

ScotMER: A Perspective from MSS



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What's Worked Well

- Expert/ stakeholder participation & dialogue
- Evidence maps published online
- ScotMER evidence map relied upon by EU CEAF, ORJIP-OE, ORJIP-OW, OWSMRF, NERC, etc.
- ScotMER evidence maps delivered funding.
- Range of research projects delivered.

Challenges

- ScotMER ~ Regional Advisory Groups links
- Strategic research vs project-level post consent monitoring
- Multiple small projects (low hanging fruit?)
- Receptor silos = cross cutting approach/ projects
- Funding
- Demands of project management/ delivery

Future Priorities 1

- Key impact mechanisms:
 - Noise- piling & UXO - marine mammals, fish, invertebrates?
 - Displacement- birds, fisheries
 - Collision- birds
- Ensure don't ignore 'peripheral' issues until too late
- Cumulative/ in-combination effects
- Changing baseline- Climate Change, fisheries policies?
- Cross receptor interactions

Future Priorities 2

- New challenges – technologies, novel locations/ species/ issues
- Decommissioning
- Potential conflict with other users
- Data: standards, accessibility & effective use
- Benefits/ opportunities of OWF
- Mitigation/ compensation options

How can we better balance or manage strategic research and post consent monitoring requirements?



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