

WFD Compliance Assessment

OGN 72 Appendix 2 WFD Compliance Assessment template

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Figure 1: Stage 1 Screening

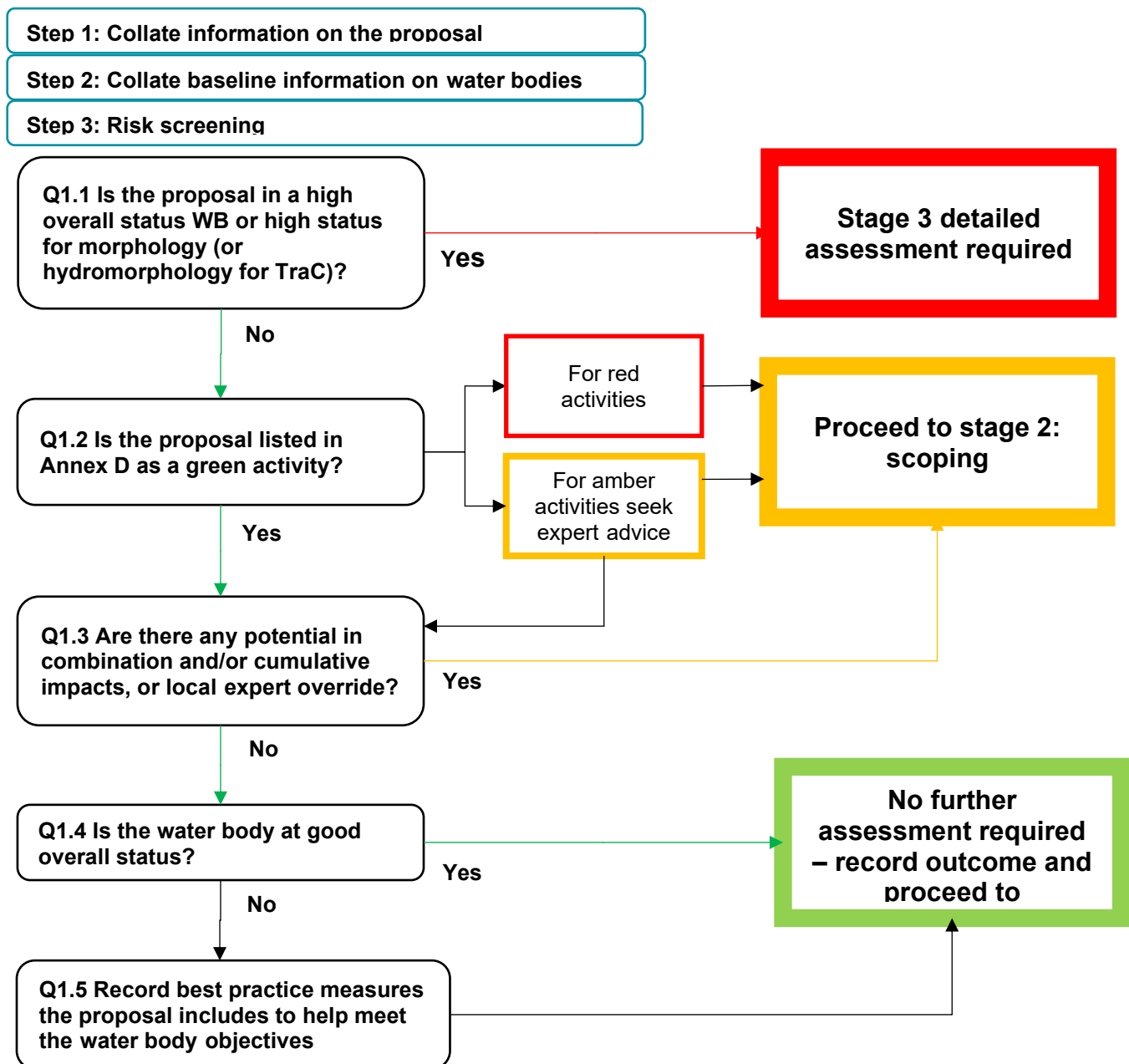
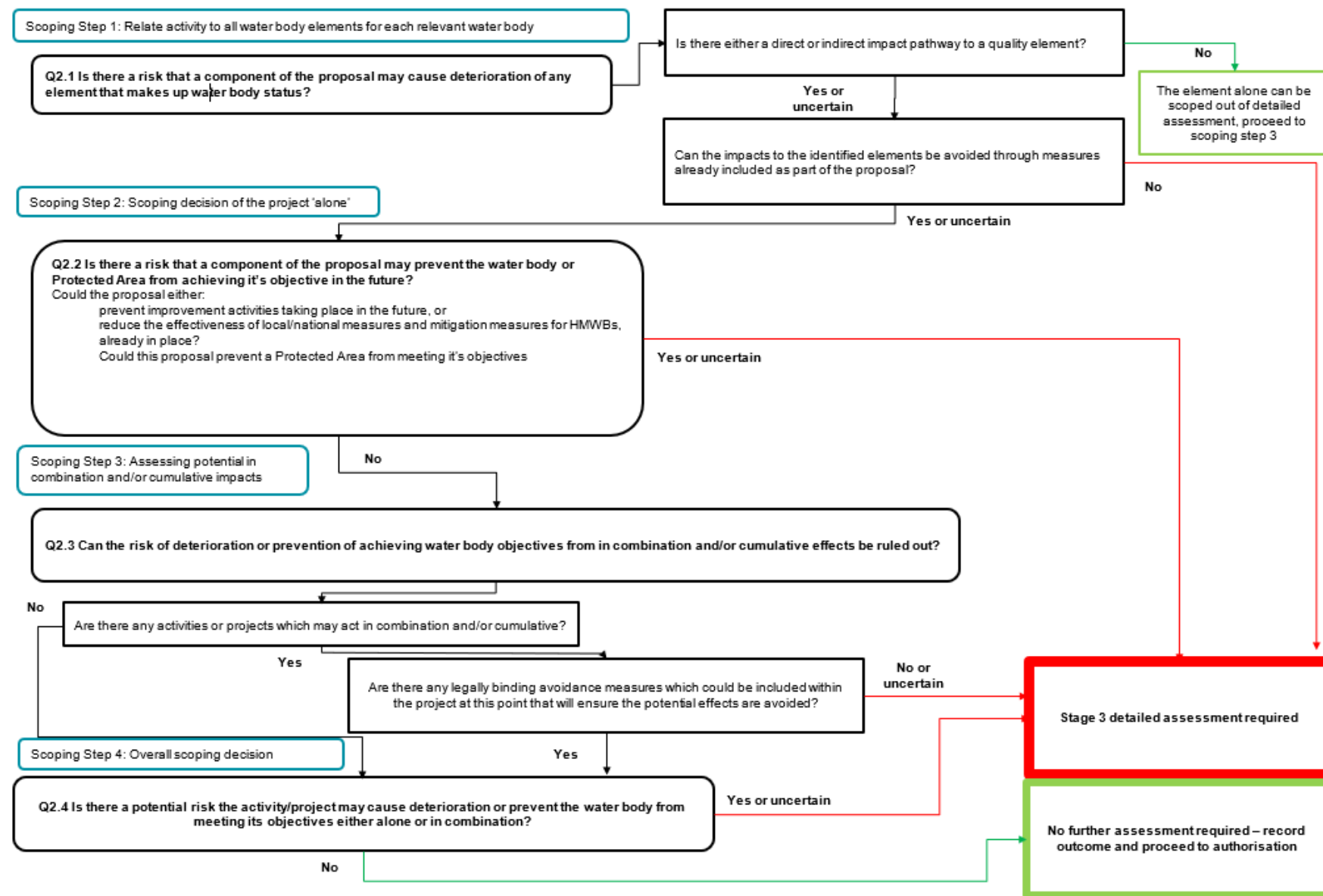


Figure 2: Stage 2 Scoping

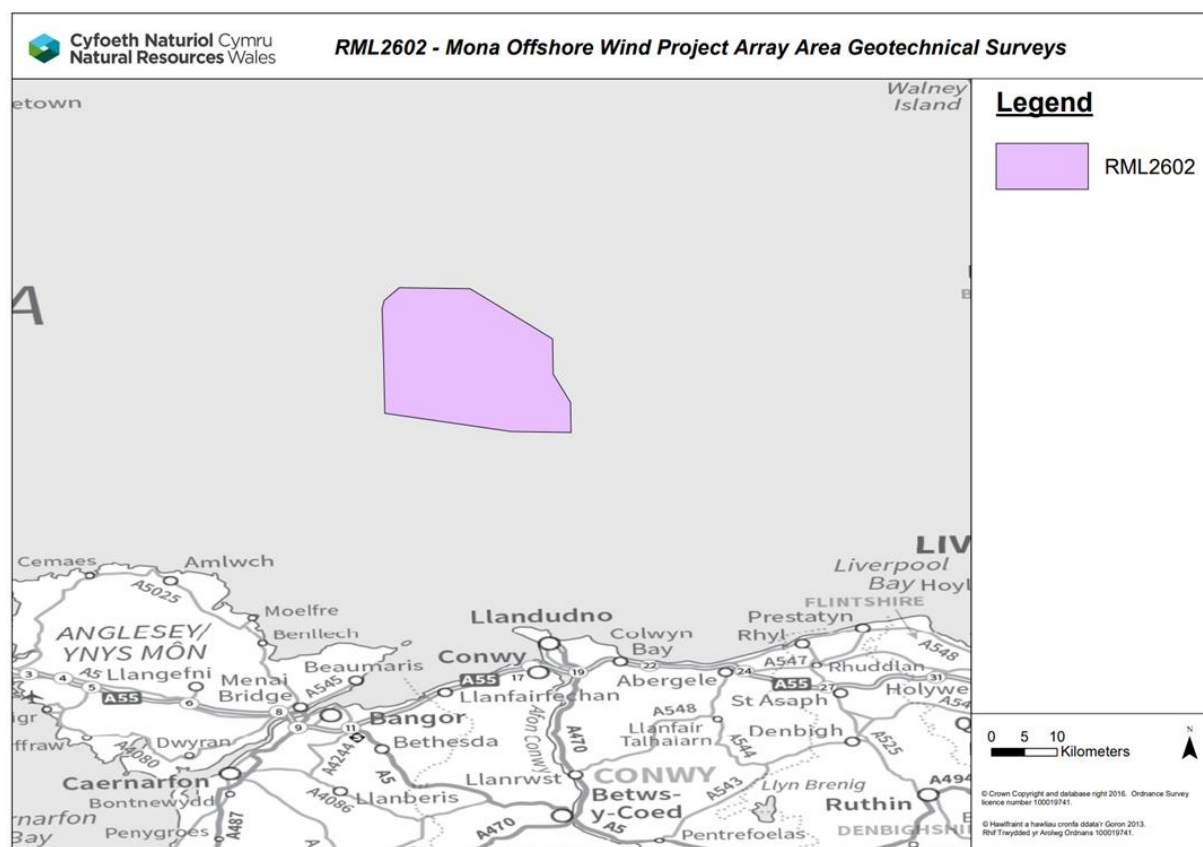


WFD Compliance Assessment of Mona Offshore Wind Project Array Area Geotechnical Survey

Stage 1 step 1: proposal details.

a): Project details where an <u>external party</u> has applied to NRW for any form of authorisation		
Project details	Application reference number (if applicable)	RML2602v1
	Date application received	14 August 2026
	Applicant details	Mona Offshore Wind Limited
	Activity proposed	The proposed site investigation surveys (shallow and deep geotechnical site investigations) are located within the Mona Array Area, with the aim to commence surveys in December 2026. The objectives of the geotechnical survey is to establish the characteristics and properties of the different seabed substrates within the array area to inform the design of the Mona Offshore Windfarm. Data will be acquired to investigate the seabed conditions relevant to the design of the foundations of the wind turbine generators, substations, and inter-array cable routing. The surveys proposed within this MLA consist of: Deep geotechnical surveys, including: - Up to 140 composite boreholes with downhole in situ testing; and - The option for Piezo Cone Penetration Tests (PCPT), Discretionary Pore Pressure Dissipation Tests (PPDT) and High Pressure Dilatometer (HPD) downhole Pressuremeter. Shallow geotechnical surveys, including: - Up to 500 vibrocores to a maximum depth of 8m; - Cone Penetrometer Testing (CPT); and - Thermal Resistivity Testing (TRT). It is noted that CPTs and TRTs, together with PCPTs, PPDTs and HPDs carried out within the boreholes, do not involve the removal of any seabed sediment, these are considered

		nonlicensable activities under the Marine and Coastal Access Act These activities have been included in this SID for completeness and for information only.
	Relevant legislation	Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017
	List other permissions that may be required where known	N/A
	Location (include map where appropriate)	Irish Sea, North Wales



Application documents

Include: Project purpose and background, site map, scaled plan, site photographs and working method statement.

RML2602v1 - Application Form 14.08.26
RML2602v1 - Mona Array Geotechnical Survey Marine Works Licence Supporting Information
RML2602v1 - Mona Geotechnical Survey Archaeological Method Statement

	Environmental Statement	N/A
	List ongoing maintenance requirements. All structures will require maintenance	N/A
	Timing of works	A licence is requested until 31 October 2028 to allow contingency in the programme should the survey be delayed.
	Pre-application correspondence	N/A
	Are the works located within a WFD waterbody? Or do they have the potential to impact upon a WFD water body? Waterbodies include surface waters (rivers, lakes, transitional waters, coastal waters out to 1 nautical mile) and groundwaters.	No

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