

MCCIP Climate Smart Working - next steps

The concept of MCCIP Climate Smart Working has been introduced to champion marine adaptation in the British Isles and help deliver a sustainable future for those affected by changes in marine and coastal environments, and the ecosystems they support. MCCIP Climate Smart Working will look to address the challenge of bridging the gap between understanding marine climate change impacts and the capacity of sectors to respond by:

- **Enabling existing and new networks** (this could be either within sectors, such as for the National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations or across sectors, for example through the Defra Marine Policy Statement focus group or the Scottish Marine Strategy Forum). MCCIP Climate Smart Working will provide a neutral space to help organisations come together to share knowledge, experience, concerns and priorities. The overall aim is to help them collectively understand how to best adapt to the challenges presented by marine climate change.
- **Identifying practical examples** through networking to build and consolidate a comprehensive approach across marine sectors and help highlight the importance of, and set priorities for, delivering marine adaptation actions (i.e. why this is worth doing).
- **Raising awareness** using networking and practical examples to widely promote marine adaptation. Key to this will be producing specific 'easy-to-digest' outputs such as targeted reports and factsheets which provide clarity on what marine adaptation means in practice through highlighting practical steps others are already taking.
- **Ensuring a robust process** by using the comprehensive science evidence base provided by MCCIP Annual Report Cards, applying knowledge of what is happening in other countries and through building awareness of potential unintended (secondary) consequences of proposed adaptation actions on other marine interests.

The anticipated structured outcome of this process in the next year is to get people talking to each other about the need for action, understand what action is necessary and to identify key barriers.

MCCIP will achieve this through:

1. Building a UK network focussed on marine climate change adaptation*
2. Identifying where priority needs exist for developing adaptive capacity in the marine environment.
3. Producing a report summarising the state of play of marine adaptation work in the UK, including detailed examples of actions already being developed (predominantly from the UK but from elsewhere where relevant).
4. Supporting the development of sector-specific guidance to help develop strategies for action and recognise priority needs for building adaptive capacity.

**The starting point would be to engage with enthusiastic partners to form the core of this networking process [using their knowledge of other partners] to grow it to the appropriate scale.*

To facilitate this process, we will undertake a scoping phase throughout 2011, to include the following:

Stakeholder mapping exercise

Who needs to be involved (who is potentially influential / who is vulnerable / who is okay on their own / who is harder to reach)
Build list of suggested stakeholders to 'map' and possible 'types' of interventions for broad groups identified.

January 2011



Draw in identified key players from the 2010 CSW workshop group / consultation (and existing networks) to build an over-arching marine adaptation network [if a new marine adaptation network is deemed appropriate].

February 2011



Collate background information for a marine adaptation 'where we are now' workshop and report

Inc. sections on 'legislative / policy drivers'; 'why build adaptive capacity?'; 'where does expertise and leadership currently exist'; 'examples of good practice'; 'benchmarking to other sectors (e.g. water)'

March 2011



CSW workshop

Workshop focussed on providing material for the 'where we are now report' (and a 'roadmap' to our first CSW card). Also to include case studies of existing good practice and illustrations of what we mean by building adaptive capacity.

April / May 2011



Develop framework for 'where we are now report' and sector engagement plan

Before end of June 2011



Publish 'where we are now' report and roadmap towards our first major sector specific output

Before end of 2011

It is anticipated that the where we are now report will include:

- Scene setting around the policy context.
- A summary of the findings from the stakeholder mapping exercise.
- Practical examples of what people are already doing.
- Initial understanding of what people may wish to do to take action and what are the main barriers (how can we help people move forward?).
- A high-level summary, which highlights priorities for the development and delivery of adaptation strategies.
- Road map to producing a first MCCIP marine climate smart card (and / or other identified key outputs).

How to contact us...

If you would like to get involved in MCCIP 'climate smart working', please contact Paul Buckley at office@mccip.org.uk

We are also really keen to hear about any examples where organisations are already taking action to deal with climate change impacts at the coast or in the sea. If you are currently involved in any relevant adaptation initiatives, or if there are any other good case studies you think we should be aware of, then please do get in touch with us!