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As a private individual living in a coastal location in Ireland I wish to make a submission to the National Marine Planning Framework.

I understand that the purpose of the Baseline Report is to capture and summarise all of the sectoral activities that are currently taking place in Ireland's marine spaces and that the *Harnessing Our Ocean Wealth* plan established the high level vision, goals and targets for Ireland's ocean economy upon which the Baseline Report is predicated. It concerns me though that the opportunity is not being used to expressly consider how these natural resources can be used to mitigate climate change, which has only recently been described by Sir David Attenborough as 'our greatest threat'.

If we accept that climate change is now the main threat to humanity with associated environmental, social and financial repercussions, then it seems sensible that a National Marine Planning Framework should clearly identify the role Ireland's territorial waters could have in mitigating this threat as well as identifying economic opportunities associated with developing mitigation actions.

Instead of seeking to place a largely cash-in-the bank value on our marine assets, this is an opportunity to take a broader, bolder and longer term view of how these assets can *primarily* be used to support climate action policy. To do this the Baseline Report should be amended to include an objective to explore how our marine resources can be used as part of a comprehensive national and international response to climate change. There should also be a separate key sectoral activity for climate change mitigation so that it is seen as having an economic value in its own right instead of, as it is currently the case, merely a consideration in other actions. By including it as a separate sectoral activity then its importance is recognised and its economic and environmental potential can be evaluated.

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