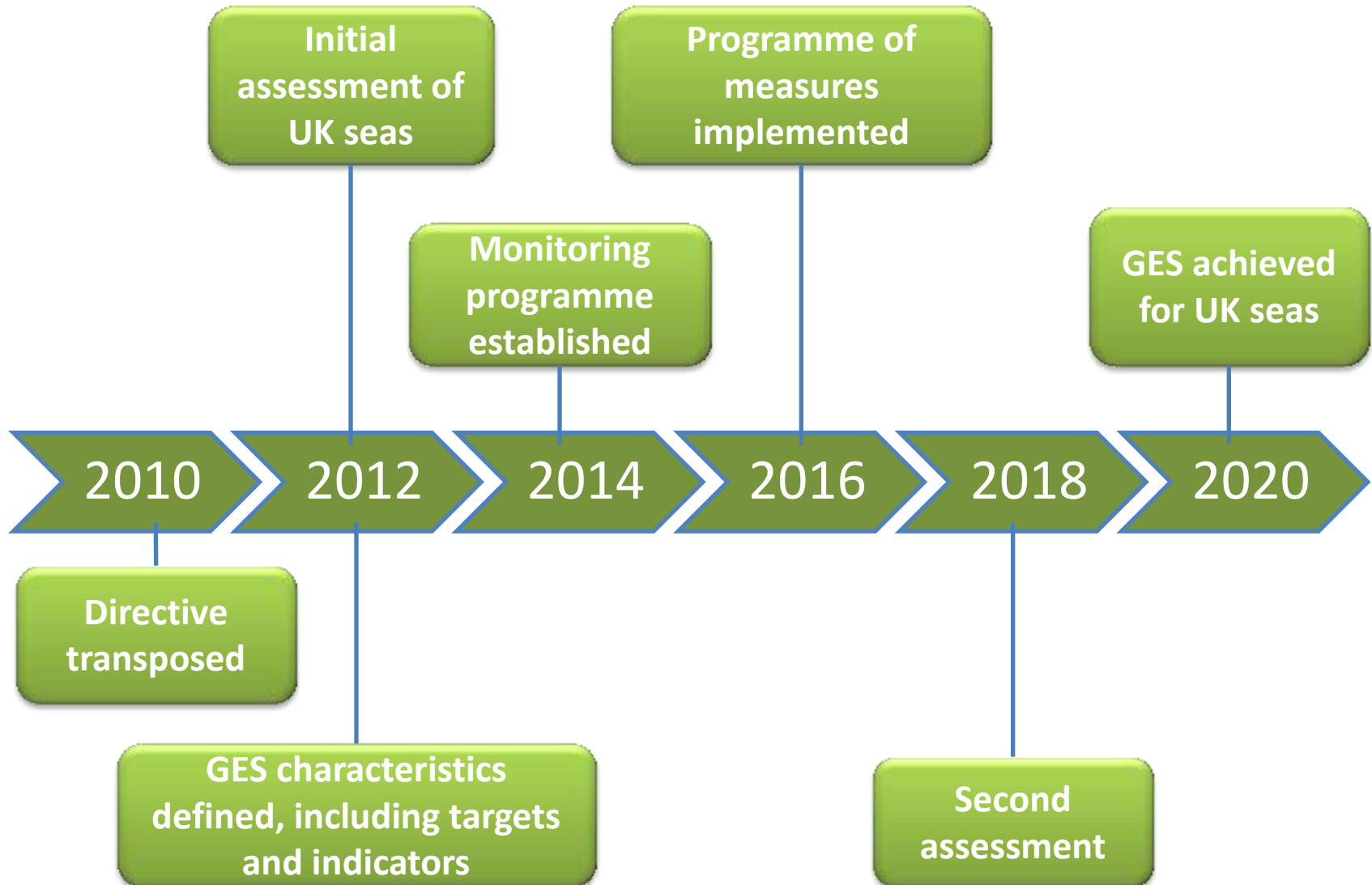
Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)

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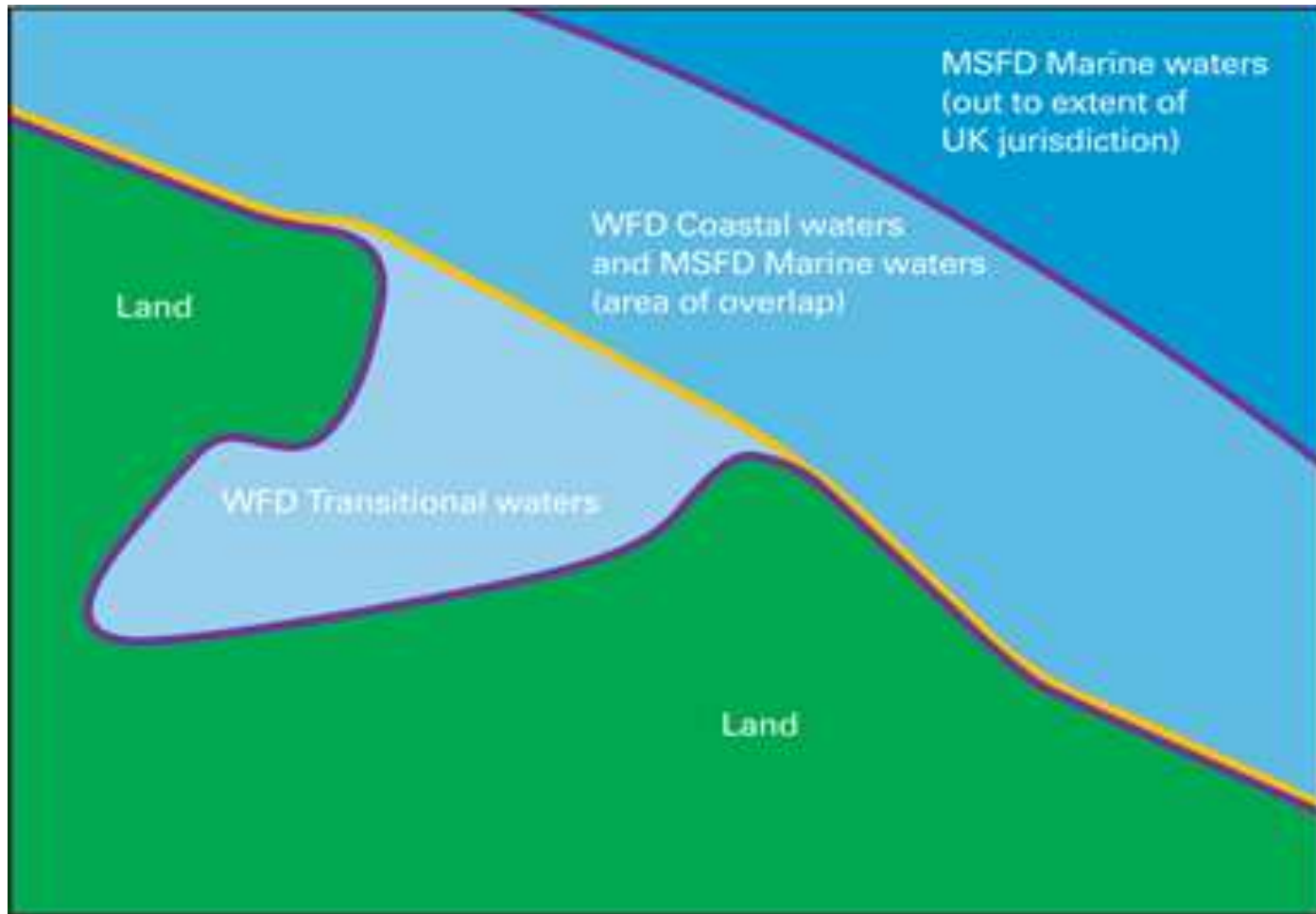
Directive requirements

- To put in place measures to achieve Good Environmental Status (GES) in our seas by 2020.
- Member States sharing a marine region must cooperate to ensure a coherent and coordinated approach to implementation.
- Directive is wide-ranging and sets out eleven Descriptors of GES.

Key MSFD stages



MSFD/WFD boundaries



For estuaries, the boundary between the two directives is the “bay closing line” which is the seaward limit of “Transitional Waters” as defined under the WFD.

DESCRIPTOR 2

NON INDIGENOUS SPECIES

Descriptor 2 – What the Directive says



‘non-indigenous species introduced by human activities are at levels that do not adversely alter the ecosystem’

Descriptor 2 – UK Characteristics & Targets

Characteristics:

The risk from pathways and vectors which facilitate the introduction and spread of NIS as a result of human activities is significantly reduced, leading to a reduction in the risk of introducing new species some of which may have adverse impacts.

Targets:

- Reduction in the risk of introduction and spread of non native species through improved management of high risk pathways and vectors. (MSFD criteria 2.1)
- Action plans are developed for key high risk marine non indigenous species by 2020. (MSFD criteria 2.2)

D2 – Proposed monitoring programme

- Undertook project to identify high risk areas and review existing monitoring programmes and to assess their potential suitability for detection of NIS.
- Currently considering options for MSFD monitoring programme.
- Devolved Administrations.



Key Milestones: Monitoring Programme Art 11 – 15 July 2014

Milestone	Dates
Clearance process - final Monitoring Programme proposals	June– July 2014
Monitoring programme established	15 July 2014
Prepare Commission reporting requirements	July – October 2014
Notify Commission	15 October 2014

D2 – Programme of Measures

- Starting point to identify existing and planned measures.
- Assess contribution to achieving GES by 2020.

Ballast Water Management

Marine Biosecurity Planning

Alien Species in Aquaculture Regulations

Aquaculture bio-security measures plan

Bio-fouling

Bangor Mussel Association Codes of Practice



Key milestones: Programme of Measures Art 13 – 31 December 2015

Milestone	Dates
Develop draft Programme of Measures proposals	August 2014
Clearance process - draft proposals	September 2014 – December 2014
Consultation	January 2015 – March 2015
Develop final proposals	May – August 2015
Clearance process - final proposals	August – December 2015
Programme of measures established	31 December 2015
Notify Commission	30 March 2016
Programme of measures operational	31 December 2016

What do we want from today

- Understand overlap with new policies.
- Understand other policies & insight into work being carried out.
- Input into MSFD Programme of Measures.



QUESTIONS

