



Attachment 4.1

Statement of Consistency with the National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF)

The National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF) establishes a strategic, plan-led approach for managing Ireland's marine activities, prioritising the protection of marine biodiversity and ecosystem health while enabling sustainable resource use. The NMPF supports sustainable marine development in line with Ireland's climate action commitments, aiming to balance economic growth with environmental stewardship.

Arramara Teo's proposed area-based management plan for the sustainable harvesting of *Ascophyllum* and *Fucus* aligns well with NMPF objectives. By focusing on low-impact, sustainable harvesting methods, this project contributes to the economic vitality and cultural heritage of coastal communities, addressing a key priority of the NMPF. The ecosystem-based approach to seaweed harvesting ensures minimal environmental impact, with protections in place to preserve water quality, marine habitats, and local biodiversity, including in Marine Protected Areas and Natura 2000 sites (refer to SISAA for additional details).

In accordance with NMPF guidelines, targeted mitigation measures will be applied where necessary to prevent potential environmental degradation, thereby supporting a responsible, sustainable approach to marine resource management. This project's commitment to sustainable harvesting practices aligns directly with NMPF's overarching goals of ecological integrity and socio-economic sustainability.