

Carbon Dioxide Storage Seabed Rights: application guidance

In Scotland, the seabed rights to carbon dioxide (CO₂) transportation and storage from 0-200nm are administered by Crown Estate Scotland.

Crown Estate Scotland can grant certain rights in respect of the seabed for CO₂ storage and transportation infrastructure.

Crown Estate Scotland will consider applications on a case-by-case basis for rights in the Exclusive Economic Zone adjacent to Scotland outside 12nm (for sites within 12nm contact marine@crownestatescotland.com).

Before applying for an option agreement for storage sites outside 12nm, applicants will be required to provide evidence that:

- Advertisement of the store by the North Sea Transition Authority has completed.
- An application for a licence from the regulator, the North Sea Transition Authority. (under the Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Licensing etc.) Regulations 2010) has been submitted.

Before award of an option agreement outside 12nm we will require evidence of:

- Appropriate project delivery expertise and resources.
- Sufficient funds available for project development activities required.
- Grant of a storage licence by the North Sea Transition Authority, as part of the appropriate legislative and regulatory regime.

The conditions of any option agreement will include that all necessary consents are obtained prior to stepping into a Lease.

Crown Estate Scotland will advertise proposals to grant option agreements for a three-month period to enable it to consider any relevant information or views from any other interested parties.

Crown Estate Scotland reserves the right not to accept any application or to grant any rights pursuant to any application.

Interest in making an application should be submitted to marine@crownestatescotland.com