



National Heritage Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 14

Protected wrecks

6 Assistance in relation to protected wrecks

After section 33B of the National Heritage Act 1983 (c. 47) (powers to exploit intangible assets), inserted by section 4 of this Act, insert—

“33C Assistance in relation to protected wrecks

- (1) The Commission may defray or contribute towards the cost of—
 - (a) any survey, excavation or other investigation undertaken in respect of any protected wreck;
 - (b) the removal of any protected wreck or of any part of any protected wreck to another place for the purpose of preserving it; or
 - (c) the preservation and maintenance of any protected wreck.
- (2) In this section—

“maintenance” includes repairing and covering in of a protected wreck and the doing of any other act or thing which may be required for the purpose of repairing the wreck or protecting it from decay or injury; and

“protected wreck” means any site which—

 - (a) comprises, or comprises the remains of, any vessel or part thereof which is protected by an order under section 1 of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973 (c. 33) designating an area round the site as a restricted area, and
 - (b) is in, on or under the seabed within the seaward limits of the United Kingdom territorial waters adjacent to England.
- (3) An order under section 33(10) applies for the purposes of paragraph (b) of the definition of “protected wreck” in subsection (2) as it applies for the purposes of section 33(9).”