

OCEANS 2025 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Terms of reference

1. To act as the Oceans 2025 Executive Board with collective responsibility for the coordinated delivery of the Oceans 2025 Programme to NERC/SISB.
2. To be collectively responsible for the scientific strategy for the Programme, including the specification of calls for SOFI proposals.
3. To be collectively responsible for Programme development and implementation, data management and knowledge transfer plans and oversee their delivery.
4. To provide collective oversight of the Oceans 2025 Science and SOFI coordinator (Note: whose formal line management is the Director, Science Delivery, NERC).

Note: the Marine Directors have individual executive responsibility and financial accountability for those aspects of the Programme within their own Centres.

Membership

- i. The Membership is drawn from the Directors of the NERC strategically funded UK Marine Centres (at formation MBA, NOCS, PML, POL, SAFHOS, SAMS, SMRU).
- ii. The Executive Board will be chaired by one of the Directors. The chairman role may rotate on an agreed basis. The first Chair will be Director NOCS.
- iii. The Science and SOFI Coordinator of Oceans 2025 will be a full member.
- iv. The Executive Board will consider whether additional members are required. Any further members will be appointed on an *ad hominem* basis, and will not act as representatives of any particular organizations or groups. The founding Directors must agree prior to any additional members being approached.
- v. The Secretariat for the Executive Board will be provided by the National Marine Coordination Office at NOCS.

Ways of Working

1. The Executive Board will meet 2 monthly at venues to be agreed; video conferencing will be used where possible.
2. The Directors will meet their own costs of attendance.
3. The Directors may nominate a representative to attend in their absence, however the presumption is that Directors will attend.
4. The NMCO Secretariat at NOCS will cover costs of meetings (rooms/refreshments etc) where these cannot be recovered elsewhere (i.e. for meetings not held at Centres).
5. The Directors may invite third parties to attend for specific items of business; this may include the Director of Science and Innovation, NERC or his representative.
6. The Natural Environment Research Council's policies on vested interests will apply.
7. Papers and other correspondence for the meetings will be confidential but may be circulated within the senior management teams at each Centre.
8. These Terms of Reference may be amended by unanimous consent of the Directors.