
Supporting implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive: *Developing ICZM Guidelines and Ecosystem Services Assessment Tools* Scientific Workshop - University of Liverpool, 14 January 2014

Background

CSP is a pioneering four year EC LIFE+ funded project that is led by WWF in association with the University of Liverpool, Dublin Regional Authority, the Natural Environment Research Council and SeaWeb. It aims to bring stakeholders across the Celtic Seas together to find workable ways of implementing the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) and helping to shape how their marine environment will be managed in the years to come. The project will develop tools, experience, data and information resources that can contribute to the delivery of Good Environmental Status.

Purpose of the Workshop

This workshop aims to bring together scientists and practitioners with expertise and interests related to MSFD implementation to exchange current research and good practice experience and inform the direction of two sections of the project that are being delivered by the University of Liverpool:

1. The development of ***Integrated Coastal Management Guidelines*** to support MSFD implementation. The workshop will explore how coastal stakeholders can contribute to the delivery of Good Environmental Status of the sea by identifying key land sea interactions and views on the areas, the issues and sectors where the project can deliver most added value to MSFD ambitions.
2. The development of ***Ecosystem Services Assessment Resources*** which can assist MSFD decision making in the Celtic Seas. The workshop will explore current theory and practice related to ecosystem services assessment and the availability of related data resources in the Celtic Seas . It will also seek views on the most useful focus of two pilot exercises that will be developed through the project.

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9.30 Arrive and refreshments

10.00 Welcome and introduction

Morning Session: Managing Land Sea Interactions: What should be the focus of MSFD Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Guidelines for the Celtic Seas?

Initial presentation introducing the project team's initial scoping work

Workshop/ breakout sessions to refine the framework for Celtic Seas Partnership action

12.30 Lunch and Poster Display

13.30 **Afternoon Session: Ecosystem Services Assessment (ESA) and MSFD Decision Making in the Celtic Seas: What should be the focus for ESA pilot studies?**

Initial presentation introducing the project teams initial ESA scoping work

Workshop/ breakout sessions to refine the framework for Celtic Seas Partnership action

3.45 Next Steps

4.00 Refreshments

There will be a poster display of related research and initiatives as part of the workshop and we would welcome contributions to this. An evening programme of activities will also be offered for those that are interested in extending this networking opportunity.

To find out more about the Celtic Seas Partnership project visit

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