



Marine Social Science Network Newsletter August 2019

Welcome to the August MarSocSci Newsletter!

Through our emails and newsletters we'll keep you updated with ongoing events, case studies, and opportunities from all over the world.

Remember, if you want to contribute to the next newsletter, or have anything you would like us to promote through the newsletter, contact us on info@marsocsci.net or through @MarSocSci.

CALL FOR RESEARCH TENDERS – 'Co-designing the principles for defining low impact fishing'

In the recent Fisheries White Paper, the UK Government outlines a desire for an efficient but sustainable fishing industry. With technological advances having driven greater efficiency, such as where modern smaller boats have been able to catch more fish than they have previously, existing approaches to considering sustainability may no longer have their original utility. As the UK leaves the European Union and takes back control of its waters in a new era of fisheries governance, there is distinct opportunity to consider new criteria for defining 'low impact fishing', and to replace current definitions used for fishing vessels, such as the 'under 10 metre' categorisation, while considering what low impact fishing means across the commercial fleet and recreational sector.

This invitation to tender is for an original piece of work combining social science and

stakeholder facilitation approaches to develop a framework of principles for low impact fishing, and to agree the processes for applying them. The scope of this work extends only to England for operational reasons, but it is recognised the outputs may be of interest at a UK-wide scale and beyond.

You can find out more about the tender for research at
<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/c568cdaf-7231-40a1-acc3-276a704951d6>.

Deadline for tendering is 28th August 2019. This is an open call from the UK Department of Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs (Defra).

Launching the "Finding Sustainability" Podcast

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The Finding Sustainability Podcast is part of the Environmental Social Science Network (ESSN), which uses digital platforms to better enable social scientists, practitioners, students and policy makers to connect, share and discuss their work. The three projects currently pursued within the ESSN are the Finding Sustainability Podcast, the ESSN Knowledge Base and the ESSN Blog. There is currently a missed opportunity to connect many similar fields, disciplines and practitioners under a common umbrella identity of environmental social science, including Marine Social Science. The ESSN aims to be a boundary platform, linking peers in different sectors focused on social science and the environment.

<https://essnetwork.net/>

Three recent episodes of the podcast feature prominent female marine social scientists, Helen Rozwadowski, Elena Finkbeiner and Emma McKinley. In the episodes, each explains their focus area within marine social science, their background, the pressing questions they seek answer, and the research methodologies they use to do so.

Listen to the podcast [here](#)

The podcast is also available for free on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Stitcher.

MarSocSci Opportunities

Jobs, Research, Tenders.....and more..

PhD and/ or Postdoctoral research opportunity - World Maritime University - Empowering Women for the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. More information [here](#)

Lecturer in Social Sciences/ Politics/ Sociology - University of the West of Scotland - Deadline September 30th - More information [here](#)

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW - University of Exeter - closing date 4th September 2019 - More information [here](#)

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER in Fisheries Bio-Economics and Social-Ecological System Analysis of Marine Recreational Fisheries - The Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries - More information [here](#)

University Research Fellowships - The Royal Society - Deadline September 3rd 2019- More information [here](#)

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW Opportunity in Marine Conservation -Simon Fraser Univeristy - “**Ecosystem resilience, multiple stressors, and scale: developing a framework to inform management**”. - More information [here](#)

Socio-Environmental Immersion Postdoctoral Fellowship Program - University of Maryland - closing date November 8th 2019 - More information [here](#)

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER - Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada focusing on the importance of shark meat around the world for livelihoods and global trade. More information [here](#)

Litter Free Coast and Sea Somerset Project Manager,- hosted by Severn Estuary Partnership and Cardiff University - deadline 17th August 2019 - More information [here](#)

FELLOWSHIPS - ACU Blue Charter Fellowships to tackle marine plastic pollution - More information [here](#)

Announcement of FUNDING OPPORTUNITY from NERC: Climate, environment and health.

More information on the funding call and proposal process [here](#)

Seafood Innovation Fund

The Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) is an Executive Agency of Defra. Cefas are administering the Seafood Innovation Fund (SIF) on behalf of Defra. Cefas will run several calls throughout the 3-year programme (ending March 2022).

This call opens on Friday 19th July and closes on Thursday 12th September. There are two options for applications, either smaller feasibility studies, or larger full R&D projects. Feasibility studies are designed to test new ideas and can be up to 3 months. Full R&D projects are for more developed ideas that can be delivered in up to 18 months. Feasibility studies will be expected to apply for full R&D funding following a successful outcome in the feasibility stage.

The aim of this programme is to kick start a step change in productivity, innovation and sustainability of the UK's fishing, aquaculture and seafood industries, leading the UK to be international exemplars of good practice in the seafood sector.

If interested, follow the [link](#) to the Delta online portal where you will need to register your details. You will then be able to download all relevant documents and guidance for your application. Please note that **ALL** applications must be submitted via Delta and will not be accepted from any other source. Click [here](#) for more information.



Call for papers

Oceans Past VIII Conference

Historical perspectives on marine ecosystems, fisheries, and futures

May 10th to 13th 2020, Oostende, Belgium

Call for papers [here](#)

4th European Conference on Flood Risk Management:

Science and practice for an uncertain future

August 31st - September 3rd 2020, Budapest, Hungary.

Call for papers closes 16th September 2019

More information [here](#)

Ecosystem Services Partnership World Conference

Special Session on

"From the tropics to the poles: assessing marine cultural ecosystem services",
Call for papers and more information [here](#)

14th International Coral Reef Symposium
July 5th-10th, Bremen, Germany.
Call for papers closes September 1st 2019
See information for Theme 8 and Theme 9
More information [here](#)

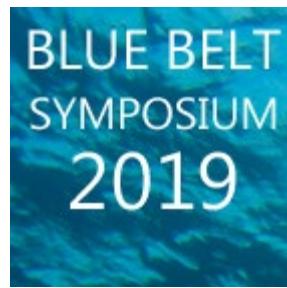
2019 MASTS Annual Science Meeting
October 2nd-4th 2019, Glasgow, Scotland.
Call for paper closes August 16th 2019
More information [here](#)

MSEAS 2020
May 25-29 2020, Yohohama, Japan.
Call for papers, special sessions and more information [here](#)

International Symposium on Fisheries Sustainability
November 18-21, 2019, Rome, Italy.
Call for paper and more information [here](#)

YOUNMARES Conference
Bremen, Germany, Sept 24-27, 2019
Conference for young marine researchers
Call for papers and more information can be found [here](#)

If you would like us to send out a Call for Papers or information about an upcoming event, please let us know by emailing info@marsocsci.net



**Marine Social Science Discussions at the First UK Overseas Territories
Blue Belt Symposium**

On 29-31 July 2019, the Ascension Island Government, the University of Exeter, Great British Oceans coalition and the UK Government's Blue Belt Programme jointly hosted the first Blue Belt Overseas Symposium at the University of Exeter's Cornwall Campus focusing specifically on the topic of 'big ocean' management. With many of the UK Overseas Territories (OTs) at pivotal moments in the future management of their Exclusive Economic Zones, the Symposium provided an opportunity for Territory representatives to meet face-to-face and forge personal relationships by sharing knowledge and experiences for addressing common challenges across marine management. The UK-based agencies and organisations involved in delivering the UK Government's Blue Belt Programme were also in attendance to help celebrate the achievements of Blue Belt and inspire its future progress and extension into new areas, for example the Caribbean OTs.

For more information on the event, see the our event summary [here](#)

A link to resources from the Symposium is available on request from Nicola Weber, University of Exeter (n.l.weber2@exeter.ac.uk) and coverage can be accessed on Twitter from #BlueBeltSymposium and @ExeterMarine



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Northern Ireland Fishing Business Continuity Research Call for expressions of interest.

Fishing plays an important socio-economic and cultural role in coastal communities throughout the UK. Traditionally fishing has been a family business handed down through generations. However evidence suggests that fishing has become a less desirable career choice and there are fewer youngsters joining the industry. The fishing industry is often described as aging and anecdotal evidence suggests that many vessel owners operating in the Northern Irish fleet are approaching retirement age. As business owners approach retirement it is important for them to make succession plans to ensure business continuity and secure future supply.

The Northern Irish fishing industry has requested a study in this area to understand the extent of succession planning in the Northern Irish fishing fleet. A qualitative or mixed methods approach is suggested and it is anticipated that this study may provide the foundation to a larger piece of work and could be used as a framework for similar studies in other fishing communities. It is proposed that Seafish jointly supervise an Honours or Masters student to undertake this study in 2020 with a

University either located in or with links to Northern Ireland. Seafish are expressions of interest from potential supervisors.

For more information contact: Ann.Wiley@seafish.co.uk



Just launched

A global survey of marine citizen science projects aiming to understand the capacity of citizen science to contribute to marine conservation efforts.

Please share amongst your marine and/or citizen science networks:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MARINE_CitSci

**Upcoming training workshop
"Introduction to Changing the Behaviour of People to Advance Marine Mammal Conservation Goals"
World Marine Mammal Conference in Barcelona
Saturday 7th December, 2019**

Success in the conservation of marine mammals often relies upon the adoption of one or more sustainable behaviours by a specific group of people.

Unfortunately, scientists and conservationists typically struggle to induce such changes due to the belief that people simply lack the knowledge and understanding required. In fact, provision of information is not enough to incite behavioural change and it may, on occasion, actually set back the wider cause. This full-day workshop is designed to introduce marine mammal scientists to existing tools that they may not be aware of to improve their ability to achieve the changes needed to affect conservation, and will be run by members of the Society for Conservation Biology's Social Science & Conservation Marketing and Engagement Working Groups.

For more details, or to register, please see the information [here](#):

If you have specific questions, please feel free to contact Andrew Wright (marinebrit@gmail.com), or Ashley Dayer (dayer@vt.edu).

Invitation to Researchers to contribute to development of the Valuing Nature Demystifying Health Metrics report.

This Health Metrics document will provide an overview to using measures of health & wellbeing to demonstrate the value of the natural environment for human health & wellbeing. The report is intended as an introduction for a broad audience of researchers and users of research, who are not specialists in Health Metrics.

For more information about participation, click [here](#)

Useful links, websites, papers and more.....

MarSocSci in press - recent and interesting publications from across the community!

Allison and Miller (2019) Why science needs the humanities to solve climate change The Conversation. Available [here](#)

Blanchard et al. 2019 Socio-ecological resilience and the law: Exploring the adaptive capacity of the BBNJ agreement. Marine Policy. Available [here](#)

Khoury et al. 2019 Science—graphic art partnerships to increase research impact. Communications Biology. Available [here](#)

Laffoley et al. (2019) Eight urgent, fundamental and simultaneous steps needed to restore ocean health, and the consequences for humanity and the planet of inaction or delay. Aquatic Conservation: Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems. Available [here](#)

Moreton et al. 2019 Elevating nature: Moral elevation increases feelings of connectedness to nature. Journal of Environmental Psychology. Available [here](#)

Pasanen et al. 2019 Neighbourhood blue space, health and wellbeing: The mediating role of different types of physical activity. Environment International Available [here](#)

Schutter and Hicks (2019) Networking the Blue Economy in Seychelles: pioneers, resistance, and the power of influence. Journal of Political Ecology. Available [here](#)

Singh et al. (2019) Researcher engagement in policy deemed societally beneficial yet unrewarded. Frontiers in Ecology and Environment. Available [here](#)

Stenseke and Larigauderie (2019) The role, importance and challenges of social sciences and humanities in the work of the intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services (IPBES). Available [here](#)

Weir and Kerr (2019) Property, power and planning: Attitudes to spatial enclosure in Scottish seas. Marine Policy. Available [here](#)

Useful websites and other links

Call pre-announcement SOLSTICE Enabling Societal Transformation in the Face of Climate Change - more information [here](#)

Summary Report of the First Global Planning Meeting: UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (Copenhagen, 13-15 May 2019) - Available [here](#)

International Oceanographic Commission (2019) - Analysis of transboundary water ecosystems and green and blue infrastructures: Intercontinental Biosphere Reserve of the Mediterranean: Andalusia (Spain) – Morocco Available [here](#)

Event to celebrate **Women Researchers at the UK Parliament** - 9th October 2019 - More information [here](#)

Consultation on future of Welsh seas post-Brexit launched - CLOSES August 21st - More information [here](#)

Women in Seafood - a series of videos showcasing the role of women in seafood - Access [here](#)

Women in Planning Northern Ireland - sign up to their mailing list [here](#)



Upcoming Events and Conferences

European Marine Science Educators Association - September 2019 - Registration and more information [here](#)

International Conference on Environmental Psychology - September 2019 - Registration and more information [here](#)

Global Ocean Social Sciences (GLOSS) event - SAVE THE DATE - November 5th and 6th 2019 - More information [here](#)

Our Coastal Futures 2020 - SAVE THE DATE - a Future Earth Coast Open Science Conference 20-22 October, 2020 Website coming soon!

UKFEN September Symposium: Socioeconomic perspectives on the UK small scale fleet - September 25th 2019 - London, UK - Register [here](#) - Also, go to the **Expression of Interest** form and more information [here](#) if you are a member of the fishing community who would like to attend.

6th British Environmental Psychology Conference - 16-17th September 2019, Cardiff, UK - More information [here](#)

Seas, Oceans and Public Health in Europe Conference - Royal Flemish Academy for Science - March 2020. More information [here](#)

Sustainable Oceans Conference - Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia - Registration and more information [here](#)

Human Health and the Ocean in a Changing World - Monaco - 11-13 May 2020
- More information [here](#)

If you have any project outputs, publications or outreach materials that you would like to send out through MarSocSci, send them to us at info@marsocsci.net



Launch of a new consultancy - Daryl Burdon Ltd.

Established on 1 August 2019, Daryl Burdon Ltd. can provide a range of bespoke services to its clients within the fields of marine research, teaching and consultancy.

Under the Direction of Dr Daryl Burdon, we specialise in marine natural capital, ecosystem services, stakeholder engagement, impacts of anthropogenic activities on the marine environment, marine law and policy, marine conservation and management. Daryl has developed an international reputation in linking interdisciplinary marine science with society in responding to conservation and management challenges facing our coasts and seas. Daryl has 18 years experience in delivering research and consultancy projects to a wide range of clients within this field, having formerly been employed as the Senior Ecological Economist at the Institute of Estuarine and Coastal Studies (IECS) at the University of Hull (2002-2019). By drawing from a range of established Associates, Daryl Burdon Ltd. can provide a bespoke interdisciplinary Project Team to meet the current and future needs of our clients within the marine environment.

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**Upcoming workshop
"Marine Spatial Planning: an experience in the Maldives"**

Taking place from **15th to the 23rd January 2020** and will be held on the island of Magoodhoo, Faafu Atoll, Maldives. The workshop is organized by the Planning Climate Change research group of the Iuav University of Venice (www.iuav.it). The participants and all the activities will be hosted by the Marine Research and High Education Center (MaRHE Center) of the University of Milano-Bicocca (www.marhe.unimib.it). The general objective of the training workshop is to test an MSP process through the creation of co-produced knowledge related to critical issues and opportunities of the Maldivian island/s by incorporating, socio-economic, cultural, and environmental aspects considering also climate change issues.

The deadline for the registration is the 1st October 2019.

To register follow this link: <http://www.marhe.unimib.it/activities/education/marine-spatial-planning/> Please do circulate this among your networks and do not hesitate to contact Niccolò Bassan (nbassan@iuav.it) or Dr. Elisabetta Manea (emanea@iuav.it) for any questions or further information. Looking forward to meet you in the Maldives!



MarSocSci on Tour

MarSocSci is creating an Australia Chapter!

There has been a lot of excitement and interest in the discussions around setting up a MarSocSci Australia Chapter!

Are you based in Australia? Are you a researcher, a policy-maker or a practitioner in the marine and coastal sector? Do you want to make connections with people like you who are driving the field of marine social science in

Australia — from those just starting out to those at the top of their careers? Do you want to be part of a national community, supporting articulation and communication of the complex and complicated relationship between society and the sea? If you are interested in being involved, please contact Karen Alexander at karen.alexander@utas.edu.au or +61 3 6226 4869.

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Check back here for more information on the next MarSocSciPlym and other future events.

Don't forget - if you are arranging a regional or local MarSocSci meet up, let us know so we can promote it across the MarSocSci community and through the newsletter. Contact us on info@marsocsci.net

To contact the Marine Social Sciences Network to submit to our Collection of Case Studies and Success Stories, for information about upcoming events, or to be added to our newsletter, email us on info@marsocsci.net and follow us on Twitter using @MarSocSci.

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