



BAKKAFROST SCOTLAND

Our aim is to be the leading, most sustainable salmon producer in Scotland.

Our values

PROVENANCE

Committed to provenance

PASSION

Passion of our people

RESPECT

Respect for our natural environment and our communities

Our Healthy Living pillars

We prioritise absolute quality and integrity from loch to plate with sustainability at the heart. Our Healthy Living Plan sets out our commitment to sustainability across our 5 pillars.



HEALTHY BUSINESS

Responsible growth



HEALTHY SALMON

Exceeding leading standards



HEALTHY PEOPLE

Preferred employer



HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

Committed to environmental stewardship



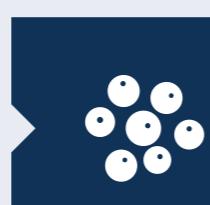
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Create shared value



Our Value Chain

We are engaged in all stages of the value chain ensuring total value chain integrity and full traceability.



BROODSTOCK



FRESHWATER



MARINE



HARVESTING



PROCESSING



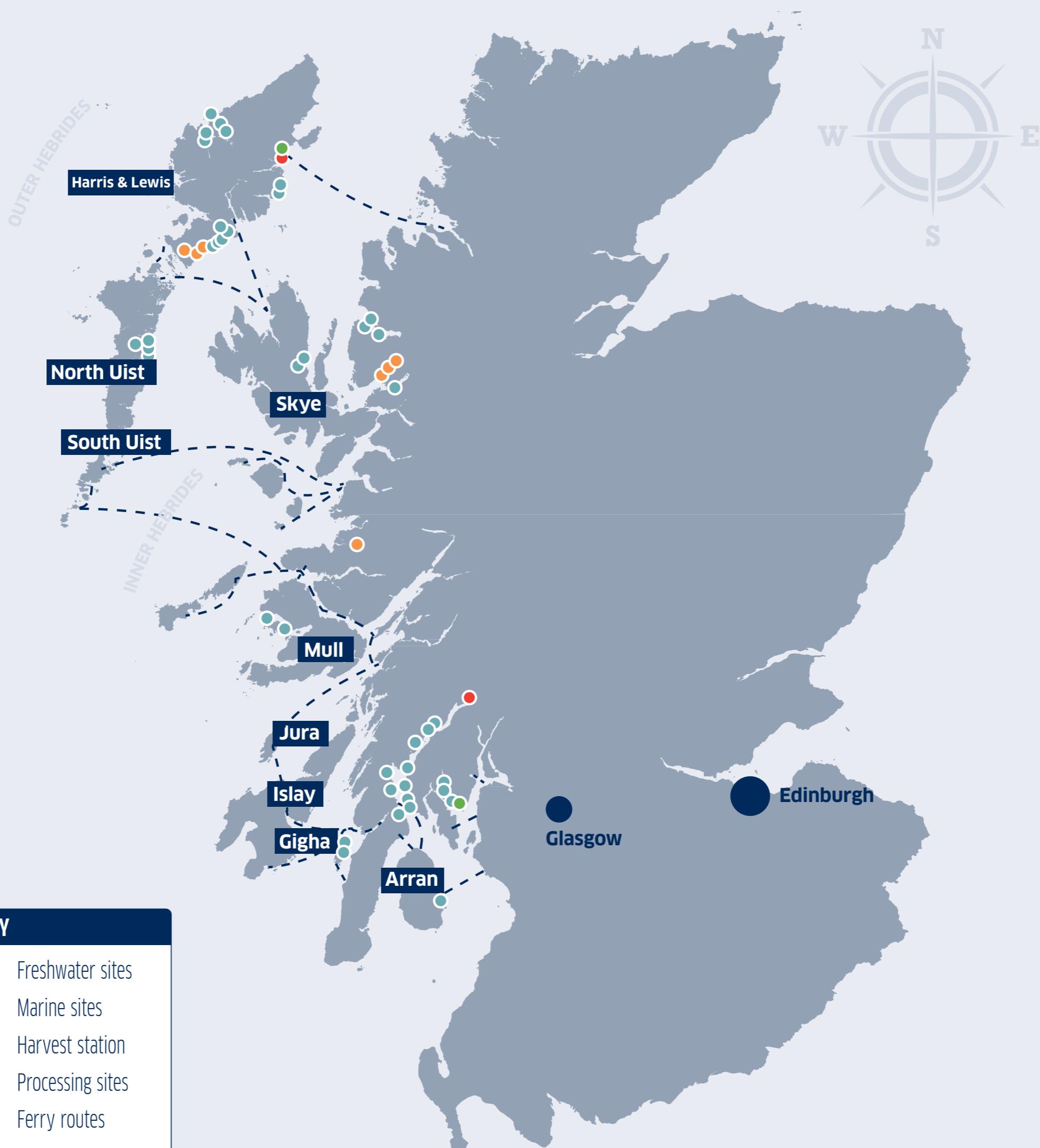
SERVED WITH PRIDE



FEED



OUR LOCATIONS



69
SITES

699
EMPLOYEES

Recent awards

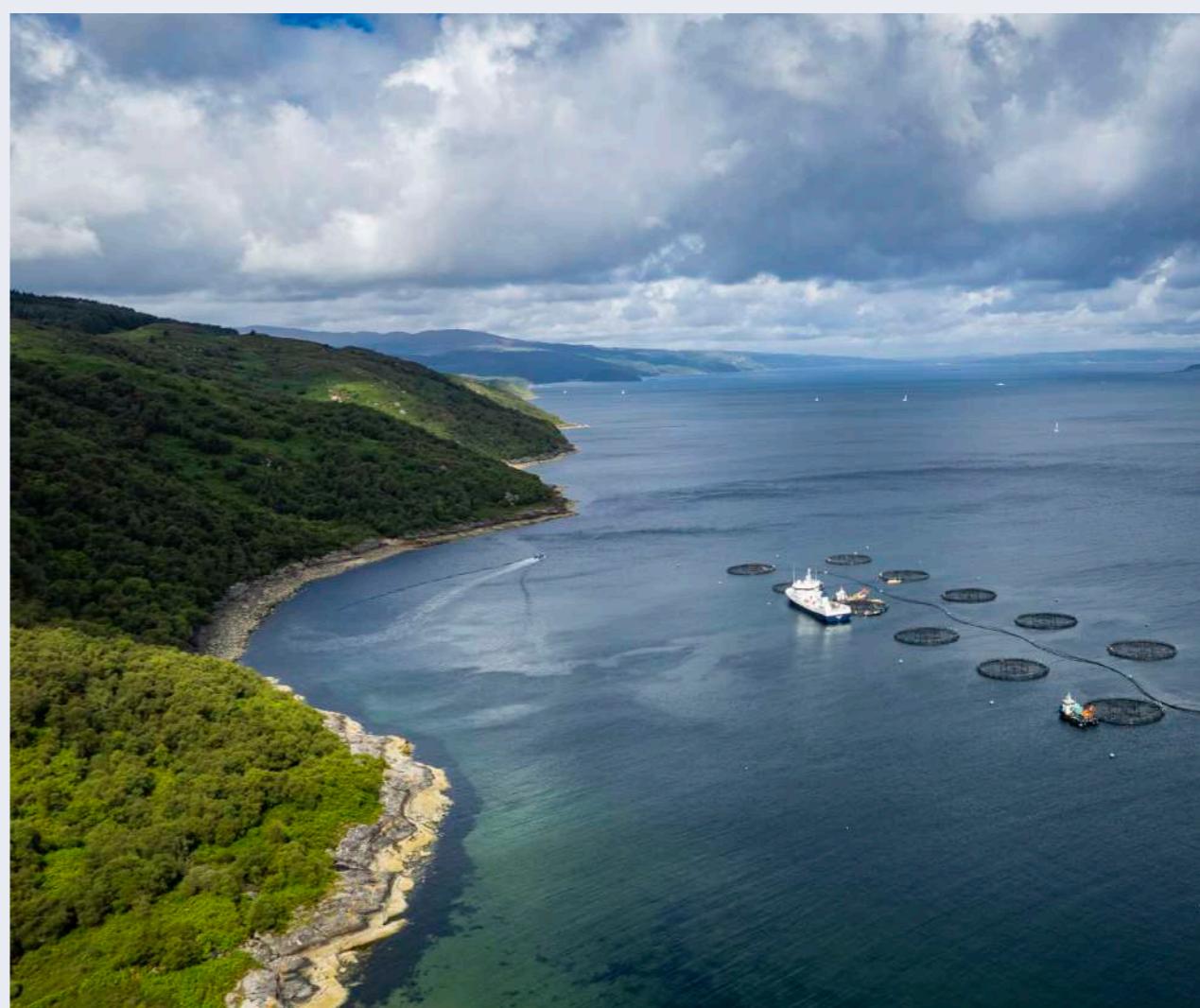


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SCOTLAND FOOD & DRINK
Excellence Awards 2022





HEALTH & WELFARE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



Accreditations & certifications





ECONOMIC BENEFIT

Committed to being an active and integral part of our communities.

Community fund

Offering grants of up to £10,000 for local groups, causes and projects which focus on creating a stronger community by promoting health and wellbeing, stewardship of the natural environment or economic development.



Find out more

Find out more about our Community Fund and how you can apply by visiting bakkafrostscotland.com/communityfund or scan the QR code.





ECONOMIC BENEFIT

We are committed to creating shared value in the rural communities in which we live and work.

People

Committed to creating and retaining value and long term employment in our communities.

Under the proposed development...

19

**current full time employees
between Gometra and Geasgill
on the West of Mull**

6-8

**Skilled/ Full time/ Permanent/
Year-round jobs**

secure

greater collaboration

with the local community to help fund projects which support the local people and bolster the local economy.

Community charter

Our Community Charter pledges our commitment to our people, suppliers and communities.



Suppliers



Committed to sourcing locally
where possible



**Over £8m total proposed
investment in the development**



**Over £10m spend across
80 suppliers in Argyll & Bute in 2021**



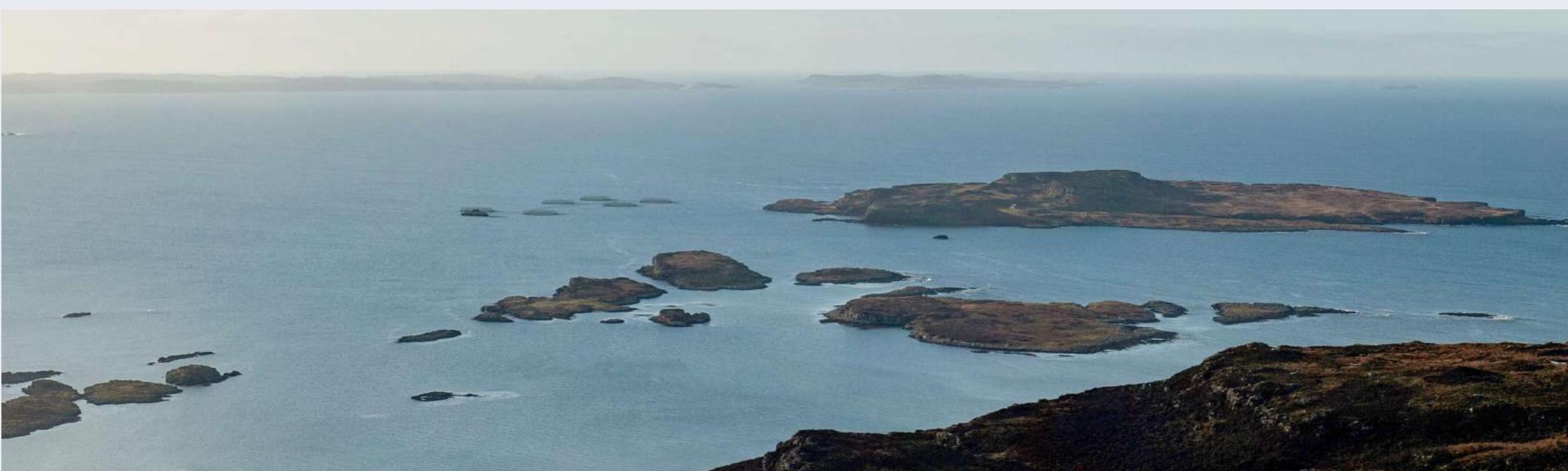
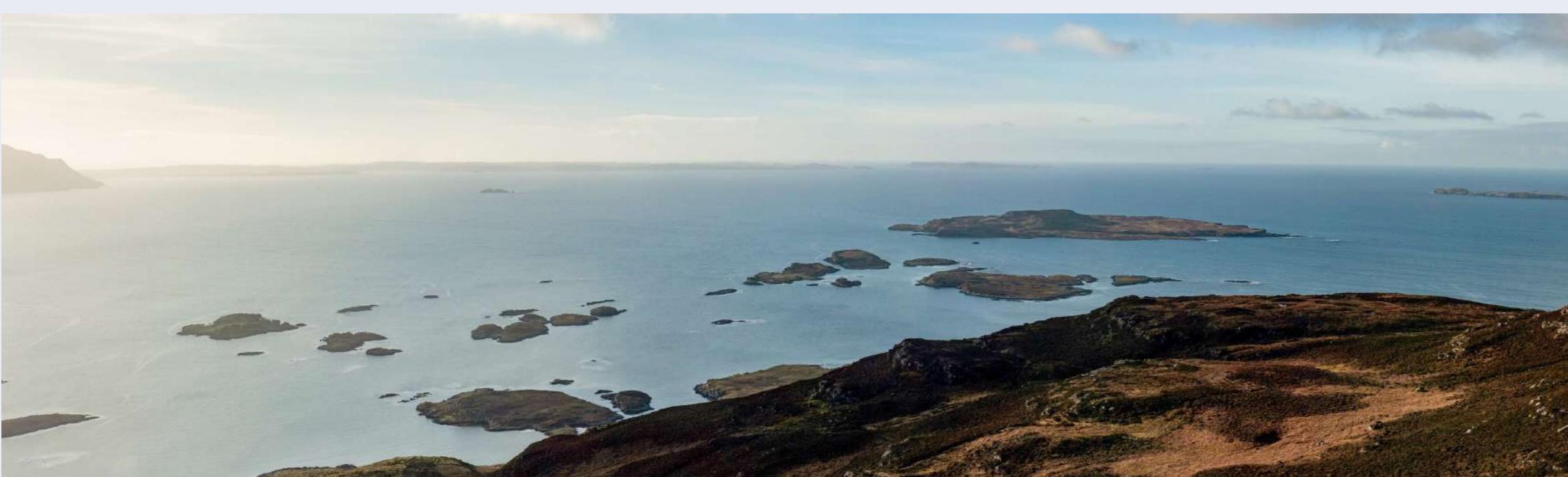
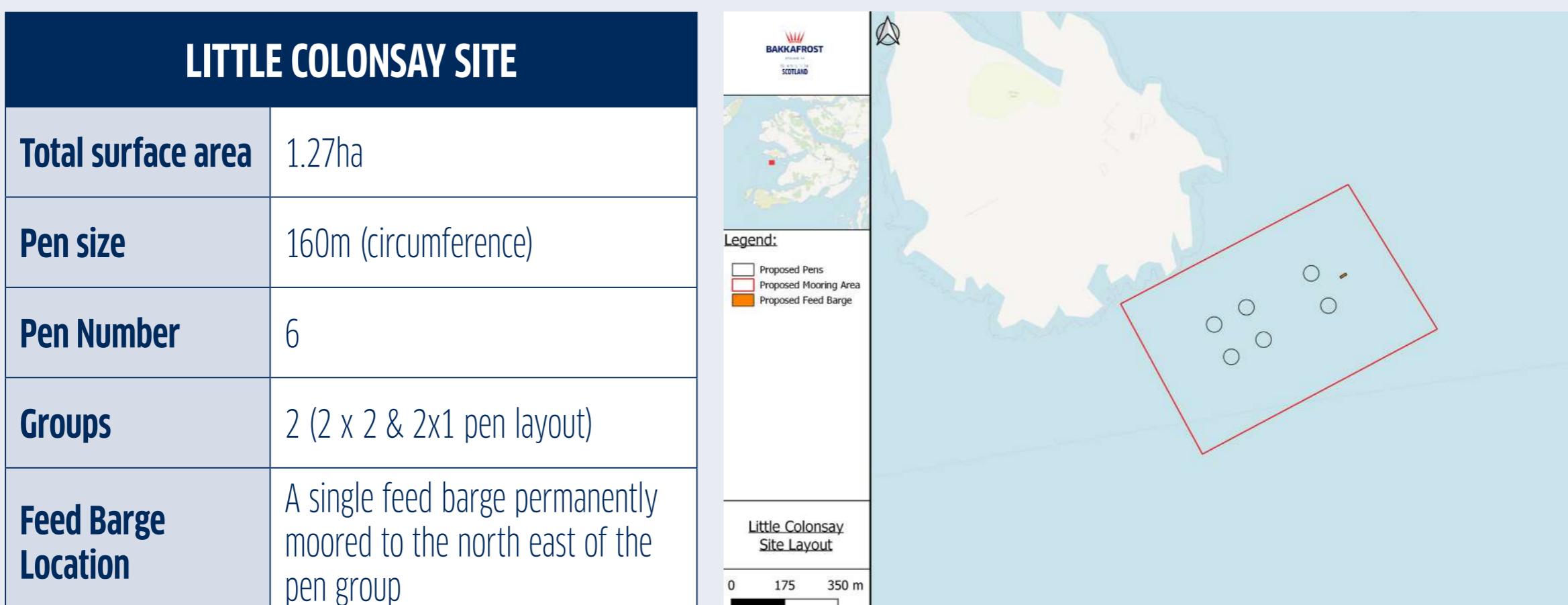
**Over £50m spend across
500 Scottish suppliers in 2021**



DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Project overview

The Proposed Development is located on the east coast of Little Colonsay (as shown). This proposal has innovation at its heart, ensuring robust fish health and welfare and environmental sustainability. The Proposed Development will be located in a high energy environment and will use the latest technology to ensure minimal environmental interaction.





THE PLANNING PROCESS

Proposed Development

The Proposed Development will have a surface area of 1.27 ha, meaning that under the 'Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Development) (Scotland) Regulations 2009' the Proposed Development is defined as 'Local Development'.

Under Schedule 2 of the 'Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017', the Proposed Development is required to undergo full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

THERE ARE 5 KEY STAGES TO THE EIA PROCESS

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Screening and scoping (complete)	Preparation of the EIA report <i>(current phase)</i>	Application Submission	Decision making	Post-decision actions

Timeline and next steps

November 2021

April 2022

May 2022

June 2022

June 2023

Pre-application discussions started with local stakeholders

Screening and scoping request submitted to Argyll & Bute Council

Screening Opinion issued by Argyll & Bute Council

Scoping Opinion issued by Argyll & Bute Council

Proposed submission date of application



ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL

SCOPING OPINION

KEY ASPECTS REQUIRING FURTHER ASSESSMENT

Landscape and visual

The fit and scale of the Little Colonsay development needs to be assessed against the character of the adjacent Little Colonsay coastline, the Loch Na Keal NSA and all potential visual receptors.

Nature conservation

An assessment should be made of potential impacts on;

- Benthic habitats and species;
- Wild salmonid populations;
- Closest Gannet SPAs; and
- Inner Hebrides and the Minches SAC.

Water environment

The assessment should address the consequences of the Proposed Development in terms of hydrological, waste management and pollution control considerations.

Operational measures

Details of stocking, fallowing, working procedures and practices and contingencies should be provided to demonstrate how effects upon the receiving environment will be minimised.

Noise

Sensitive receptors (particularly occupied properties) should be identified along with an assessment of on-site noise sources and physical or management practices to limit the propagation of noise nuisance.

Conflict with other marine users

The assessment should consider potential conflict with established marine users and should detail the outcome of consultation with representative bodies.

Economic considerations

The assessment should identify direct and indirect benefits associated with the procurement, construction and operation of the Proposed Development, including consequences for the viability of the business and the maintenance of employment and the creation of new job opportunities.



LANDSCAPE & VISUAL ASSESSMENT

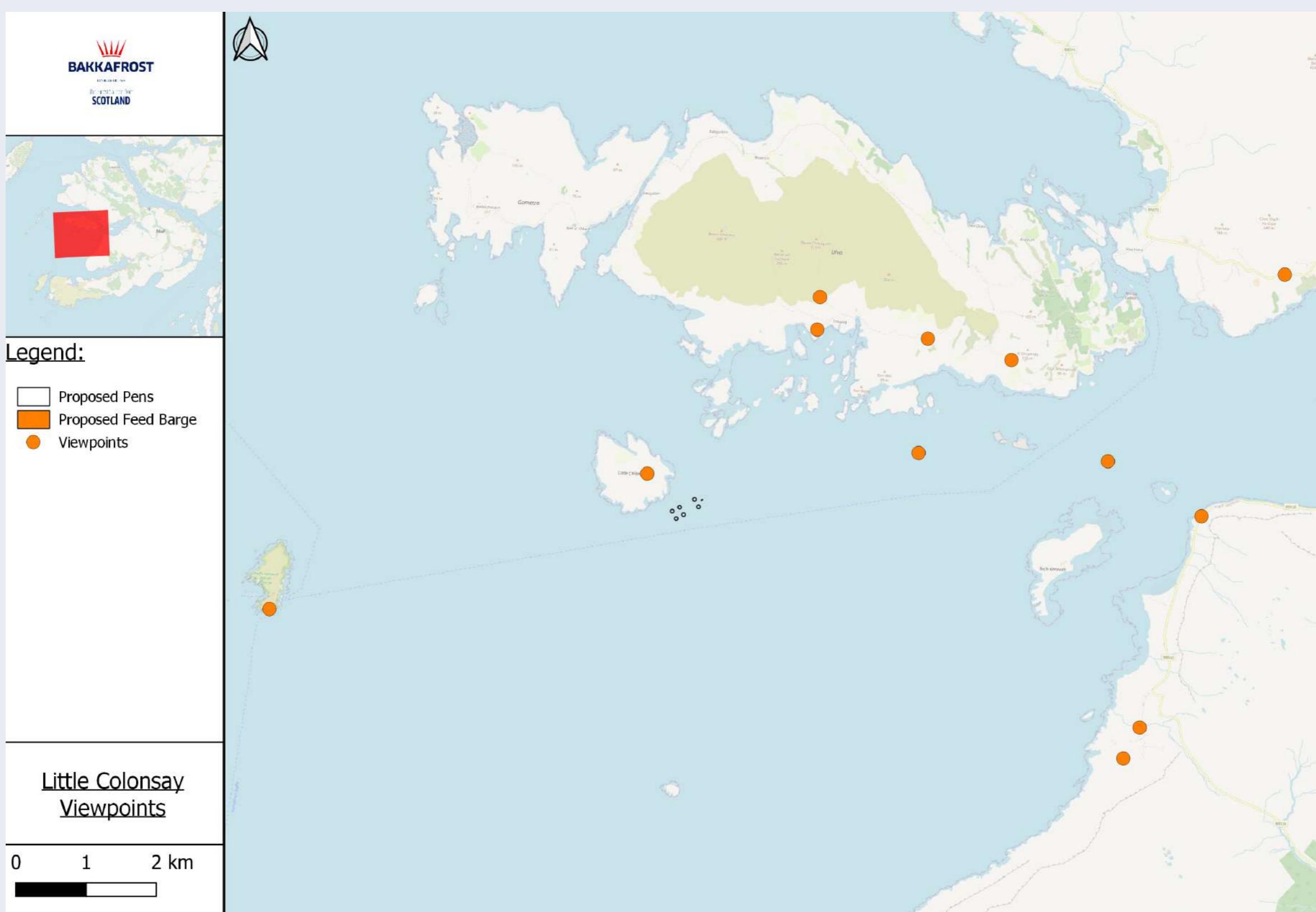
KEY ASPECTS

Specialist, independent consultancy are undertaking a full Seascapes, Landscape Visual Impact Assessment (SLVIA). Part of this assessment includes preparation of photomontages from selected viewpoints.

Viewpoints selected based on the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) of the Proposed Development and as advised by NatureScot.

The detailed findings of this assessment will be submitted in support of the planning application. The assessment will determine the significance of any effects.

Notably we are working closely with NatureScot to ensure that the potential impacts of the development on the Loch Na Keal NSA are fully assessed.





NATURE CONSERVATION

Potential impacts on benthic habitats and species

KEY ASPECTS

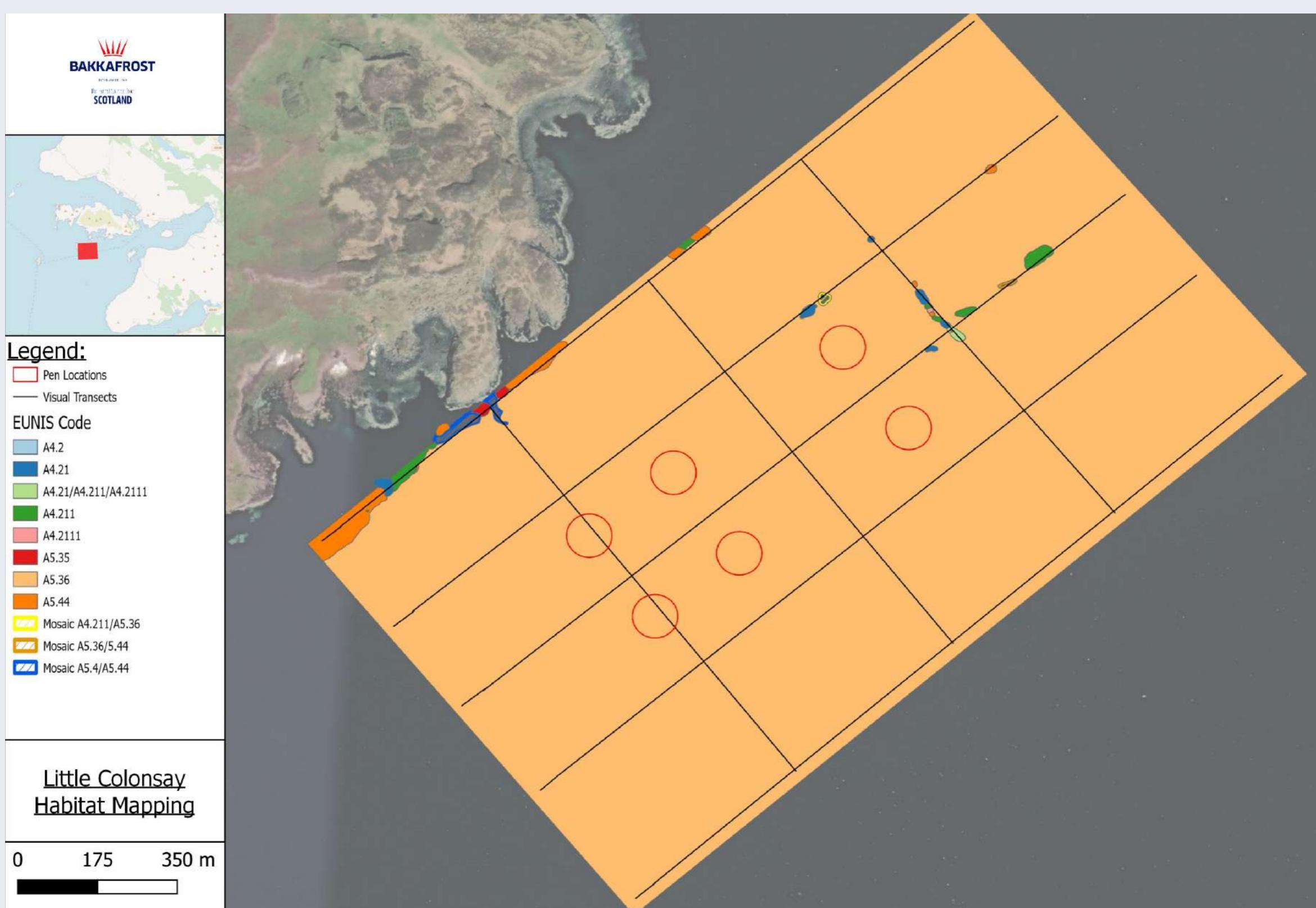
Remote operated vehicle (ROV) and grab sample surveys have been completed to assess benthic environment.

Detailed benthic habitat maps of the development area prepared.

The following habitats have been identified as being of conservation interest:

- Burrowed Mud & Northern sea fan and Sponge communities (Priority Marine Feature (PMF)) (A4.211 (light green)); and
- Annex I (92/43/EEC) Caryophyllia smithii and Swiftia pallida on circalittoral rock (A4.21/A5.26 (dark blue), A4.2121 (light blue), A4.2146 (pink))

The potential impacts of the Proposed Development on these habitats as well as the general benthic environment will be assessed in the EIA to determine the significance of the effect in relation to the EIA regulations.





NATURE CONSERVATION

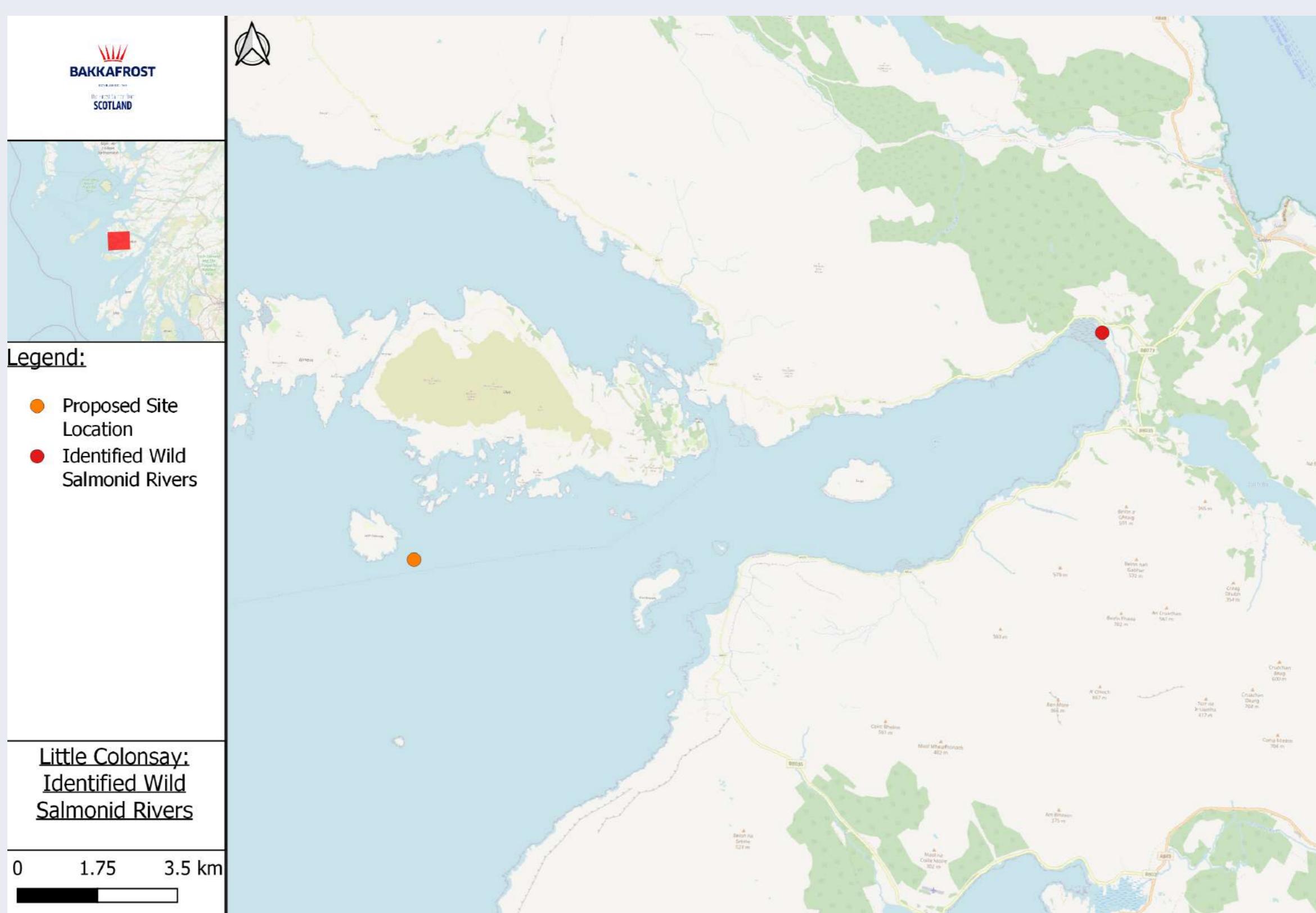
Potential impacts on Wild salmonid populations

KEY ASPECTS

Detailed 3-D sea lice dispersal modelling will be undertaken for the Proposed Development and the cumulative effect with nearby fish farms.

The Proposed Development may interact with local wild salmonids through; potential for sea lice transfer, potential for disease transfer and potential for genetic introgression.

These interactions will be fully assessed and any mitigation deemed necessary detailed in the EIA Report.





NATURE CONSERVATION

Nature Conservation: Potential Impacts on the Inner Hebrides and the Minches SAC

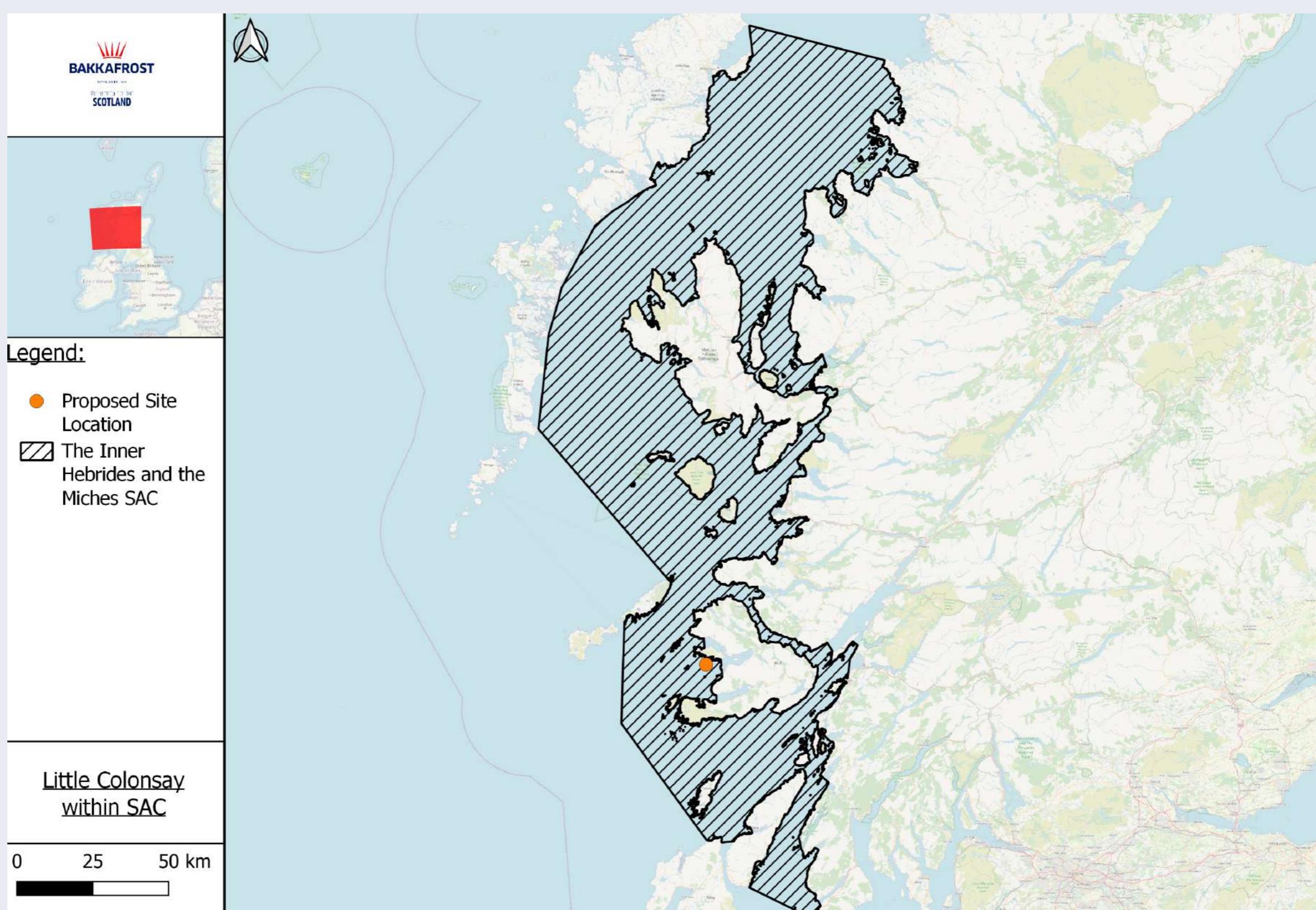
KEY ASPECTS

We have developed an understanding of the baseline environment and of harbour porpoise utilisation of the immediate and wider marine environment.

Acoustic Deterrent Devices (ADDs) will not be deployed as standard practice at the Proposed Development. Instead, the site will use proactive, passive predator control measures.

The Proposed Development may interact with harbour porpoise through; marine vessel activity, underwater noise or entanglement.

These interactions will be fully assessed and any mitigation deemed necessary detailed in the EIA Report.





WATER ENVIRONMENT & NOISE ASSESSMENT

Water environment

KEY ASPECTS

We have assessed the potential for nutrient enhancement as a result of the operation of the Proposed Development. Results indicate that enhancement will be of negligible magnitude.

SEPA will review this assessment when the planning application is submitted.

Through the EIA process the impact on the water environment will be fully assessed to determine the significance of any potential effects. This will include assessment of nutrients, chemicals and organic matter in the water environment.

Noise assessment

KEY ASPECTS

We have carried out a desk-based assessment to determine the baseline condition and identify potential noise sensitive receptors.

The residential property on Little Colonsay has been identified as a potential receptor.

We have identified various measures to avoid and reduce the potential impacts of noise generation.

Through the EIA process the impact of noise generation and propagation will be fully assessed to determine the significance of any potential effects.

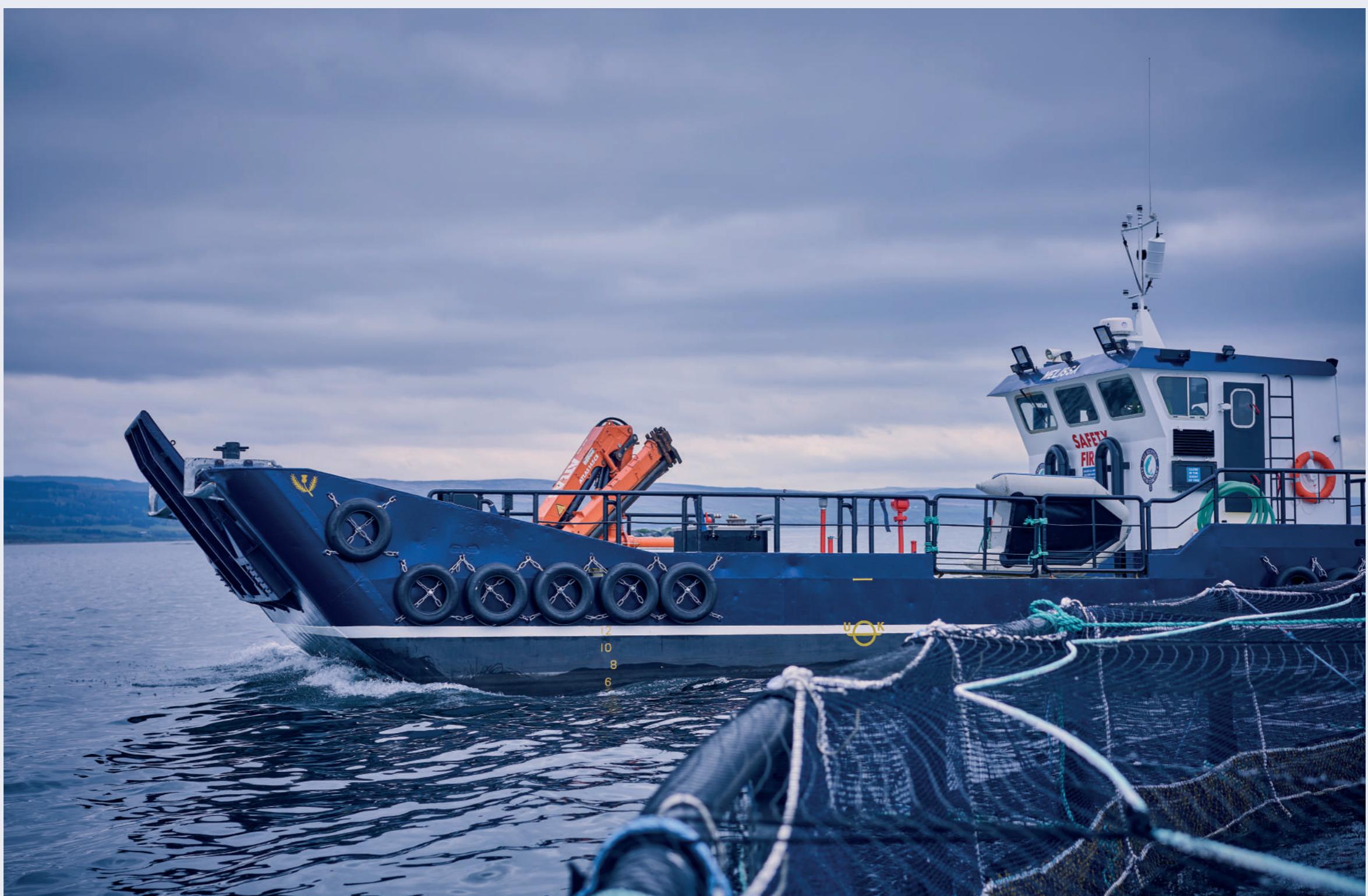


OTHER ASSESSMENT AREAS

The following areas have also been considered within the Environmental Impact Assessment Report

KEY ASPECTS

Alternative Sites and Design Innovation	Marine Cultural Heritage
Traffic and Transport	Impacts on and Resilience to Climate Change
Vulnerability to Disasters and Major Accidents	Species and Habitats of Conservation Importance
Navigation, Anchorage, Commercial Fisheries and Other Non-Recreational Maritime Uses	Socio-Economic, Access, and Recreation.





YOUR OPINION

We value your feedback



We are committed to engaging with and listening to you during the process and would encourage you to discuss our proposals with us and provide feedback.

Please speak to a member of the team or you can get in touch with us by emailing: **communities@bakka frost.com** or visit **bakka frostscotland.com**

The opportunity to provide formal feedback to Argyll and Bute Council on the Proposed Development will be available after the application has been submitted.

