



1st July 2025

08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and refreshments
Day 1: Opening	
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome: Prof. Grant Stentiford (Chief Scientist, Cefas)
09:05 – 09:15	Keynote: Prof. Rachel Mills (Senior Vice President, Kings College London)
09:15 – 09:20	Welcome address: Sally Randall (DG Environment Group, Defra)
09:20 – 10:05	Defra Group panel discussion: Chair: Justine Bejta (Deputy Chief Scientific Advisor, Defra) Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Grant Stentiford (Chief Scientist, Cefas) • Aisling Lannin (Head of Evidence and Evaluation, MMO) • Peter Brotherton (Director of Science, Natural England) • Dave Stone (Chief Scientist, JNCC) • Robert Bradburne (Chief Scientist, Environment Agency)
10:05 – 10:15	Conference overview: Prof. Grant Stentiford (Chief Scientist, Cefas)
Session 1: Nature Recovery	
10:15 – 10:20	Introduction: David Righton (Lead: Ecosystem Resilience, Cefas) and Murray Thompson (Head of Ecology and Biodiversity Science, Cefas)
10:20 – 10:35	Keynote: Prof. Dame Theresa Marteau (Director of the Behaviour and Health Research Unit, University of Cambridge)
10:35 – 10:50	Refreshments
10:50 – 11:40	Science presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Michel Kaiser (Chief Scientist, Heriot-Watt University) • Caroline Rowland (Scientific Strategic Head: Ocean, Cryosphere and Climate, Met Office) • Richard Unsworth (Associate Prof. Biosciences, Swansea University) • Prof. Kerry Howell (Deep Sea Ecology, University of Plymouth)



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11:40 – 12:40	Interactive panel: Perspectives on the state and recovery of marine ecosystems Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dame Theresa Marteau • Anna Sturrock (Senior Lecturer, University of Essex) • Prof. John Pinnegar (Lead: Climate Change, Cefas) • Stuart Green (CEO, Blue-Green Advisors) • Prof. Bill Sutherland (Conservation Specialist, University of Cambridge) 	RV Cefas Endeavour tours (Register to attend)
12:40 - 13:50	Listen and lunch: Science Innovation Showcase <i>Starting at 13:00 in Court Room</i>	Lunch
Session 2: Clean Energy		
13:50 - 13:55	Introduction: Michaela Schratzberger (Director of Environment and Energy, Cefas) and Caroline Allison (Technical and Policy Assistant, IMarEST)	
13:55 - 14:15	Keynote: Prof. Susan Gourvenec (Offshore Geotechnical Engineering, University of Southampton)	
14:15 - 14:55	Energy Transition panel: Discussion and audience Q&A Chair: Andrew Gill (Principal Scientist, Cefas) Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Gomez Molina (Co-chair of Technical Leadership Board, IMarEST) • Prof. Deborah Greaves (Ocean Engineering, University of Plymouth) • Prof. Feargal Brennan (Offshore Engineering, University of Strathclyde) 	
14:55 - 15:15	Refreshments	
15:15 - 15:55	Spatial Prioritisation panel: Discussion and audience Q&A Chair: Andrew Kenny (Principal Ecosystem Scientist, Cefas) Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olivia Thomas (Head of Marine Planning, The Crown Estate) • Keith Cooper (Senior Marine Ecologist, Cefas) • Chloe Meacher (Head of Sustainability, Defra) 	
15:55 - 16:00	Session summary: Michaela Schratzberger and Caroline Allison	
16:00 - 16:05	Day 1 reflections: Tim Green (Interim CEO, Cefas)	
16:15 - 17:15	Networking session: Nature Recovery and Clean Energy	
17:15 - 18:30	Evening networking event: Welcome by Mark Pendlington (Chair of Management Board, Cefas)	



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08:30 – 09:00 Arrival and refreshments

Day 2: Opening

09:00 – 09:05 **Welcome:** Prof. Grant Stentiford (Chief Scientist, Cefas)

09:05 – 09:15 **Keynote:** Dr Tiara Moore (CEO, Black in Marine Science)

09:15 – 09:25 **Keynote:** Dr Emma McKinley (Senior Research Fellow, Cardiff University)

09:25 – 09:30 **Welcome address:** Jorge Martin-Almagro (Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer for International and Trade Affairs, Defra)

Session 3: Water Health

09:30 – 09:35 **Introduction:** Prof. David Bass (Lead: One Health Hazards, Cefas)

09:35 – 09:50 **Keynote:** Prof. Davey Jones (Soil and Environmental Science, Bangor University)

09:50 – 10:35 **Session presentations and audience Q&A:**

- Alison Debney (Wetlands Conservation Lead, ZSL)
- Ruth Barden (Director of Environmental Strategy, Wessex Water)
- Prof. David Bass (Lead: One Health Hazards, Cefas)

10:35 – 10:55 Refreshments

10:55 – 11:35 **Catchment to Coast panel - discussion and audience Q&A:**
Chair: Prof David Bass (Lead: One Health Hazards, Cefas)
Panellists

- Nicola Rogers (Evidence and Engagement Programme Manager, Westcountry Rivers Trust)
- Roger Proudfoot (Estuary and Coast Manager, Environment Agency)
- Prof. Shelagh Malham (Marine Biology, Bangor University)
- Carolyn Cadman (Director of Natural Resources, South West Water)

11:35 – 12:30	Aspiration to action: Advancing representation in Ocean Science (Register to attend)	Networking session: Water Health	RV tours (Register to attend)
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12:30 – 13:05 Lunch



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Session 4: Aquatic Food Security

13:05 - 13:10	Introduction: Julie Bremner (Lead: Systems Monitoring and Assessment, Cefas) and Marcus Coleman (CEO, Seafish)
13:10 - 13:25	Keynote: Marcus Coleman (CEO, Seafish)
13:25 - 14:15	Session presentations: What is preventing aquatic foods from having a seat at the food security table? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Melanie Siggs (Director of Strategic Engagements, Global Seafood Alliance)• Prof. Kieran Hyder (Lead: Sustainable Aquatic Food, Cefas)• Prof. Charles Tyler (Environmental Biology, University of Exeter)• Mike Cohen (CEO, The National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations)
14:05 - 14:15	Relocation and refreshments
14:15 - 15:10	Breakout sessions: What are the opportunities for science and research to help ensure seafood fulfils its potential in the UK food mix? <p>Delegates will explore science and research responses to the challenges set out in the plenary. Attendees will propose, discuss and rank responses.</p>
15:10 - 15:15	Relocation
15:15 - 15:40	Panel and audience Q&A <p>Chair: Julie Bremner (Lead: Systems Monitoring and Assessment, Cefas)</p>
15:40 - 16:10	Conference review and outcome panel: <p>Chair: Dr. Sian Limpenny (Director of Strategy and Delivery, Cefas)</p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aisling Lanin (MMO)• Prof. Charles Tyler (University of Exeter)• Simon Reeve (Chair, Frontier Robotics)• Stephen Dye (Deputy Chief Scientist, Cefas)
16:10 - 16:15	Closing comments: Prof. Grant Stentiford (Chief Scientist, Cefas)