



Forum on Data and Information Issues in Maritime Heritage

10:30-16:30, Thursday 12th July at IMAREST, 80 Coleman St, London EC2R 5BJ

Meeting Background / Justification

National (e.g. Heritage Protection Review White Paper in England and Wales), European (e.g. EU Maritime Policy Green Paper) and other international actions directed at delivering and improving marine environmental management serve to focus attention on how historic environment interests are included within spatial data systems. Obligations already exist for analysis of the historic environment (palaeo-environmental characteristics and wrecks of boats, ships and aircraft) within EU Directives for Strategic Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Assessments, but broader scale analysis of what constitutes the historic environment will be necessary to inform marine spatial planning as may be provided through the Marine Bill White Paper.

This forum aims to consider these issues and also to hold a wider discussion how historic environment information is captured and presented as spatial data and the associated co-ordination and qualification of records between holders of data e.g. the UK Hydrographic Office, Maritime and Coastguard Agency (e.g. navigational hazards), the national historic environment records maintained by respective UK heritage bodies and other charting organisations.

Agenda:

Morning Session: Presentations (10:30-13:05) – Chair John Pepper, UK Hydrographic Office

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| 10.30-10.50 | Meeting Background and Objectives: Chris Pater (English Heritage) |
| 10.50-11.10 | Working to Improve Access to Marine Data and Information: The work of MEDAG and MDIP: Lesley Rickards and David Cotton (MEDAG and MDIP) |
| 11.10-11.30 | Reconciling inconsistencies between maritime National Monuments Record (NMR) and the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) datasets: Vir Dellino-Musgrave and Gareth Watkins(English Heritage) |
| 11:30–11:45 | Coffee/Tea Break |
| 11:45–12:05 | Integration of historic environment data and AML data: Anthony Firth (Wessex Archaeology) |
| 12.05-12.25 | Marine Environmental Assessment on the site of the Royal Anne Galley designated wreck site: Jon Rees (CEFAS) |
| 12:25:12:45 | Data archiving practice in the Maritime Heritage sector: Stuart Jeffrey (Archaeological Data Services) |
| 12:45-13:05 | The Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund (ALSF) project: Vir Dellino-Musgrave and Gareth Watkins (English Heritage) |

Lunch (13:05 – 13:50)



Afternoon Session:

Short Presentations (13:50 – 14:10): Chair Lesley Rickards (MEDAG)

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| 13:50–14:00 | 'Fulfilling Royal Warrants to record Maritime Heritage' Deanna Groom – RC Wales |
| 14:00–14:10 | Data management and availability of Channel Coastal Observatory data: Travis Mason (Channel Coast Observatory) |

Breakout Discussions (14:10-15:30) Chairs: Chris Pater (EH) & David Cotton (MDIP)

Topics for discussion to include:

- The relevance of historic environment data gathering to general approaches to delivering marine environmental management.
- What data gathering is done at present and how can system be optimised to derive most benefit.
- What are current practices in Maritime Heritage Sector with regard to data management, data policy, and generating metadata data? Is there scope / resources to bring them into line with MDIP recommendations?
- Are there common needs for spatial data layers?
- The INSPIRE Directive: What are the implications about for the way that information about the historic environment is made available?

Tea/Coffee (15:30 – 16:00)

Closing Session (16:00-16:30): Chair Lesley Rickards (MEDAG)

- Summaries of breakout discussions
- Recommendation for further actions

Meeting Closes at 16:30

Note that the intention is to generate a Meeting Report, through IACMST.