



Recommendations of the Oceans 2025 Programme Advisory Board to the Programme's Executive Board May 2010

In going forward:

1. To gather the necessary evidence base to enable the forthcoming National Capability (NC) prioritisation exercise to take full account of emerging policy drivers, such as European Marine Strategy Framework Directive when making recommendations about future NC investments.
2. To support full engagement of the NERC Oceans 2025 community with NERC theme leaders in the development of forthcoming Theme Action Plan initiatives.
3. To consider the scope for increased linkage with MSCC and its activities (esp. sustained observations and public engagement)
4. To promote an understanding (with NCAG/other policy stakeholders) of importance of marine NC and how it can support the science required now and for future national needs and to articulate this in an international context e.g. by emphasising linkage to Global Earth Observation (GEO) processes (including biodiversity)
5. To take actions to ensure the 'community' aspect of Oceans 2025 is preserved (e.g. secure funding to continue annual meetings for the NERC marine science community which have a science/science-to-policy impacts focus and build on the marine NC and Research Programme activities).
6. To develop 'case study materials' on impacts (quantified where possible) that characterise and demonstrate what success looks like for marine science, its contribution to UK competitiveness (policy, businesses, skilled manpower generated, etc.) and to promote these messages widely.
7. To consider how best to capture the 'lessons learnt and achievements' of the programme from a management perspective; taking account of the commissioning process, the multi-centre delivery, governance structures, removing duplication etc. and communicate this knowledge to help inform NERC, MSCC and its member organisations.

Within the current Oceans 2025 programme

8. To explore options for continued funding and optimise use of SOFI workshops to develop cross programme linkages and outreach to the wider community, to develop future priorities and to inform NERC strategy, and to take steps to increase awareness of the workshops and their outcomes.
9. To seek LWEC accreditation for relevant component parts of the programme activity as a matter of urgency.
10. To consider the need for a technology audit/strategy and broker needs against policy drivers (e.g. for long term monitoring driven by Marine Strategy Framework Directive)
11. To better address the recognised potential for ‘omics tools’ across relevant programme areas, to hold a SOFI workshop to share experiences and to ensure that the community engages with NERC ‘omics’ strategic thinking.

Communication to NERC Chief Executive

12. The Programme Advisory Board recommended that its Chairman write to NERC Chief Executive on behalf of the Board to ask him to take all possible measures to preserve the marine community ‘legacy’ of Oceans 2025 and to emphasise that the NERC Theme Leaders should take full account of the importance of the marine environment in developing new thematic actions.

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