

**Meeting Between
The Irish Sea Maritime Forum
and
The Irish Sea Centre Limited
22/23 October 2018
Isle of Man**



***An introduction to the
ISMF***

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Outline

Foundations of the ISMF

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FOUNDATIONS OF THE FORUM

**Irish Sea Platform
INTERREG Bid
2009**

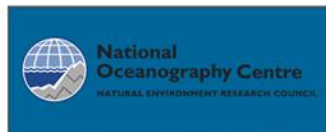


**ISMF INAUGURAL
CONFERENCE
Belfast, June 2012**



**Transnational Partnership
Working in Support of Marine
Spatial Planning in the Irish
Sea**

*Liverpool & Dublin
Stakeholder Workshops
2011*



OBJECTIVES OF THE FORUM

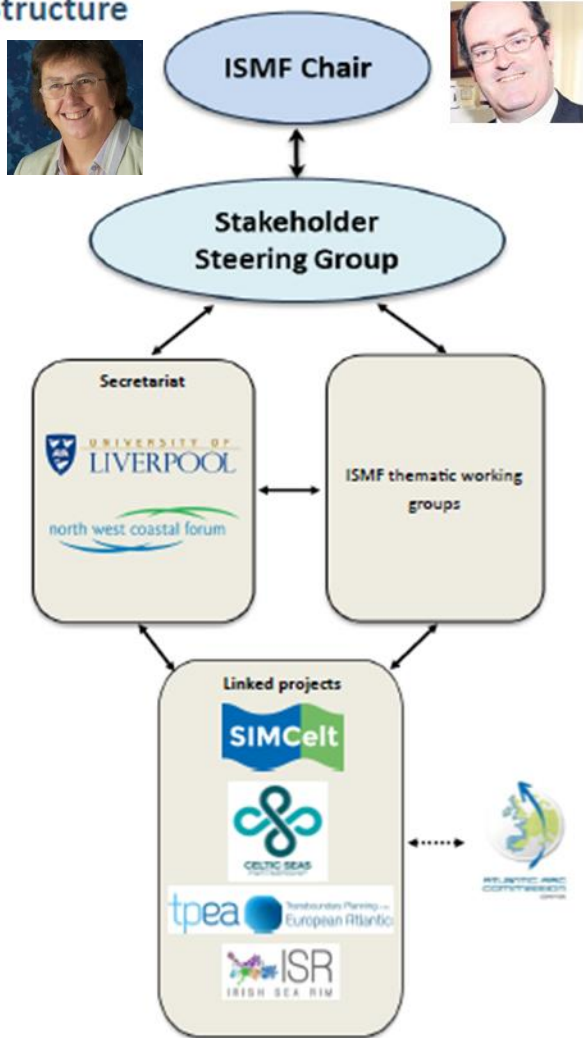
- To provide a **broad based forum for all Irish Sea users** and provide an opportunity for voices to be heard
- To facilitate **knowledge exchange and capacity building** across all administrative areas and sectors about marine planning
- To facilitate **sharing of data and information**
- To encourage and maintain **political support for transnational partnership working** in support of marine planning, with the aim of promoting sustainable development in the Irish Sea region
- To facilitate a more **coordinated, efficient planning** process for transnational issues/projects and **good working relationships among Irish Sea partners**

WORKING VISION

An Irish Sea which has a healthy marine environment, coherent energy policy, safe clean and efficient transport and sustainable fisheries and is managed to deliver sustainable development for the benefit of all....

HOW THE FORUM WORKS

Structure



Our Activities

Conferences



Tall Ship Glasgow June 2013

Workshops



ISMF Workshop, Titanic Belfast June 2012



Merseyside Maritime Museum December 2015

Reports



Sponsorship

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Isle of Man
Government

Department of the
Environment

www.doeni.gov.uk



marine
management
organisation

University of
ULSTER



Irish Planning Institute
Institiúid Pleanála na hÉireann



European
MSP Platform

CURRENT STEERING GROUP

Irish Senator Gerry Horkan (Chair)

Cllr Flo Clucas, Atlantic Strategy Leadership Group (past ISMF Chair)

Ben Drakeford, Atlantic Action Plan

Fiona Gell (Peter Duncan) Isle of Man Govt.

Sam Wright, MMO (needs updating)

Hannah Marriott, MMO

Stephen Atkins, NW Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

Katherine Yates, Salford University

Calum Booth, RSPB

Helen Kirk, National Trust

Phil Leigh, Irish Sea Rim

Stephen Hull, ABPmer

Natasha Barker-Bradshaw, EUCC

Rhona Fairgrieve, Scottish Coastal Forum

Clair McFarlan, Solway Firth Partnership

Emma Baruah, Solway Firth Partnership

Aoibheann Rooney, DEARA NI

Colin Armstrong, DAERA NI

Heather Ritchie, University of Ulster

Linda McElduff, University of Ulster

Kenneth Bodles, RSPB NI

Gary Gregg, Irish Federation of Sea Anglers

Philip Nugent, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, Ireland

Travis O'Doherty, EMRA, Ireland

Anne Marie O'Hagan, MARie/UCC

Paal Janson, Irish Marine Federation

Jenny Oates, WWF

Clare Reed, Marine Conservation Society

Kirsty Lindenbaum, Natural Resources Wales

John Hamer, Welsh Government

Patrick Cowdy, Welsh Government

Lucy Taylor, Severn Estuary Partnership

Emma McKinley, Cardiff University

Rhoda Ballinger, Cardiff University

RECENT ACTIVITIES



ISMF Stakeholder Workshop

**Future Celtic Seas
Collaboration**
13 July 2017
University of Liverpool

Sponsored by
Liverpool Institute for Sustainable
Coasts and Oceans



**National
Oceanography Centre**
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL



RECENT ACTIVITIES

2017 ISMF Key Stakeholder Review 1

- Continuing support for ISMF activities
- Involvement cant be too time-hungry
- Activities should be focussed around issues of direct/common concern
- Current Irish Sea focus very much supported but making wider connections where appropriate
- Current informal status of the forum is not a barrier to involvement

RECENT ACTIVITIES

2017 ISMF Key Stakeholder Review 2

Opportunities to extend ISMF activity:

- Convening of technical subgroups
- Coordinating Irish Sea region collaboration related to RTA-ANT Atlantic Region Network activities;
- Providing opportunities to debate implications of OSPAR assessments;
- Becoming a regional sea, Ecosystem Approach demonstrator linking to UNEP's WCMC Healthy Oceans work.
- Developing activities as a focus for Irish Sea related research and dissemination
- MSP related CPD
- Webinars
- *Short term opportunity for EMFF funding*

Plans for the Future

'Gearing up' by fostering a collaborative, polycentric and multifaceted approach to ISMF related activities across the Irish Sea region

E.g.

- Developing ISMF links with the Irish Sea Centre
- Accessing European Maritime and Fisheries Fund money for
 - Irish Sea CPD programme in Northern Ireland and England
 - SIMAtlantic linked project bid involving various ISMF partners
- January 2019 ISMF Biennial Conference in Cardiff
- 2020/21 ISMF Biennial Conference in Isle of Man
- Possibly linked to next ISMF Chair from Isle of Man



Plans for the Future

Some Key Words

- Realistic
- Pragmatic
- Flexible
- Adaptive
- Ambitious
- Creative
- Opportunistic
- Positive

