



# Marine Ecosystems Research Programme Stakeholder Symposium

## Agenda

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Royal Society, London

**10:00** Coffee and Registration

**10:30-10:40** Welcome and Introduction – Paul Somerfield (Plymouth Marine Laboratory) and the co-chairs Matt Frost (Marine Biological Association) and Kelvin Boot (Plymouth Marine Laboratory)

**10:40-11:15 Session 1: More understanding:** The MERP approach to generating scientific evidence from knowledge, data and tools

*Panel Members: Michaela Schratzberger (Cefas), Melanie Austen (Plymouth Marine Laboratory), Jorn Bruggeman (Plymouth Marine Laboratory), Cornelius Chikwama (Marine Scotland), Kirsten Ramsey (Natural Resources Wales)*

**11:15-11:45** Networking Coffee Break

**11:45-12:30 Session 2: Fishing and marine ecosystems:** Addressing the different facets of fishing in the marine ecosystem using the MERP approach for evidence generation

*Panel: Mike Heath (University of Strathclyde), Mark Dickey-Collas (ICES), Lyndsey Dodds (World Wildlife Fund), Axel Rossberg (Queen Mary University of London), Natalia Serpetti (Scottish Association for Marine Science)*

**12:30-13:15** Networking Lunch

**13:15-14:00 Session 3: Marine top predators, people and policy:** Generating evidence for assessing the status of, and risks to, marine ecosystems

*Panel: Francis Daunt (Centre for Ecology and Hydrology), Sylvia Blake (Defra), Mark Bolton (RSPB, tbc), Peter Evans (Sea Watch Foundation), Kate Searle (Centre for Ecology and Hydrology)*

**14:00-14:30** Networking Coffee Break

**14:30-15:15 Session 4 MERP, marine space and management:** Using information of what is where, when and why to support evidence-based decision-making

*Panel: Tom Webb (University of Sheffield), John Baxter (Scottish Natural Heritage), Jan Hiddink (University of Bangor), Adrian Judd (Cefas), Ana Queiros (Plymouth Marine Laboratory), Peter Barham (Environment Ltd)*

**15:15-15:40** Networking Coffee Break

**15:40-16:00** Closing session: Next steps for MERP, follow up questions etc.

**16:00** Drinks reception