

## **Digest of Steering Group Meeting No 10**

**Venue:** Defra, York  
**Date:** Wednesday 2 September 2009  
**Start:** 12:00

### **Present:**

Philip Stamp (Defra) chair; Matthew Sayer (WAG); Jessica Orr (CCW); Antonia Scarr (EA); John Baxter (SNH); Kate Lonsdale (UKCIP); Jon Lartice (Defra); Stephen Dye (MCCIP-Sec); Emma Verling (JNCC); Paul Buckley (MCCIP-Sec); Matt Frost (MECN); Craig Wallace (NERC-RAPID); Martyn Cox (Scottish Government); Olly Watts (RSPB)

### **Apologies:**

Alexander Downie (SEPA); Adam Mellor (AFBI); Dan Laffoley (Natural England); Kevin O'Carroll (BERR); Glenn Nolan (Marine Institute, ROI); Colin Moffat (FRS); Colin Taylor (BE); Peter Tangney (EA); Katie Shippey (Defra ACC); Jackie Maud (EA); Chris Reid (SAHFOS); Madeleine Cusack (Scottish Government); Brendan Forde (DOENI)

## **Agenda item 1. Update on actions from last meeting**

### **Summary of discussion:**

- It was agreed that MCCIP would review the draft of the charting progress 2 chapter on climate change.
- It was agreed that MCCIP would look to engage with the SUDG

## **Agenda item 2. Financial overview**

Further funds secured since the last SG meeting mean that the forecast expenditure was now very close to the total level of confirmed income.

It was noted that it will be worth having some money left as contingency as funds may not be available for the next part of the project immediately (post-2010), there could be a month to carry over between.

## **Agenda item 3. Communication working group feedback**

A work programme until the end of 2010 had recently been circulated and it was explained that it had been developed bearing in mind key findings from the mid-term review, especially website development and adaptation work.

Key developments include a more regularly updated website and newsletter and new adaptation and marine scenario pages on the website.

It was generally agreed that the work programme should be taken forward.

Other key points raised were that:

- It was agreed that support of regional events was vital and our input to such events over the next few months, both in Scotland and SW England were encouraging.
- The proposed UKCIP09 marine PiP (projections in practice) event will take place after the launch of the marine user interface at the end of the year. It was agreed that given it will take some time to organise and get the right mix of people to the event, we should rush into putting the event on. Feedback on who to invite, speakers and a location / venue was requested from the SG.

### ***Copenhagen conference of parties***

It was agreed ways of getting MCCIP into COP should be explored as it is a good opportunity to widen our audience. The ELR cards should be made available and the availability of other materials should be explored.

### ***New pages for the website***

Ideas for new marine scenario and adaptation pages for the website were introduced. The adaptation pages would help stakeholders consider existing tools and strategies for adaptation to help organisations to inform their own adaptation strategies. These pages could also include a frequently updated horizon scanning section. We would also need to be careful to add some comment as to why we are not dealing with mitigation directly.

The marine scenario pages would look to 'add value' to the UK scenarios for our users, help facilitate the uptake of tools (as outlined in the business plan) and show how we are applying marine scenarios (ARC 2010).

It was generally agreed that these pages were a positive step forward for MCCIP and should be developed further.

### ***End of phase one event***

It was felt that this was really an event to 'kick off' phase II rather than to 'end' phase I. A key issue for moving forward will be how we engage with stakeholders in a meaningful way, to help build momentum for the next phase, will be important.

The importance of working with regional partners was raised and if we don't have one big event to kick off phase II, we can use the budget to support smaller regional events.

It was agreed that this issue would be picked up again at a later SG meeting.

#### **Agenda item 4. ARCWG update**

It was confirmed that authors for the next report card had all received briefing documents and following a similar delivery path to 2007-2008, the product would be ready for launch mid-2010.

New sections in the report card would be explored based upon new questions asked in this year's template, including UKCP09 scenarios.

#### **Agenda item 5. Future of MCCIP**

Moving forward, we need to set a timeframe for a proposal to be agreed upon, which may be best achieved with a sub-group taking this forward. SG agreed that the partnership remains valid and that there is a strong case for it to be continued in the future. In order to seed this process within organisation we need to have an agreed business case by December – covering ambitions and cost implications.

Scale of ambition was raised and it was agreed that this should be higher than in the 1st 5 years. Adaptation in particular is a key consideration.

A possible way forward with adaptation work could be to look at marine equivalents of terrestrial 'principles' that have been built up. There isn't a locus for marine adaptation which is something that MCCIP could do over the next 5 years by developing a set of principles applicable to all (industry ;NGO ;statutory- leading onto generic practical implications).

Whatever way we proceed we need to maintain our role as an honest broker without an agenda.

#### **Agenda item 6. Risk**

The following point about the risk register was raised.

Whilst the 'too many initiatives' risk is rightly identified as being of high importance, it should be clarified that the risk to us is the fact that we won't get input into our process.

#### **Agenda item 7. AOB**

It was confirmed that future meetings with Met Office and the national climate change risk assessment group had been planned over the coming weeks.

The recent initiation of the OPEG (ocean processes evidence group) group was raised which has a heavy MCCIP involvement, either through SG members or contributing authors to MCCIP products.

The next meeting would provisionally be during the first 2 weeks of December, if it was felt necessary.