



# National Oceanography Centre

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

## 2010 Annual Science Meeting of the Oceans 2025 science community:



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### ***Bringing researchers together to increase our knowledge of the marine environment and protect it for future generations.***

This year, the UK's Oceans 2025 Annual Science Meeting (ASM) was held in Plymouth from 11 – 13 May 2010. Over 130 researchers and stakeholders attended from all over the country, including delegates from Defra, Natural England, the Crown Estate and representatives of the Living with Environmental Change programme.

The meeting focused on how marine science can meet societal needs by enabling and encouraging discussion groups to review, define and refine future UK research objectives. Topic areas included technology development, the economics and social value of ecosystem services, energy, defence and security. Throughout the meeting there was an emphasis on maintaining and enhancing collaboration between science centres and disciplines, to work together for a greater purpose; that of increased understanding and development of sustainable management of our marine environment for the benefit of society.

Prof. Stephen de Mora, who gave the opening address and is CEO of Plymouth Marine Laboratory commented: “This meeting is an important part of the development of the Oceans 2025 programme, allowing free flowing dialogue and exchange of ideas between the UK’s leading marine scientists. The addition of stakeholders enables a slightly different focus from traditional science meetings, as scientific research can be discussed alongside issues facing society.”

At the conclusion of the ASM, Professor Ed Hill, Director of the National Oceanography Centre, said that the Oceans 2025 community has continued to develop strong collaborative links, the success of which are directly attributable to Oceans 2025 and will be part of the programme’s enduring legacy. The meeting had successfully highlighted some of the many ways in which world-leading UK marine science was already making an impact in informing and delivering the objectives of UK and European marine policy. It also looked to the future of UK marine science, where the integrated community was strongly placed to help support societal needs that lie ahead for us all.

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