



## INTERREG VA Marine Protected Area Projects Webinar

24-26 November 2020

**Objective of Webinar:** To create a shared vision of how marine research projects in the Programme area (i.e., Ireland, Northern Ireland and Western Scotland) can work together more effectively.

### Reference Links:

Pre-recorded presentations <https://www.afbini.gov.uk/interreg-va-mpa-projects-webinar-24-26-november-2020>

Login details for Slido (to be provided on the day of each session)

General information on PeacePlus Programme (2021-2027) <https://www.seupb.eu/peaceplus>

### Day 1 - 24 November

**Session 1** – 1415-1600 GMT

**Title:** Species and Environmental Modelling

### Session description:

Data collection and modelling, whether it be oceanographic or mobile fauna, is an integral part of all three projects. Links to pre-recorded presentations which summarise progress and challenges to date will be circulated in advance. The goal of this session is to discuss how the projects can work more collaboratively to improve the quality and quantity of data being collected as well as the modelling tools being used. Examples may include, but are not limited to, sharing of equipment (receivers, gliders), ship time, human resources and expertise.

### Format (for all webinar sessions):

- Links to pre-recorded presentations which summarise progress and challenges to date will be circulated in advance.
- Moderator introduce themselves and panel, providing short introduction to the session
- Panel discussion based on the questions asked by the moderator
- Incoming questions from the audience via Q&A function
- Polls and comments/suggestions via Slido
- Break out session in smaller groups to further discuss the topic and provide ideas on how to improve collaboration

### Panel Moderator:

Fred Whoriskey (OTN, SeaMonitor)

### Panel Members:

Colin Adams (University of Glasgow, SeaMonitor)

Melanie Biousque (UU, MarPAMM)

Andy Dale (SAMS, COMPASS)

Mark Jessopp (UCC, MarPAMM & SeaMonitor)

Niall O'Maoileidigh (MI, SeaMonitor)

Robert Rosell (AFBI, COMPASS and SeaMonitor)

Denise Risch (SAMS, COMPASS)

Donal Kennedy (MI, COMPASS)



## **Session 2 – 16:30-18:00 GMT**

**Title:** Marine Management Plans and Protected Areas

### **Session description:**

The development of MPA management plans provides a mechanism for bringing together relevant stakeholders to discuss our existing knowledge alongside the new research outputs from MarPAMM, COMPASS and SeaMonitor, with a view to identifying options and recommendations for the management of relevant MPAs. The pre-recorded presentations will give an overview of which management plans are being produced by the different projects, and which MPAs, habitats and species they are targeting. The session will focus on ensuring that there is a good understanding of the management plans that are being produced, the relationship between the plans and the research outputs from all three projects, and how and where we should be focussing our efforts to ensure effective collaboration between relevant partners for the remainder of these projects.

### **Panel Moderator:**

Katie Gillham (NatureScot, MarPAMM)

### **Panel Members:**

Colin Adams (UG, SeaMonitor)

Sarah Cunningham (NatureScot, MarPAMM)

Diego del Villar (LA, SeaMonitor)

Jon Houghton (QUB, SeaMonitor)

Mike Kaiser (Heriot-Watt University)

Adam Mellor (AFBI, COMPASS)

Matthew Service (AFBI, MarPAMM)

David Stevenson (AFBI, MarPAMM)

## **Day 2 – 25 November**

### **Session 3 – 1415-1600 GMT**

**Title:** Data Management and Visualisation

**Session description:** Underpinning the success of all three projects is the storage, sharing and accessibility of the vast amounts of data being generated. This session will widen discussion across the projects with the aim to answer a range of questions. How can we ensure that the data will benefit future research projects and policy development? How will we ensure appropriate protocols and agreements are in place in advance of data being collected? When it comes to the visualisation of the data what tools will be used?

### **Panel Moderator:**

Adam Leadbetter (MI, COMPASS)

### **Panel Members:**

Paola Arce (SAMS, COMPASS)

Alex Callaway (AFBI, MarPAMM)

Caroline Finlay (LA, SeaMonitor)

Charlotte Miskin-Hymas (BODC/MEDIN)

Eoin O'Grady (Marine Institute)



### **Day 3 – 26 November**

**Session 4** - 1415-1515 GMT

**Title:** Policy and Planning

#### **Session description:**

Using the data collected to help inform and develop governmental policies presents unique challenges and opportunities for the three projects. The goal of this session is to give participants a better understanding of the current policy context across the three jurisdictions and consider a range of questions. How Brexit may affect policy and decision making in the multijurisdictional environment? Do expectations of project outputs need to adjust accordingly? What does the future of MPA development look like?

#### **Panel Moderator:**

Michael McLeod (Marine Scotland)

#### **Panel Members:**

Colin Armstrong/Marcus McCauley (Dept. Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs, NI)

Philip Boulcott & John Mouat (Marine Scotland)

Oliver Ó Cadhla (Dept. for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, RoI)

Anuschka Miller (SAMS)

Richard McCormick (AFBI)

**Session 5** – 15:30-16:30 GMT

**Title:** Legacy and future opportunities

#### **Session description:**

All projects end at some point. Successful projects leave a positive legacy in addition to their expected outputs. The goal of the session is to consider how collectively the three projects can achieve this; from the public facing data/results and outreach work to potential academic papers and future research/project opportunities. The session will also inform participants about the details of the upcoming PEACE Plus Programme (2021-27), administered by SEUPB.

#### **Moderator:**

Yvonne Leahy (National Parks and Wildlife Service)

#### **Panel Members:**

Patrick Collins and Jon Houghton (QUB, SeaMonitor)

Adam Mellor (AFBI, COMPASS)

Joanne O'Brien (Galway-Mayo IT, SeaMonitor)

Matthew Service (AFBI, MarPAMM)

Gerry Sutton (UCC, MarPAMM, JONAS, SATURN)