

MARINE SCIENCE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE

1. The International Working Group will report to the Marine Science Co-ordination Committee (MSCC) and provide advice and guidance on matters relating to international marine science, develop and improve the effectiveness of the UK within European and international communities, and facilitate a collaborative approach between the UK marine science community, European and International bodies.
2. The International Working Group will report directly to the MSCC via the Chair of the Group.

MEMBERSHIP

3. Membership of the Working Group will be composed of representatives from, but not restricted to, Government Departments and their agencies, Devolved Administrations, Non-Governmental Organisations, the UK Marine industry, UK research and academia, international marine conventions, and European and international marine initiatives.

ROLE

4. The role of the International Working Group is to:
 - Provide regular updates to the MSCC to ensure the Committee has current information on European and international matters; including new and emerging issues, opportunities for funding, and potential barriers to the development and delivery of UK marine science;
 - Evaluate European and international funding opportunities and update MSCC with discussion papers at the MSCC plenary meetings on where UK marine science may gain most impact, and how improvement could be made in impact derived from the European and international funding landscape, for example, JPI Oceans, EMFF, BONUS, Horizon 2020;
 - Act as the first point of contact in deciding how to engage in the various European and international initiatives of relevance to marine science, and provide guidance as to how the UK can improve the impact of such initiatives;
 - Facilitate a dialogue between public and private sector stakeholders, the formulation of the UK's stance at European and international fora, including the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and its

associated sub groups, and provision of a forum for stakeholders to input their views and suggestions, and to raise relevant issues;

- Explore the synergies between public and private sectors to facilitate development of the UK's competitive science base, for example, through joint scientific activities and funding, sharing knowledge, including data, and sharing information on law, policy and environmental issues;
- Develop and maintain a database of the details of UK representatives attending international fora and their affiliation.

MEETINGS

5. The Group will meet annually, with communication of further information and advice to MSCC throughout the year.

6. By participating in the International Working Group, contributors agree to their names being placed in the public domain in this context, e.g. in the minutes, action plan or any supporting papers.