



Working in partnership

Working with Innovate UK, the National Oceanography Centre (NOC) and the National Environmental Research Council (NERC), Dstl has made significant progress in developing unmanned systems that are capable of operating effectively in challenging maritime environments, and of providing a future persistent environmental sensing/surveillance capability.

This programme provides science and technology that enables the UK to maintain freedom of manoeuvre within the maritime environment in the face of changing threats, environment and technology.

This includes affordably re-generating anti-submarine warfare capability; enabling future delivery of capability from and within the underwater (UW) battlespace; cost effective mine counter-measures; and the capability to gather maritime geospatial intelligence (Geolnt). Areas of research include:

- sonar
- non-acoustic sensing
- UW weapons and countermeasures
- unmanned maritime systems
- UW platform command, control and communications
- UW platform signature control
- maritime environmental understanding

Some aspects of this programme may be contracted through a number of mechanisms throughout the 2015/16 year. Details of these routes to contracting can be found in the 'How to sell to Dstl - get involved' factsheet.

Specific opportunities to get involved in this programme include:

- Maritime Collaborative Enterprise (MarCE) - BAE Systems is the prime contractor for this work
- Defence Human Capability Science and Technology Centre - BAE Systems is the prime contractor for this work

For more information on this programme, contact: maritime@dstl.gov.uk or centralenquiries@dstl.gov.uk.

Approximate funding (2015/16):

£30.4 million - 61% is delivered externally*

*The 2015/16 funding is a projected forecast and is subject to change in-year.