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1. Launch of State of UK Seas report, MCCIP and MDIP

The launch of '*Charting Progress: An Integrated Assessment of the State of UK Seas*' took place on 1st March at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich. Defra Minister for Environment and Agriculture, Elliot Morley, launched the report and two related initiatives: the Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership (MCCIP) and the Marine Data & Information Partnership (MDIP).

More information:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/water/marine/uk/stateofsea/index.htm>

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=149224&NewsAreaID=2>

http://www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?id=9619&channel=0#

<Http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/4307845.stm>

The Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership (MCCIP)

The aim of MCCIP is to provide a UK wide co-ordinating framework for the transfer of high-quality marine climate change impact evidence to policy advisors and decision-makers. The partnership will act as a focal point to investigate, inform, advise and encourage action, in order to adapt to the challenges and opportunities presented by the impacts of climate change in the marine environment.

More information:

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See also: <http://www.sahfos.ac.uk/mccip.htm>

The Marine Data & Information Partnership (MDIP)

Formed in early 2005 this expert group aims to address the need for greater harmonisation and co-ordination of marine data and information through long-term stewardship and access.

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2. Launch of WinCPR

The Sir Alister Hardy Foundation for Ocean Science (SAHFOS) has launched WinCPR, a gridded database of plankton abundance in the North Sea produced jointly by the University of Genoa, the Network Research Group (University of Plymouth) and SAHFOS. It is compiled from monthly sampling by the Continuous Plankton Recorder (CPR) over a fifty year period (1948 to 1997) and contains data for 112 planktonic organisms or indices (both animal, zooplankton and plant, phytoplankton) for a grid of 172 pixels covering the whole of the North Sea. The launch took place at the start of the National Science Week, 14th March, at the Marine Laboratory, Plymouth. Funding for the project was granted by WWF, Defra, CEFAS and EU NOCES.

More information:

<http://www.sahfos.ac.uk/wincpr.htm>

<Http://www.network-research-group.org/wincpr/>

3. Climate change in the oceans of the World

At the 2005 annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) scientists of Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego claim to have the first clear evidence for human produced warming of the World's oceans.

More information:

http://scrippsnews.ucsd.edu/article_detail.cfm?article_num=666

<http://www.aaas.org/news/releases/2005/0217warmingwarning.shtml>

<Http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/4275729.stm>

4. Forecasting Climate and its Impacts Seasons to Decades Ahead

You are cordially invited to attend a Public Meeting on:

Forecasting Climate and its Impacts Seasons to Decades Ahead to be held on Tuesday 24th May 2005 3:30 - 6:00 pm at Regent's College, Regent's Park, London

As part of its 5-year COAPEC research programme the Natural Environment Research Council have looked at how scientific research into climate forecasting can be applied to societal needs. The results will be addressed in a series of talks:

Foundations of Climate Forecasting; Climate and Health; Using Seasonal Forecasts - what have we learnt from COAPEC? And ClimatePrediction.net: User participation in climate forecasting.

The meeting (to be followed by an evening reception with buffet) is open and registration is free to all participants. This public meeting is part of a two day symposium (24th and 25th May 2005) presenting the scientific results of the full COAPEC programme. Participants of the public meeting are welcome to attend the symposium.

For more details of the meeting and online registration, please see

<http://www.soc.soton.ac.uk/coapec/FM.php> or contact Dr. Helen Snaith, e-mail:

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