

Development Studies

Over the course of this year, we're also undertaking a range of studies to assist with the development of the project, including a port feasibility study and a socio-economic impact study.

The port feasibility study is being undertaken by a third-party specialist and will help us identify suitable port facilities for the construction, as well as operation and maintenance phases of the project.

The socio-economic impact study is being carried out by Biggar Economics and is designed to assess the potential impacts on employment and businesses, with the aim of maximising socio-economic benefits to local communities. Biggar Economics is engaging with a wide range of local and regional stakeholders to inform this work and we thank everyone who has been involved so far.

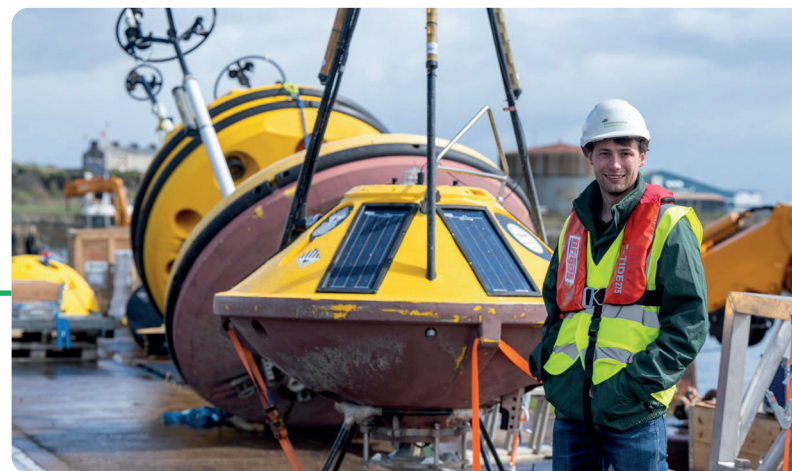
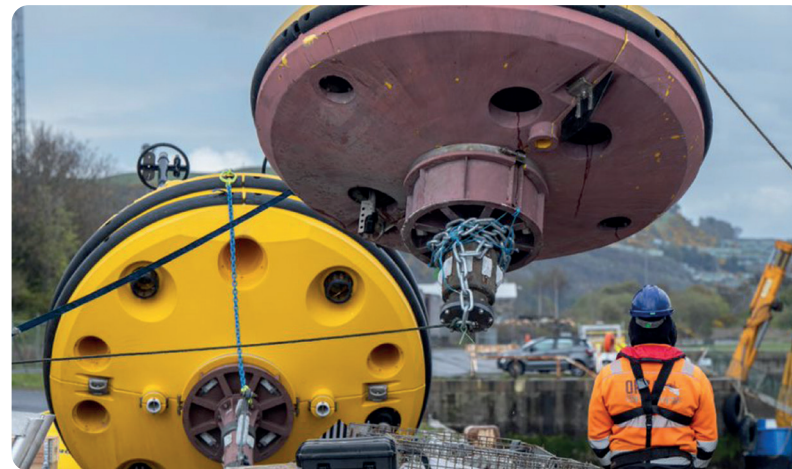
Indicative Project Timeline

Deployment of metocean equipment
April 2023

Project consent
Mid 2020s

Site investigation surveys
Q3 2023 / 2024

Construction start
Late 2020s



Supply Chain

If you think your business could provide services to support the delivery of MachairWind, please register on our Supply Chain Database via the website. You can also contact the supply chain team at: SPRoffshoresupplychain@scottishpower.com



Welcome to the latest update from the MachairWind offshore windfarm project team. There's been a lot going in recent months and we have a lot more planned in the months ahead. You can keep up to date with all the latest news on our website, www.machairwind.co.uk

Community Engagement and Events

Earlier in the year, we visited the islands of Colonsay, Islay and Jura where we met with various stakeholders, including community councils and development trusts, on each island. Thanks to settled weather, we made it over to Colonsay for the first time. It was great to speak with various members from the island communities again and update them on the latest developments.

More recently, we've been working with the DeepWind supply chain cluster, HIE (the economic and development agency for the north-west of Scotland) and Argyll & Bute Council to deliver a supply chain event in Oban to give local businesses the opportunity to find out about the latest project developments, our plans going forward and what this could mean for them.

Through our fisheries liaison officers – Brown & May Marine – we've also been continuing our ongoing engagement with local fishermen, who have provided invaluable insight that has helped us in the planning of upcoming survey work.



Dates for Your Diary

We will be hosting a public drop-in at the Colonsay Village Hall between 5pm-7pm on Wednesday 9 August. We would encourage as many of you as possible to come along. The next day, we'll then be attending the annual Islay Show and we look forward to seeing you there.

Surveys

Metocean & LiDAR Surveys

Two metocean buoys, two seabed landers and a floating LiDAR (light detection and ranging) buoy have been deployed off the coast of Argyll and these instruments are now gathering all-important site data. The equipment will be in place until April 2024, measuring wind speed, air and, sea temperatures, current speeds and wave heights which will allow us to better understand the project environment, as well as provide us with data that will play a key part in our windfarm design.

Site Investigation Surveys

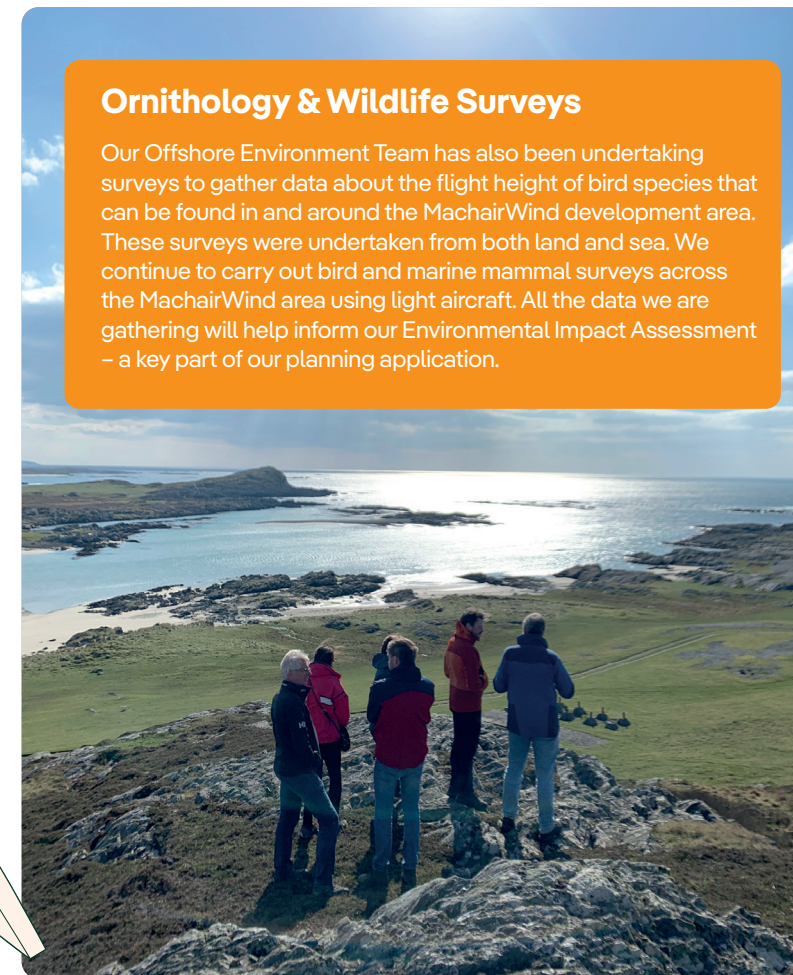
Preparations for our geophysical and environmental survey works on the windfarm development area are also underway. This survey work, which will be undertaken this summer, will involve gathering data about the ground conditions within the MachairWind development area.

Details of any upcoming offshore surveys will be shared through a Notice to Mariners, the Kingfisher Bulletin, and on local Facebook pages.



Ornithology & Wildlife Surveys

Our Offshore Environment Team has also been undertaking surveys to gather data about the flight height of bird species that can be found in and around the MachairWind development area. These surveys were undertaken from both land and sea. We continue to carry out bird and marine mammal surveys across the MachairWind area using light aircraft. All the data we are gathering will help inform our Environmental Impact Assessment – a key part of our planning application.



Contact Us

Working with local communities and keeping them informed and involved is an important part of our MachairWind project.

You can keep up to date on our website (QR code below) or email us with any specific queries at:

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