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Working for Northern Ireland

The Crown Estate is an active manager of marine and land assets in Northern Ireland. This report looks at the highlights and main developments during 2018/19.

Brilliant places through conscious commercialism

In everything we do, we are driven by a clear purpose: brilliant places through conscious commercialism. This means taking a long-term view, considering what we do from every perspective, and working in partnership with customers, communities and partners to deliver positive outcomes for all.

Areas of responsibility

We are responsible for managing Northern Ireland's seabed out to 12 nautical miles, meaning we have interests including renewable energy, telecommunications, power cables and pipelines. In addition, we have specific rights over the continental shelf up to 200 nautical miles, such as natural resources and offshore energy, but excluding fossil fuels. We also manage around 65 per cent of the Northern Ireland foreshore and as such, have interests in aquaculture: oyster, mussel and seaweed cultivation, as well as coastal interests including commercial ports, recreational harbours, marinas, jetties, wharves and slipways. We have three agreements in Strangford Lough which are looking to develop tidal energy projects, given it has an excellent natural resource and the potential to act as a suitable test site.

Lastly, we manage the rights to deposits of gold and silver, known as Mines Royal. There is one Mines Royal lease in place in Northern Ireland, along with a further 14 Option Agreements with six companies.

Working in partnership

Our approach to asset management in Northern Ireland is shaped by our values and grounded in a partnership approach which sees us collaborate with a diverse range of organisations to share knowledge, data and expertise. This includes the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), the Department of the Environment, industry and a wide range of partners. For example we have worked with DAERA on the development of the Marine Plan for Northern Ireland, which concluded its project consultation in June 2018.

Coastal estate

We continue to work with partners and communities along our coastal interests in Northern Ireland on a number of projects. Our main activities during the year included:

- Assisting with the expansion of the Derry City gas network via an agreement with Firmus Energy in respect to a subterranean pipeline under the River Foyle.
- Liaising with the Department for Infrastructure (Roads) for sub-strata investigation to inform the bridge design over the Newry River, Co Down for the proposed Southern Relief Road.
- Reaching agreement with Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council for sea defence works at Portrush Harbour, Co Antrim.

Mines Royal

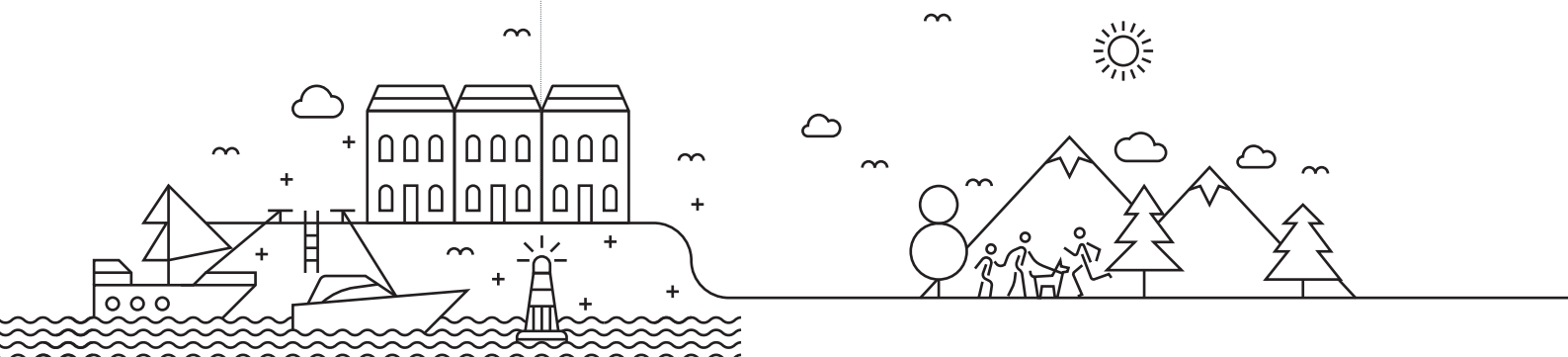
In our role as the manager of rights to deposits of gold and silver, we consider applications from responsible parties for extraction and mining, and where appropriate grant options, licences or leases. Flintridge Resources, which received planning permission in 2014 for the underground mining of gold in County Tyrone, continues to process ore. The planning application for the Curraghinalt Project, which is located in the counties of Tyrone and Londonderry, is currently being processed, alongside another from mining company Dalradian Gold, which submitted a planning application for a gold mine in November 2017.

Sharing knowledge

Our expert teams are uniquely placed to look at the bigger picture across a breadth of sectors, carefully managing competing demands for space and helping to unlock opportunities for sustainable development. We do this through engaging with industry stakeholders and facilitating better information sharing. Our Marine Data Exchange (MDE) holds 2TB of offshore survey data collected in waters off Northern Ireland, covering a variety of survey campaigns, including environmental monitoring and tidal resource assessments, from offshore wind and tidal stream projects.

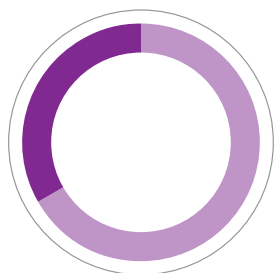


Over 90% of this survey data, collected in Northern Ireland, is freely available to download at: marinedataexchange.co.uk



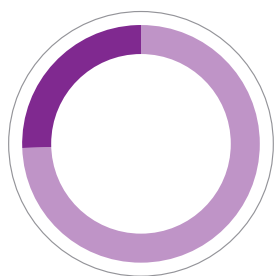
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Financial highlights (unaudited)



Revenue by activity 2018/19

Portfolio	Revenue
■ Energy, Minerals & Infrastructure	£0.5m
■ Rural & Coastal	£1.0m
Total	£1.5m



Property value by activity as at 31 March 2019

Portfolio	Value
■ Energy, Minerals & Infrastructure	£4.8m
■ Rural & Coastal	£14.1m
Total	£18.9m

The Crown Estate in Northern Ireland

	The Crown Estate N. Ireland Year ended 31 March 2019 £m	The Crown Estate N. Ireland Year ended 31 March 2018 £m	The Crown Estate Total Year ended 31 March 2019 £m	The Crown Estate Total Year ended 31 March 2018 £m	The Crown Estate N. Ireland Increase/(decrease) from prior year %	The Crown Estate N. Ireland Percentage of Total
Revenue	1.5	1.5	441.0	421.9	-	0.3
Gross Surplus	1.5	1.4	379.8	361.9	7.1	0.4
Property value	18.9	18.1	12,526.1	11,920.0	4.4	0.2
Capital Investments	-	-	381.3	273.8		
Capital Receipts	-	-	192.8	415.7		

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Revenue by activity				
Rural & Coastal	1.0	1.0	14.1	13.5
Energy, Minerals & Infrastructure	0.5	0.5	4.8	4.5
Total	1.5	1.5	18.9	18.0

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Property value by activity				
Rural & Coastal	14.1	13.5	14.1	13.5
Energy, Minerals & Infrastructure	4.8	4.5	4.8	4.5
Total	18.9	18.0	18.9	18.0

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