

# Marine Science Co-ordination Committee

## Terms of Reference - Marine Industries Liaison Group

### Overall remit:

The Marine Industries Liaison Group (MILG) will provide advice and guidance to the Marine Science Co-ordination Committee (MSCC) on matters relating to the marine and marine science industries, in order to help shape and increase the effectiveness of UK marine science. The Marine Industries Liaison Group will report directly to the MSCC via the Chair of the Group (initially a non-Executive member of the MSCC). The Group is expected to meet once or twice a year and will use virtual networking wherever possible. It will be reviewed after two years of operation. Support will be provided to the MILG by the MSCC Secretariat.

### Key actions:

1. To facilitate a dialogue between UK public<sup>1</sup> and private sector supported science<sup>2</sup> and/or users of science, with the aim of providing 'fit for purpose' science to promote UK business practice and governance .
2. To act as a forum for each sector to input their views and suggestions, and to raise relevant science issues. These will be passed to the MSCC for consideration and will help to ensure that the MSCC has an up-to-date understanding of the issues affecting the Marine Industries when making future decisions about UK Marine Science.
3. To explore synergies between public and private sectors for the following, in a way that helps to develop the UK's competitive science base: co-developing scientific activities; facilitating the availability of equipment or infrastructure; sharing knowledge, including data; and sharing information on marine law, policy and environmental issues..

### Ongoing activities:

Each member of MILG, subject to any constraints on their ability to be representative of their sector, will be requested periodically to provide the MSCC Secretariat with details of:

- Any current barriers to, and opportunities for, progress for marine industries caused by marine science-related factors (e.g. the ways in which research requirements are developed, scientific intellectual property issues and access to data);
- Any marine science-related issues that are likely to emerge in the near- to medium-term future that will impact on the effectiveness of their sectors;
- Any suggestions about how UK marine science could be directed and undertaken within the UK or overseas more effectively; and

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<sup>1</sup> references to 'public sector' include academia

<sup>2</sup> includes all marine science activities undertaken by the UK marine science community

- Any other issues, views or concerns for the MSCC to consider.

**Measures of success:**

By the time of the MILG's initial review, after 2 years' operation -

Marine industries, to the extent that they are represented by MILG members, will have:

- experienced improved access to information on new research, findings and relevant developments in marine science through regular updates;
- gained a greater understanding of the public sector and its approach to issues that both have in common;
- had the views they have expressed on marine science and other issues affecting their sectors considered directly by the MSCC or by the relevant Departments/Devolved Administrations and, where possible, acted upon;
- engaged in concrete collaborative actions that implement the activities that have been proposed by the MILG and agreed by the MSCC.

The **MSCC:**

- will understand better the marine science-related issues and opportunities of relevance to the industry sectors and will have responded positively to them wherever possible.