The Championing Coastal Coordination (3Cs) in Cornwall project has been investigating the potential for a coastal partnership for Cornwall, underpinned by a Coastal Based Approach and whether this would be an appropriate and cost-effective means for integrated place-based delivery for our coast.

In 21/22, Cornwall Wildlife Trust were awarded funding from the Environment Agency's Championing Coastal Coordination (3Cs) pilot fund to deliver the 'Cornwall Championing Coastal Coordination (Cornwall 3Cs) Project'. This pilot study reviewed all the strategies and partnerships relevant to effective coastal management and found there were gaps in terms of coordinating partnerships, data and tools and key information within Cornwall. One of the pilot report's main recommendations was that there is a need to develop a coastal partnership for Cornwall, underpinned by the 'Coastal Based Approach'.

In November 22, Cornwall Wildlife Trust successfully applied for another year's funding from the Environment Agency's 3Cs fund to further develop the vision for a partnership during 22/23. This work has included developing a prototype Cornwall Coastal Data Hub, stakeholder engagement events to develop a draft terms of reference and proposed workplan for a 'Cornwall and Scilly Coastal and Marine Partnership', as well as scoping reports on marine nature recovery opportunity mapping and an integrated Fal estuary framework.

Following further funding from the EA in 23/24, we have now recruited a new Coastal Partnership Officer, Jenny Wright, to help make the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Marine and Coastal Partnership (MCP) a reality. We are planning our inaugural MCP meeting for February 2024.