

# **South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands energy systems and sustainability**

Why is the South Georgia & South Sandwich Islands marine protected area undergoing a review?

The South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands Marine Protected Area is undergoing its second five-yearly review. Recovery of baleen whales coupled with climate change, means managers must be alert to alternative future ecosystem states. Areas of little economic interest within the MPA remain data poor with little monitoring.

Who owns South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands?

The United Kingdom claimed sovereignty over South Georgia in 1775 and the South Sandwich Islands in 1908. The UK Overseas Territory of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands (SGSSI) was formed in 1985, whereas previously it had been governed as part of the Falkland Islands Dependencies.

What is the future of South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands?

The future management of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands For more than two centuries, exploitation of the wildlife of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands has provided revenue, albeit interrupted as serial overharvesting has destroyed stocks, in some instances taking species to the verge of extinction (see Introduction).

Is South Georgia a small island?

It is a remote and inhospitable collection of islands, consisting of South Georgia and a chain of smaller islands known as the South Sandwich Islands. South Georgia is 165 kilometres (103 mi) long and 35 kilometres (22 mi) wide and is by far the largest island in the territory.

What are the priority recommendations to the South Georgia & South Sandwich Islands MPA review?

Priority recommendations to the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands MPA Review (see main paper for more details) include: 1. Implement the revised CCAMLR management framework for the krill fishery, with initial priority emphasis on the winter period at South Georgia.

Are South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands mountainous?

South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands are a collection of islands in the South Atlantic Ocean. Most of the islands, rising steeply from the sea, are rugged and mountainous. At higher elevations, the islands are permanently covered with ice and snow.

Following consultation with a broad range of scientists and stakeholders to identify research and monitoring priorities, we are pleased to launch the new RMP which will support GSGSSI's ...

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high levels of biodiversity, important endemism and which also support large aggregations of charismatic upper trophic level species.

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South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands (SGSSI) sit about 4,000 kilometres north of Antarctica and 2,700 kilometres east of South America in the South Atlantic Ocean. In 2012, the United Kingdom established a sustainable use marine protected area (MPA) around these largely uninhabited islands to manage the local fishery and protect the ...

The South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands MPA (hereafter, SGSSI MPA) 4 covers the entirety of the Maritime Zone, extending to 200 nm. The MPA is one of the world's largest, covering an area of 1.24 million km<sup>2</sup>. It was established with the aim of conserving the rich marine biodiversity and for providing a framework for marine environmental ...

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South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands are a collection of exceptionally remote islands in the Southern Atlantic. Although considered as one entity they represent two physically distinct island groups, with the South Georgia cluster ranging between 560 and 800km west of the South Sandwich Island arc (Figure 1).

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