

# The Marine Environmental and Data Information Network (MEDIN) and the UK Social & Economic Data Review

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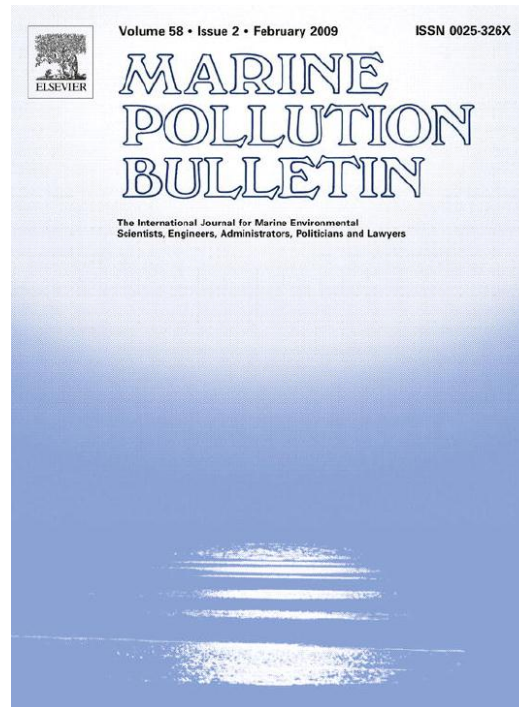
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# UK Marine Data Management and Sharing

# Historically

1997



“Marine environmental management requires investment to ensure more effective access to available data and information.”

Marine Pollution Bulletin, Vol. 34, No. 2, pp. 74-77, 1997

[http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0025-326X\(96\)00140-3](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0025-326X(96)00140-3)

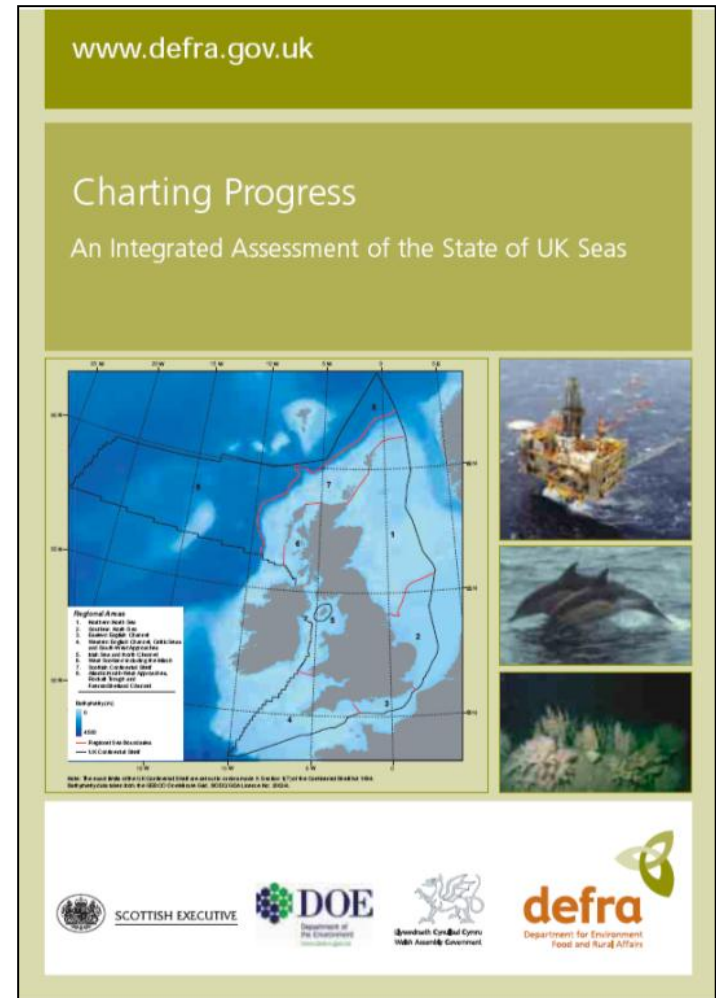
# Historically

## 2005

Recommended the creation of the Marine Data and Information Partnership to:

- Establish and enable a framework for managing marine data and information: ‘capture once and use many times’
- Establish Data Archiving Centres
- Provide guidance on managing marine data and information including the development of standard protocols and procedures.”

<http://chartingprogress.defra.gov.uk/feeder/chartingprogress.pdf>



# Historically

2005

## Marine Data and Information – Where to now?

**Prof Mike Cowling**

Glasgow Marine Technology Centre  
University of Glasgow

Independent Member, IACMST  
Chair, MEDAG

[http://data.offshorewind.co.uk/white\\_papers/Prof Cowling Marine Where to now.pdf](http://data.offshorewind.co.uk/white_papers/Prof_Cowling_Marine_Where_to_now.pdf)

Recommendations included:

Establishment of Marine Data and Information Partnership (MDIP)  
Identification of thematic Data Archive Centres (DACs)  
Creation of a central “portal” for marine data



*“Measure once use many times”*

[www.oceannet.org](http://www.oceannet.org)



# What does MEDIN offer?

## Standards and Guidelines



## Data Discovery and Access



## Data Management



## Data Publishing





# MEDIN Discovery Metadata

The MEDIN Discovery Metadata Standard is a UK GEMINI2 and INSPIRE compliant standard and uses the ISO 19139 schema set for encoding xml.

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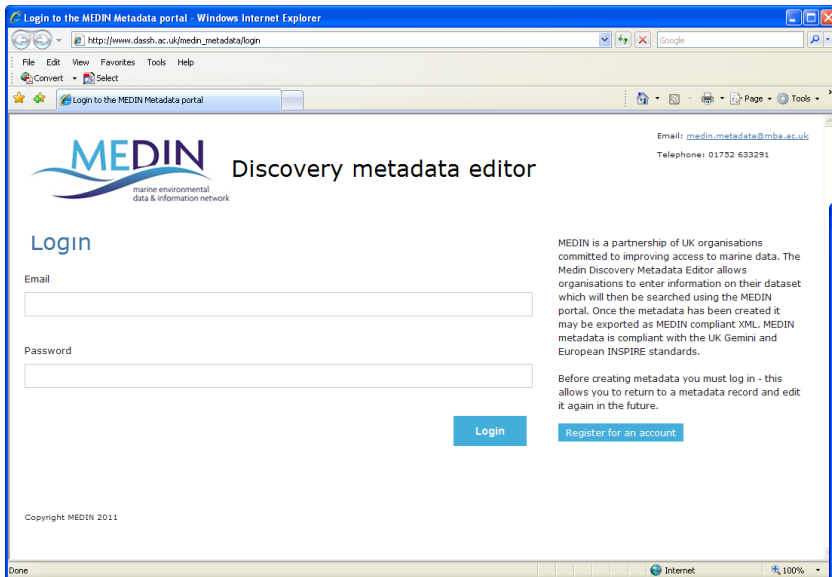
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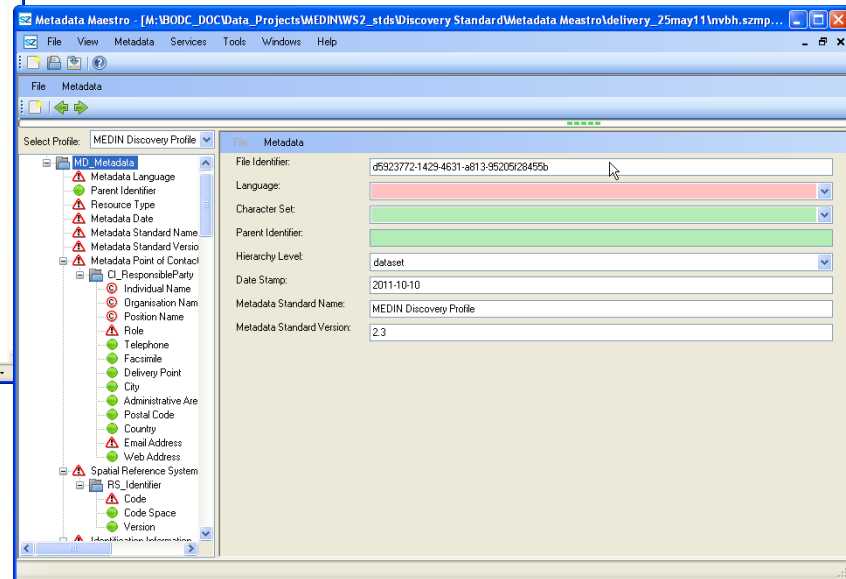
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# MEDIN Discovery Metadata

MEDIN provides a suite of tools to assist with metadata creation including:



On-line metadata generation/editing tool



Desktop tool – Metadata Maestro.

Both of these tools include schema (ISO 19139) and schematron validation



SeaDataNet

## Pan-European infrastructure for Ocean & Marine Data Management



### Results

P021	Entrykey	Entryterm
+	ASAM	Acoustic backscatter in the water column <a href="#">i</a>
+	NOYS	Acoustic noise in the water column <a href="#">i</a>
+	ACSR	Active seismic refraction <a href="#">i</a>
+	ADUN	Administrative units <a href="#">i</a>
+	CAPH	Air pressure <a href="#">i</a>
+	CDTA	Air temperature <a href="#">i</a>
+	ALKY	Alkalinity, acidity and pH of the water column <a href="#">i</a>
+	HAAC	Amino acids in sediment <a href="#">i</a>
+	AMON	Ammonium concentration parameters in the water column <a href="#">i</a>
+	ATDP	Atmospheric deposition rates <a href="#">i</a>
+	ATEM	Atmospheric emissions <a href="#">i</a>
+	CHUM	Atmospheric humidity <a href="#">i</a>
+	ATPC	Atmospheric particulates <a href="#">i</a>
+	ATVS	Atmospheric visibility and transparency <a href="#">i</a>
+	BATT	Bacteria environmental parameters <a href="#">i</a>
+	BNUC	Bacteria generic abundance in sediment <a href="#">i</a>
+	BNTX	Bacteria generic abundance in water bodies <a href="#">i</a>
+	BABI	Bacteria in biota <a href="#">i</a>
+	CBCC	Bacteria morphology and physiology <a href="#">i</a>
+	BNTC	Bacteria non taxonomy-related biomass expressed as carbon per unit volume of the water column <a href="#">i</a>
+	BPBP	Bacteria non taxonomy-related biomass expressed as protein per unit volume of the water column <a href="#">i</a>
+	BAUC	Bacteria taxonomic abundance in sediment <a href="#">i</a>
+	BATX	Bacteria taxonomic abundance in water bodies <a href="#">i</a>
+	BDWC	Bacteria taxonomy-related ash-free dry weight biomass in sediment <a href="#">i</a>
+	BATC	Bacteria taxonomy-related biomass expressed as carbon per unit volume of the water column <a href="#">i</a>
+	TBCZ	Bacterial consumption in the water column <a href="#">i</a>

# MEDIN Discovery Metadata

Valid metadata are published to the MEDIN portal.  
From which data can be accessed for INSPIRE compliant  
view and download.

The screenshot displays the MEDIN Discovery Metadata portal interface. The top banner features the text "Working together to improve access and stewardship of marine data" and the MEDIN logo. Below the banner, a search bar is visible. The main content area shows search results for the metadata file "MEDIN\_2\_3\_MPMUN04000004.xml".

**Metadata: 1998-1999 Isle of Man Port Erin Marine Laboratory (PEM.) Fish Records**

**Abstract:** Date, site, species, length and weight records of rare fish brought into the Port Erin Marine Laboratory for identifying and measuring. Also records of boat and shore record sized fish landed.

**Data holder:** Data Archive for Seabed Species and Habitats (DASH)

**Online resource present:**

**Use constraints:**

- Released under DASH terms and conditions

**Details:**

Details for the metadata are as follows:

**Unique resource identifier (URI):** [MPLN04000004](http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/9781107000004)

**Abstract (URI):** Date, site, species, length and weight records of rare fish brought into the Port Erin Marine Laboratory for identifying and measuring. Also records of boat and shore record sized fish landed.

**Resource locator (URI):** <http://www.dash.ac.uk>

**Keywords (URI):** Marine Environments Data and Information Network, Species distribution, Fish abundance in water bodies

**Geographic bounding box (URI):** The metadata covers the following areas:  
- 4.8182°N -3.7314°E - 54.50527°N - 54.3671°E

**Limitations on public access (URI):** Other restrictions:  
Distribution, Limitation not listed  
Other constraints: Released under DASH terms and conditions

**Conditions for access:** Released under DASH terms and conditions

**Download:** The metadata is available for downloading in the following formats:  
- MEDIN format (CSV)  
- MEDIN format (XML, version 2.3.1)  
- Dublin Core format (XML)  
- DASH XML format (XML, version 2.4)  
This metadata complies with INSPIRE and OMBIN 2 standards.

**You are searching for...**  
documents containing **dash**  
1992 results returned in 2.69 seconds  
[Return to your results](#) or [Edit this search](#)

**Download**  
Add your own record page  
A light version of the portal is available for mobile and other limited browsers.

- home
- finding data
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- data archive centres >
- medin data guidelines >**
- submitting metadata
- marine data standards
- useful links**
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- key documents >
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## data guidelines

**Check back to this page regularly to ensure you're using the latest version of the MEDIN data guidelines.**

Data Guidelines provide a list of information that should be collected with your data to ensure they can be re-used in the future. The guidelines are tailored to different methods and are arranged below by theme.

### bathymetry

### fisheries and aquaculture

- archiving digital images (15sep11)
- cetacean sighting and identification (15jul10) 
- fish and benthos by static pot, net or trap (15jul10) 
- fish and benthos by trawl or dredge (15jul10) 
- shellfish stock assessment (15jul10) 
- video tow surveys for species or biotopes (20jul10) 

### human contamination

### marine archaeology

### marine biodiversity

### marine chemistry

### marine geology

### physical oceanography

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Hosted by the British Oceanographic Data Centre (BODC).

### quick links

**Data Discovery Portal**



**Generate metadata**



**MEDIN Metadata Discovery Standard** 

**MEDIN Metadata helpline**  
Tel: 01752 633291  
email: [helpline](mailto:helpline@medin.ac.uk)

>> [UK location Programme](#)

>> [Underwater sound forum](#)

>> [FAQs](#)

# Data Archive Centres



for seabed and sub-seabed geology, geophysics data



for water column oceanographic data



for bathymetry data



for marine meteorological (metocean) data



for flora, fauna and habitat data



for fisheries data



for marine historic environment data

**...What about social and  
economic data?**



# Marine Social and Economic Data in the UK

## Recent History

### Charting Progress 2:

### Chapter 5 – Productive Seas

- The Charting Progress Series reviews the state of the UK Seas.
- Provides key findings of progress towards the UK's vision of clean, healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse oceans and seas.
- Chapter 5: Productive seas, undertook the first Charting Progress review on Productive Seas.

### Charting Progress 2

The state of UK seas





# Marine Social and Economic Data in the UK Recent History

Some other UK Initiatives also highlighted the requirement for better social and economic data management.



# Marine Social and Economic Data in the UK

But, there is still no Social and Economic Data Archiving Centre within the MEDIN framework.

So how is this gap in data and information management being addressed?

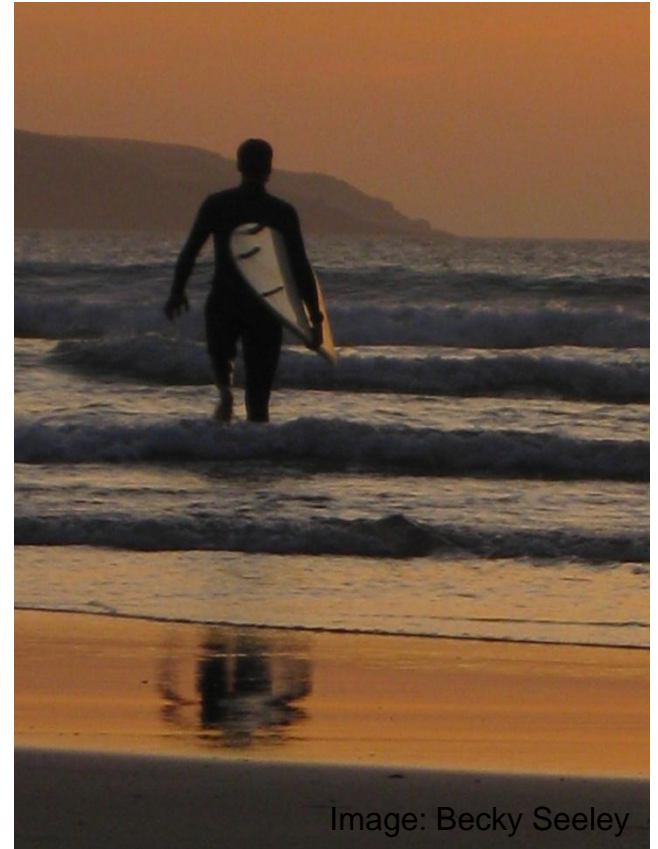
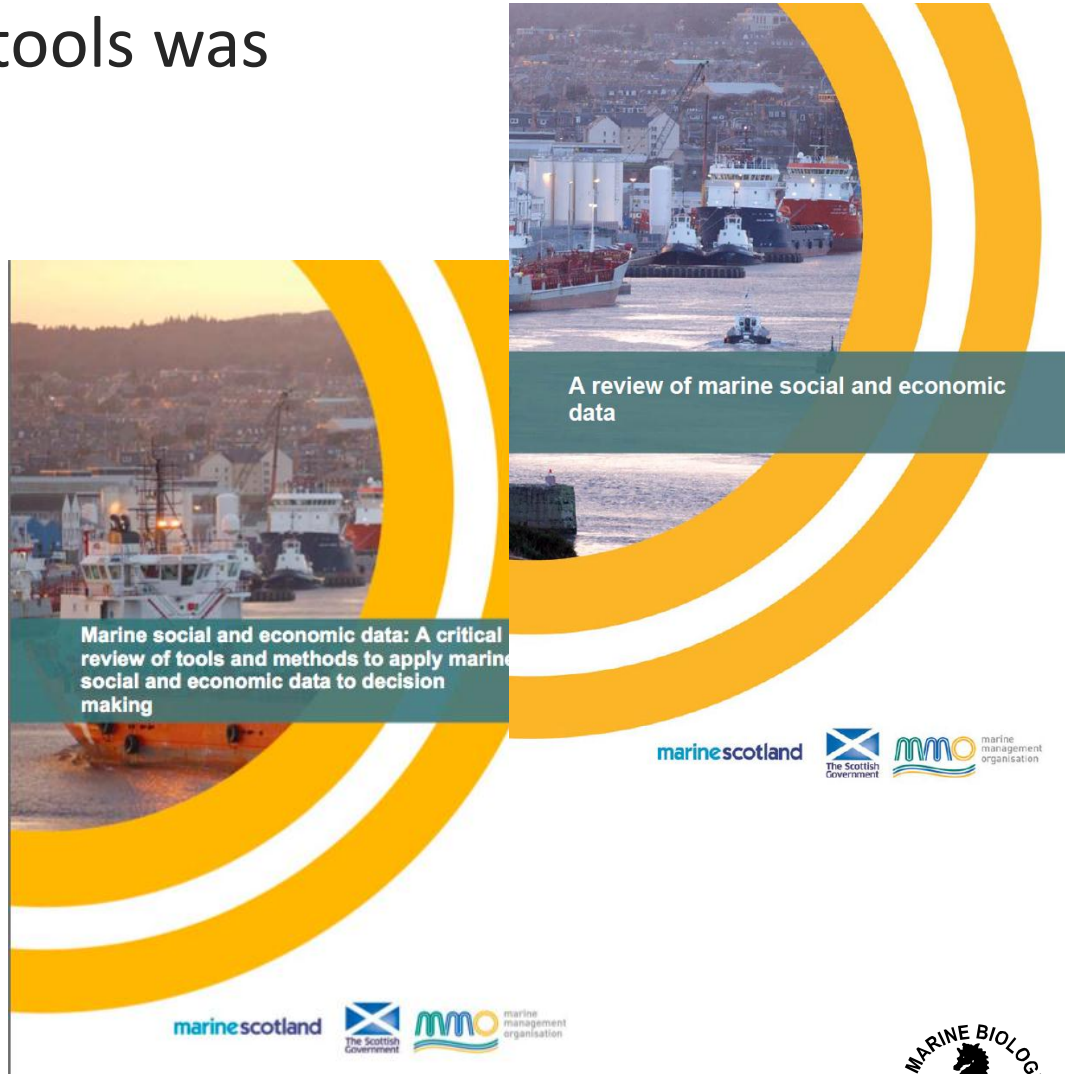


Image: Becky Seeley

# Social and Economic Data and Tools Review

Managed by MEDIN, in 2012 a large review of social and economic datasets and tools was conducted:

- Existing datasets
- Key data providers
- Existing data strategies
- Review of tools that incorporate social and economic data.



<http://www.marinemanagement.org.uk/evidence/documents/1012a.pdf>

<http://www.marinemanagement.org.uk/evidence/documents/1012b.pdf>

**InVEST limitations**

**InVEST benefits**

**CoastRanger MS limitations**

**CoastRanger MS benefits**

**Co\$ting Nature limitations**

**Co\$ting Nature benefits**

**MIMES limitations**

**MIMES benefits**

- No measure of uncertainty: reliant on input data being accurate, therefore any inaccuracies accumulate throughout the models
- Reliant on availability of relevant data
- Moderate to high level of effort required
- Not spatially explicit unless model is applied to each cell of a map, i.e. high level of effort for a map output

- Able to incorporate some potential secondary effects across a given system
- Can be run at multiple geographic scales (i.e. local, regional, global) dependent on data
- Has a modular, tiered approach to deal with data availability and the state of system knowledge

**Applications**

Massachusetts Ocean Partnership and SeaPlan are investigating the use of MIMES in marine spatial planning and decision-making. The aim is to analyse the ecosystem trade-offs associated with different management scenarios. Once developed Marine MIMES will be widely applicable, from site-specific work to state and regional planning.

<b>Tool functions:</b>	Development of options, Impact Assessment.
<b>Data needs:</b>	No user input needed for basic use, specific data level needed for advanced use of models.
<b>Data outputs:</b>	Models, valuation, reports, movies.
<b>Links:</b>	<a href="http://www.uvm.edu/qiee/mimes/policy.htm">http://www.uvm.edu/qiee/mimes/policy.htm</a>

agricultural area lost. Also reports and movies illustrating outcomes from the different policy options.

**Links:** <http://www.discoverysoftware.co.uk/CoastRangerMS.htm>



# Social and Economic Data and Tools Review

## Data Review

The data catalogue consists of

- 391 datasets representing
  - 149 social and economic datasets and
  - 243 locational datasets

covering a large range of different types of social and economic data.

Around a third of these datasets are available online.

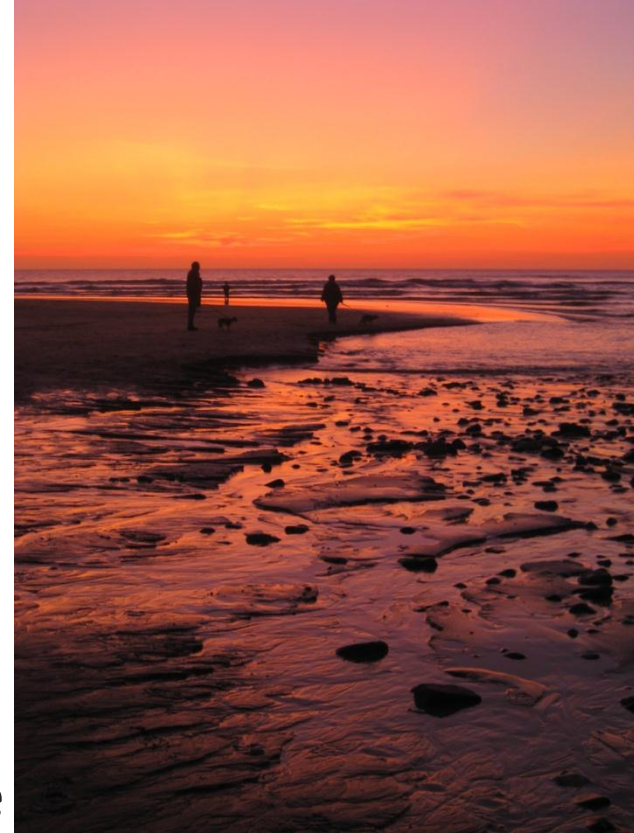


Image: Becky Seeley



# Social and Economic Data and Tools Review

The data sets reviewed covered a large range of different types of social and economic data split into the following themes:

- Aquaculture
- Aviation
- Carbon Sequestration
- Coastal Defence
- Ecosystem Services
- Education
- Fisheries
- Gas Storage
- Historic Environment
- Leisure and Recreation
- Marine Protected Areas
- Maritime Transport
- Military Defence
- Mineral Extraction
- Oil and Gas
- Renewable Energy
- Research
- Social
- Telecom and Power cables
- Waste Disposal
- Water Abstraction

Image: Becky Seeley

# Social and Economic Data and Tools Review

However some weaknesses were uncovered.

- Data are held by a large number of disparate data holders.
- Difficulty tracking updates to data owners and information
- Lack of availability of information for metadata. Leading to non-MEDIN/INSPIRE compliance.
- Poor spatial and temporal records, and lack of protocols.
- No existing keywords.

# Social and Economic Data and Tools Review

## Recommendations

- Develop and promote a detailed action plan for marine social and economic data
- Improve communication between scientists and marine managers
- Improve data management and access
- Develop and promote metadata guidelines and standards
- Develop a set of keywords for marine social and economic data
- Address gaps in marine social and economic metadata and data



# Any questions?



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