



An introduction to the EC LIFE+ PISCES Project Partnership Involving Stakeholders in the Celtic Sea EcoSystem

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PISCES project



- LIFE+ funded, 3 year, €2M
- Multi-partner project: WWF UK, with WWF Spain, The Environment Council and country leads CMRC and SeaWeb.
- Celtic Sea – high use area in NE Atlantic, multiple countries, replicable.
- Viewed by EC as a flagship project.





Aim



- Translation of the Ecosystem Approach from policy to practice through a model that can be replicated in the EU and beyond.

An Ecosystem Approach involves taking account of all components of an ecosystem, including humans, in marine management.

but what does it mean in practice?





Celtic Sea sub-region



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- ICES VII-f-k
- Western Channel VII-e





How?



- Bring together stakeholders from the main sectors
- Stakeholders will develop practical guidelines
- Core group will disseminate more widely





What will PISCES achieve?



- Established stakeholder group with common understanding of EA and guidelines for its practical delivery
- First project to suggest practical outputs in multinational area
- Facilitate the interpretation of policy and legislation
- Replication in other areas, wider understanding





Stakeholder group



- 25-27 stakeholders
- Main sectors: fishing, mariculture, aggregates, undersea cables, renewables, coastal tourism and recreation
- France, Ireland, England, Wales, Spain
- Workshops, online materials
- Advisory Group





What's in it for the stakeholders?



- Shape emerging policy and practice
- Develop shared understanding with other sectors
- Enhance their understanding of EU policy and related tools, e.g. marine spatial planning
- Be part of a project that puts stakeholders first and will be used as an example of best practice





PISCES engagement



- Representatives on the stakeholder group
- Website live in May 2010 <http://www.wwf.org.uk/pisces>
 - Hub of information
 - Two-way dialogue
- Quarterly newsletter
- Spread the word...





What do you think?



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- Value of PISCES
- Stakeholder engagement
- Key issues in the Celtic Sea





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