

Deployment of long-term mooring as part of the RAPID array at 26°N in Atlantic Ocean

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What has been delivered so far?

Delivery of the Strategy, as well as a number of other activities to improve the co-ordination of UK marine science, is well underway and includes:

- Strong and continued co-ordination of monitoring and assessments, through the UKMMAS groups www.defra.gov.uk/environment/marine/science/ukmmas/
- A new initiative to co-ordinate marine observatories around the UK – UK-IMON www.westernshelfobservatory.org/uk-integrated-marine-observing-network-ukimon-initiative
- Increased co-ordination of marine renewables research and data www.defra.gov.uk/mscc/groups/offshore-renewables-research-steering-group/
- Production of a transparent prioritisation tool to help assess multi-funder long-term monitoring programmes www.defra.gov.uk/mscc/groups/long-term-monitoring-working-group/
- Assessment in progress of options for strengthened co-ordination of over 50m Government funded marine research vessels www.defra.gov.uk/mscc/groups/marine-research-vessels-group/
- A co-ordinated view on climate change and knowledge gaps from the Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership (MCCIP) www.mccip.org.uk/

Accessing the marine ripple effect (MaRE)

MaRE is a source of marine science-related news, helping to get messages through to a wide range of stakeholders, from politicians to the public.

To receive e-alerts and to share a news item, please email marine.ripple.effect@pml.ac.uk and when sharing a news item, submit an engaging title, a few lines of content and a link to your website where the full story can be accessed.

You can also follow the Marine Ripple Effect on Twitter: @MarineRipple

UK marine science events calendar

The events calendar can be used to publicise your events for free and also used as a resource when planning events, to help avoid clashes of dates with other marine science related activities.

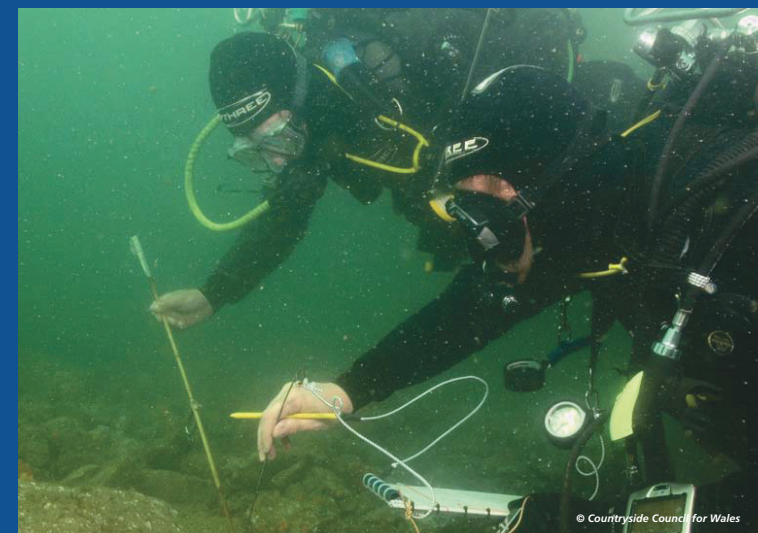
To add your own events, you have to sign up for an account at: <http://marinescienceevents.co.uk/admin/register>.

Once you have been approved you can then start adding events. As each event is approved, it will automatically be published through the Marine Biological Association's Twitter feed.



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Marine Science Co-ordination Committee



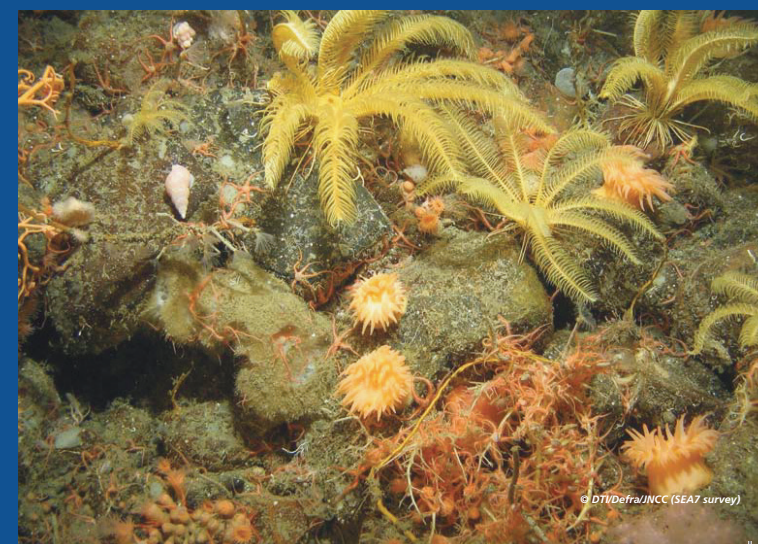
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The Marine Science Co-ordination Committee (MSCC) is a partnership of Government Departments, the Devolved Administrations of Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, the Environment Agencies and research bodies involved in funding and carrying out marine science in the UK.

Established in 2008, it is the successor body to the Inter-Agency Committee on Marine Science and Technology (IACMST).



Deployment of Isis from Royal Research Ship James Clark Ross
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What is its purpose?

The MSCC has two main responsibilities:

- to deliver the UK Marine Science Strategy; and
- to improve UK marine science co-ordination.

The MSCC published the first UK Marine Science Strategy in February 2010. It is a 15 year Strategy and was developed with significant input from the UK marine science community. It sets the general direction of travel for marine science across the UK for the period 2010 to 2025 by, identifying three high level priority areas for marine Science and by tackling cross-cutting barriers, to help deliver the science:

1. Understanding how the marine ecosystem functions
2. Responding to climate change and its interaction with the marine environment; and
3. Sustaining and increasing ecosystem benefits

Delivery of the Strategy will help to shape, support, coordinate and enable the delivery of world class marine science for the UK and will contribute to the UK vision of having 'clean, healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse oceans and seas'.

How to find out more

You can find out more about the ongoing work of the MSCC by visiting our website at:
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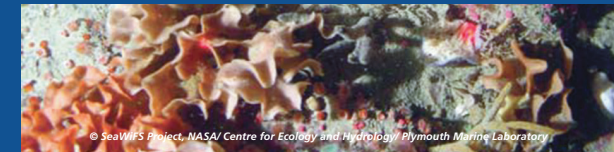
Structure of the MSCC

The MSCC reports directly to the Ministerial Marine Science Group. In turn, there are a number of groups that report to the MSCC including:

- Nine working groups
- The Marine Environmental Data & Information Network (MEDIN)
- The Underwater Sound Forum
- The Marine Assessment and Reporting Group (MARG), which includes 4 UK Marine Monitoring & Assessment Strategy (UKMMAS) Work Streams and working groups and 4 UKMMAS Evidence Groups.

More information can be found on our website:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/mscc/files/Governance-Structure-8.pdf>



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LANDSAT image of a bloom of the coccolithophore Emilia huxleyi
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