

# UNESCO Biosphere for Dublin Bay

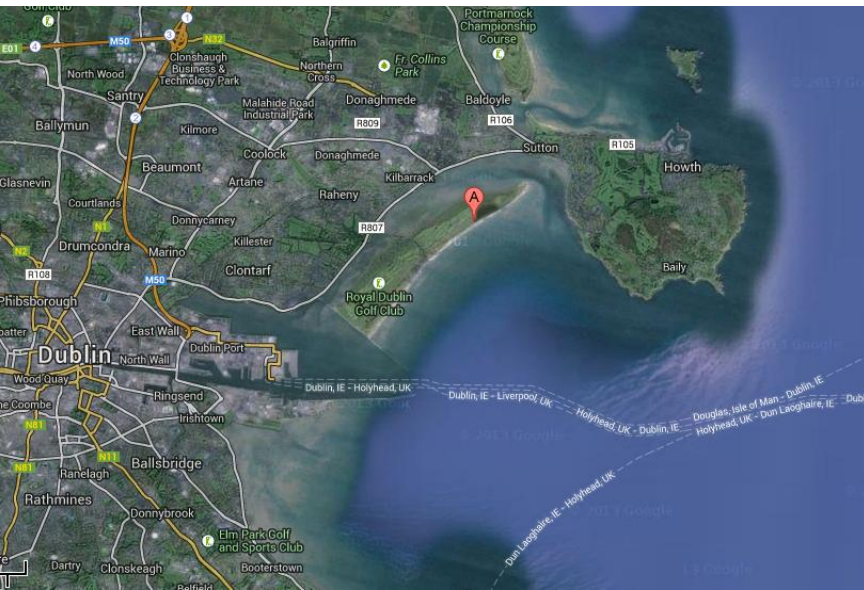
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# Existing UNESCO Biosphere at North Bull Island

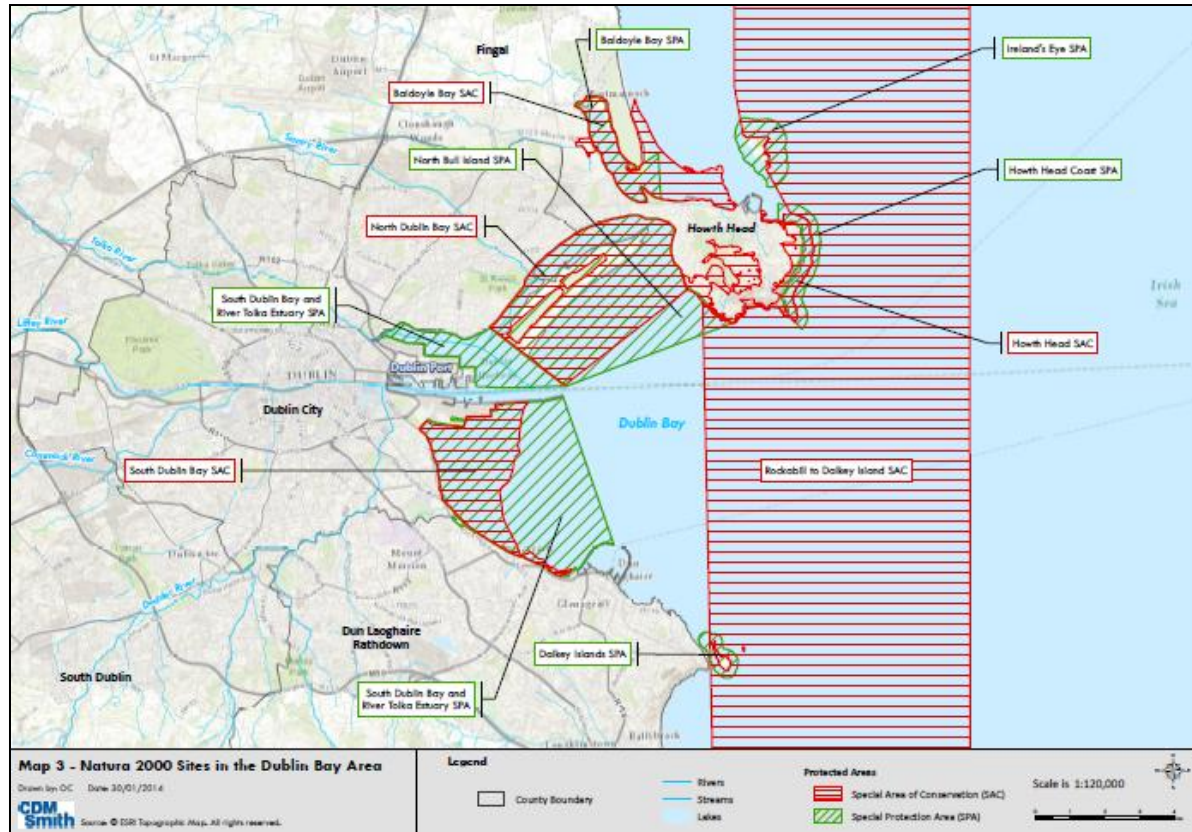


- Only Biosphere entirely in a capital city in the world
- Proposed by citizens
- Established in 1981 before EU and national designations
- Periodic review over past year – keep and modernise designation – report to UNESCO



# Dublin capital region in top 10 for sites of EU importance for biodiversity

- Most of Dublin Bay is EU designated for nature conservation.
- 2 National Special Amenity Areas.
- Biosphere can unify all the sites into one network.



Promote 'green capital' region

# Biosphere periodic review process

Biosphere must fulfil 3 key functions:



Conservation

- **Integrated environmental management** for protected areas of Dublin Bay and adapt to climate change



Development

- **Promote** biosphere 'brand' to realise economic & tourism benefits of sustainable development

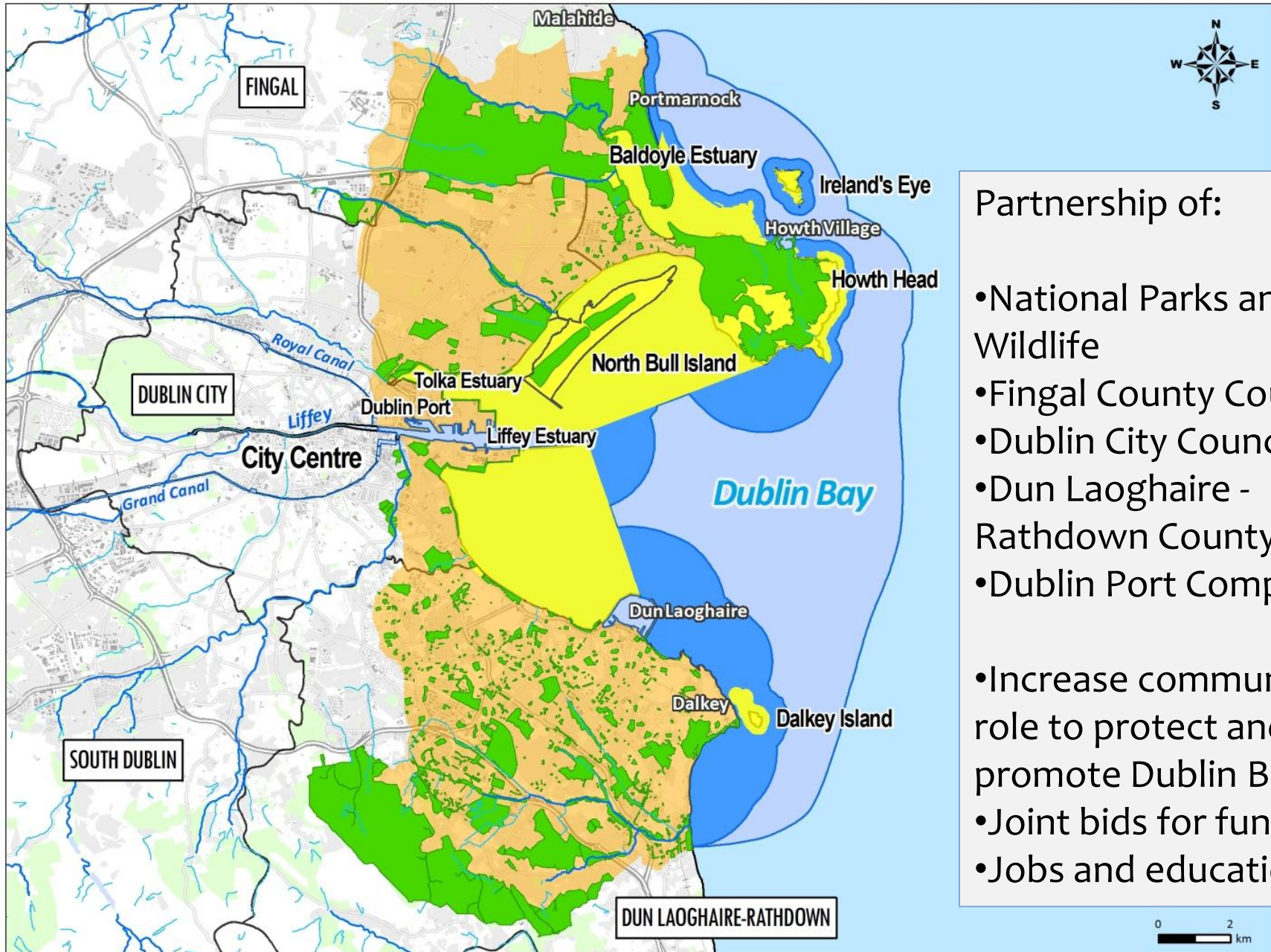


Learning

- **Engage** with local communities and users to build knowledge and information exchange

Align a Dublin Bay Biosphere with evolving UNESCO Strategy for the world network of Biospheres

# Proposed Dublin Bay Biosphere

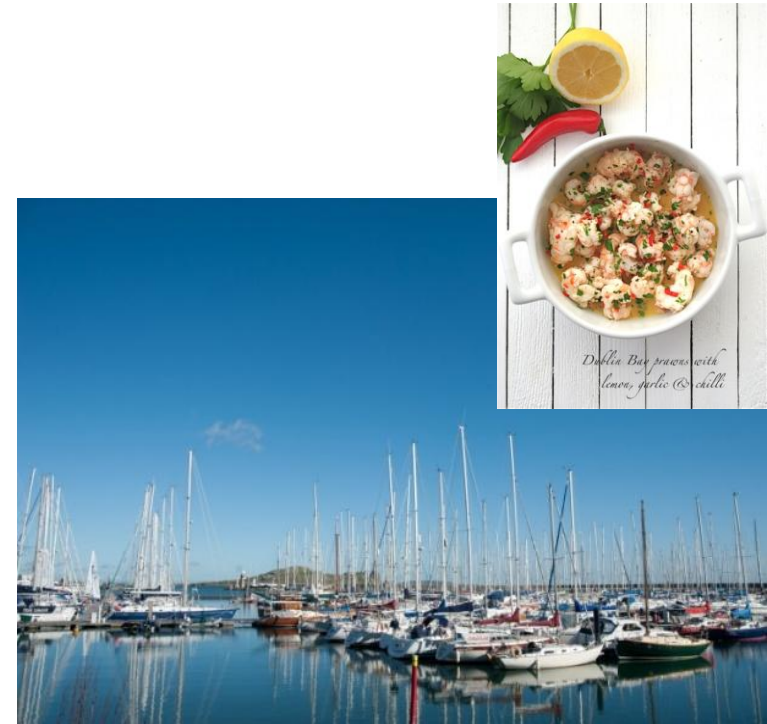


- Partnership of:
- National Parks and Wildlife
  - Fingal County Council
  - Dublin City Council
  - Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council
  - Dublin Port Company
- Increase community's role to protect and promote Dublin Bay
- Joint bids for funding
  - Jobs and education

# Living Bay

‘Dublin - a capital with a captivating coast!’

- Biosphere supports Failte Ireland’s new campaign to promote Dublin’s coastal villages.
- Biosphere supports plans to revitalise Dublin Port and reconnect with City.
- Branding of Biosphere products for local businesses.
- Biosphere promotes culture and history of City on the Bay.
- Fosters community events.



# Next steps

- Complete periodic review process following UNESCO evaluation report
- Establish role of Biosphere Coordinator and strategic plan
- Continue the Biosphere partnership
- Education Network to develop programmes/training
- Biosphere branding for business and tourism bodies
- Programme for community engagement

