



Marine  
Management  
Organisation

# Evidence team

The team engages with stakeholders to gather robust research, which helps inform evidence based decision making, enabling the MMO to make informed recommendations on how we manage the marine environment.

## What we do:

- Collate and prioritise the evidence requirements that are needed to support operational decisions
- Source appropriate evidence in order to meet MMO needs including commissioning and project managing bespoke work to help meet requirements on behalf of delivery teams
- Collaborate with external partners to influence research so that it provides most value to marine management
- Engage with other evidence commissioning groups to align activities to provide most value to UK taxpayers
- Ensure that evidence used in decision making is suitable quality assured.

## Why we do it:

Evidence of all forms is crucial to the success of the organisation, be it environmental, social or economic assessments, scientific advice, analysis of planning and management measures, marine monitoring or the use of geographic information systems and the data that underpins them. All of the MMO's management decisions have within them a technical assessment of the best available evidence used in the process.

To ensure it makes effective management decisions, the MMO must maintain a level of technical capability within its own staff alongside a clear strategic approach to ensuring any evidence needs are met both now and in the future.

## Facts:

- Publication of a 5 year Evidence Strategy for 2015-2020
- Publication of a prioritised list of evidence requirements
- Publication of detailed delivery plans for each requirements including information about what is needed and a summary of the current evidence base giving a pathway to impact for academic researchers wanting to influence marine management
- Publication of 55 evidence reports increasing the evidence to support marine management in a transparent and easily accessible format
- Establishment of 2 NERC Knowledge Exchange Fellowships to support the update of marine science into management
- Multiple universities currently working with the MMO to deliver evidence to support marine management
- 3 PhD researchers, and many more MSc students, supported by the MMO to work on relevant topics

