



Marine Ecosystems Research Programme Stakeholder Symposium

Agenda

Wednesday 25th 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), Dale Rodmell (The National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations), 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), Richard Caldwell (Natural England), 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