

The background of the entire slide is a deep blue underwater scene featuring several jellyfish. A large, translucent jellyfish with a pattern of small white spots on its bell is the central focus, swimming towards the left. Other smaller jellyfish are visible in the upper and lower corners, adding depth to the marine theme.

NORTH WEST MARINE ECOSYSTEM Pilot

An invitation to Collaborate

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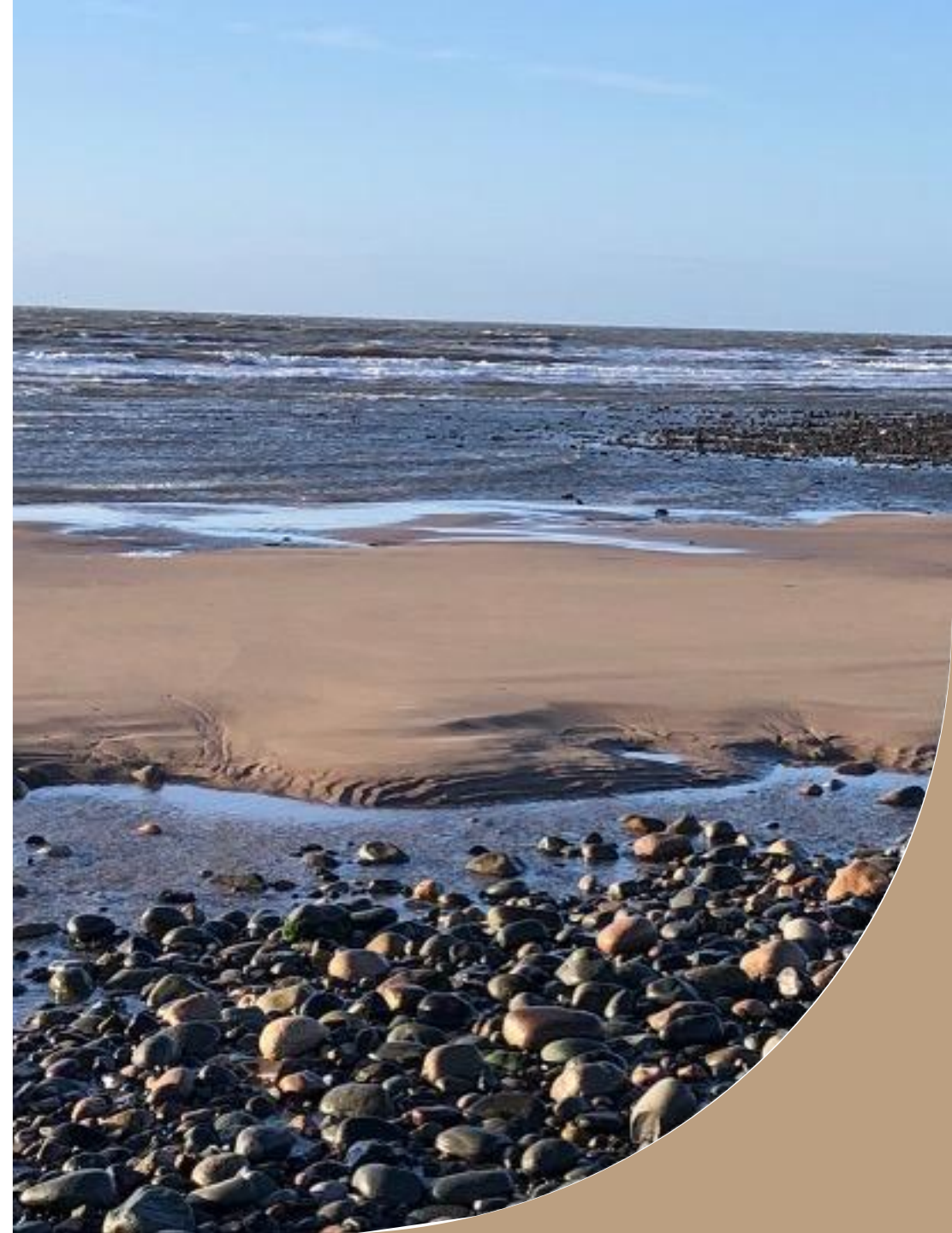
North West Marine Ecosystems



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New Initiative - NWME

- Funded by Defra through the (mNCEA) and managed by the EA.
- Initial work being taken forward by NWCF (Susannah, Caroline and Linn) with Wildlife Trusts (Georgia).
- Builds on the successful model of SW Marine Ecosystems which has been going for a decade, and East Marine Ecosystems which had its first conference in 2024.



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South-West Marine Ecosystems Communications

South-West Marine Ecosystems has been running since 2007 and has developed significantly since Covid.

SWME's main focus is to report on systems and their management in SWME covers include oceanography, seabirds, seals and whales and dolphin planning, protected areas, fisheries

SWME has sought through its development a wide range of the public, citizen and The communications have developed include webinars on all the topics, the SWME YouTube channel as well as the focus of the communication is to provide a Seas report which provide an early environment.

Networking – Building Connections and Outreach

You can keep in touch with the programme and activities of SWME by [signing up](#). Weekly mailings in the spring will keep you in touch with the webinar programme and the conference which is held in the spring.

Outreach through a variety of channels. Email, YouTube and other social media provide routes to communicating with over 1500 contacts in the south-west.

Social Media

[Facebook](#)

SWME Webinars

[Watch Webinars](#)

SWME Webinars take place in the spring and cover all the main thematic topics SWME is communicating.

Conference Details

[Programme](#)[Location Details](#)[Accommodation Details](#)[Book here using Eventbrite](#)

The 2025 Conference details will be available soon

State of the South-West Seas Annual Reports and Archive

[Annual Reports](#)[SWME Archive](#)

Observations & Recording Schemes

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South-West Marine Ecosystems Organisation

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SWME's main focus is to report on the annual changes in the natural marine systems and their management in the south-west. The thematic topics SWME covers include oceanography, plankton, the seabed and seashore, fish, seabirds, seals and whales and dolphins. The management themes include planning, protected areas, fisheries, water quality and plastic pollution.

SWME has sought through its developing communications to reach out to a wide range of the public, citizen and professional scientists and managers. The communications have developed beyond the annual conference to include webinars on all the topics, which are recorded and can be viewed on the SWME YouTube channel as well as other social media channels. The main focus of the communication is to produce an annual State of the South-West Seas report which provide an early warning of changes in the marine environment.

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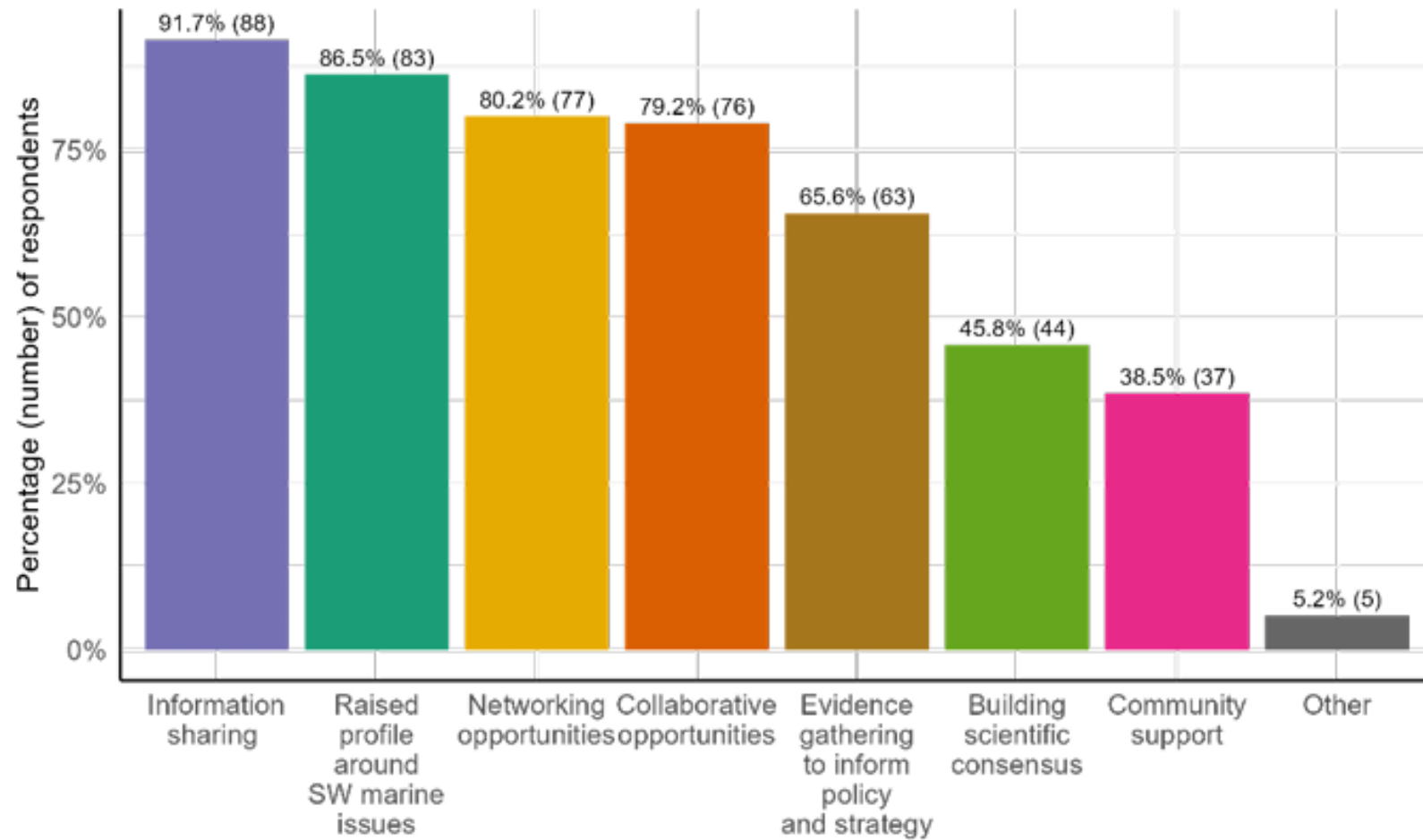
Benefits of Regional Marine Ecosystems

From survey of South West Marine Ecosystems

- Information sharing (92%)
- Raised profile for regional marine issues (87%)
- Opportunities for networking and collaboration (80%)



Benefits – from <https://swmecosystems.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Final-Report-SWME-Social-Science-Survey-Results.pdf>



Why do this?

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Raise profile of our Regional Sea.

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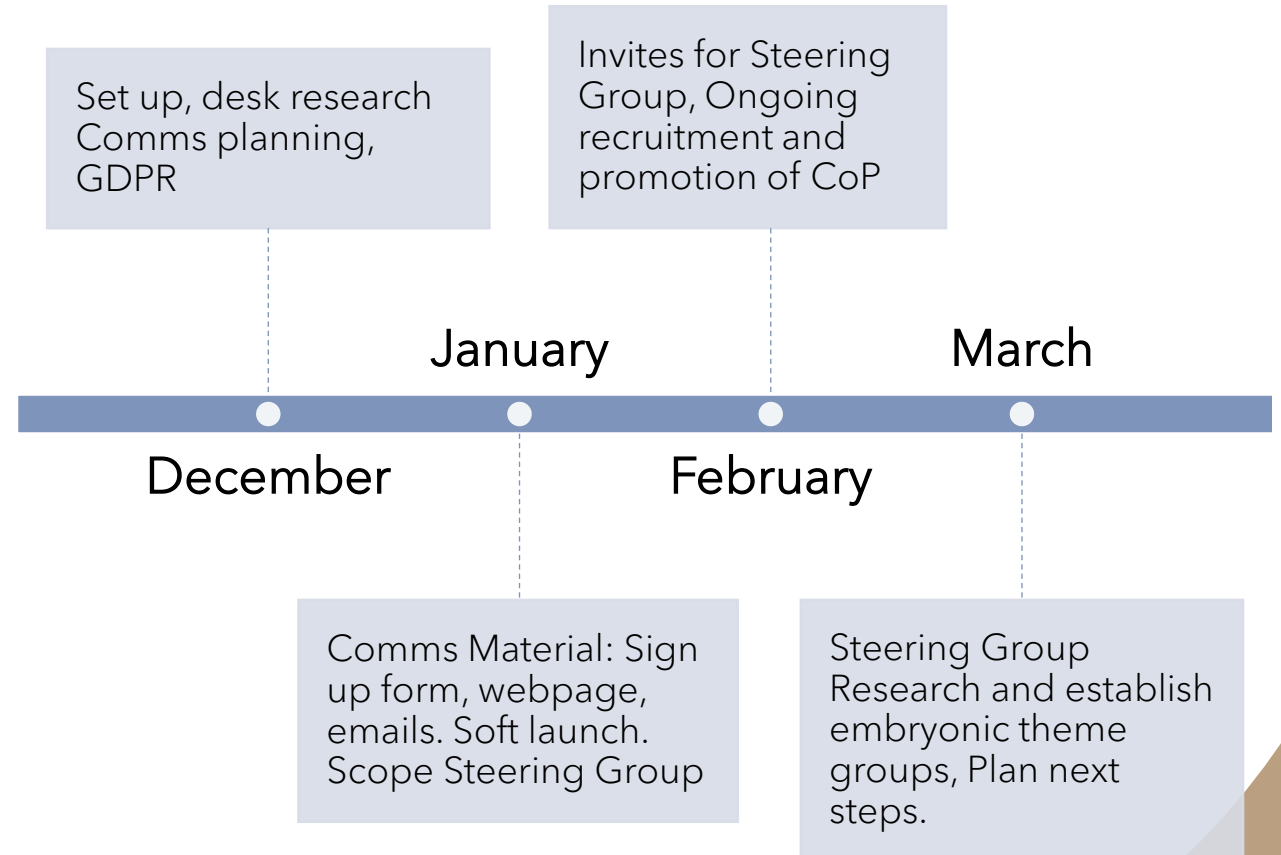
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Timeline – 2024 2025



Find out more

1. NWCF Web page:

link: <https://tinyurl.com/mw7bdnjv>

2. Microsoft Sign up form -

<https://forms.office.com/e/TWY4qa11yt>



NWME Sign Up

**Scan now
to sign up**





NW Marine Ecosystem Pilot Sign Up

Please complete to join the mailing list for the NW Marine Ecosystem pilot.

NW Marine Ecosystem pilot

Are you passionate about the future of our regional sea and marine environment? The North West Marine Ecosystems (NWME) pilot is an exciting new initiative to improve our understanding of marine and coastal ecosystems in the region. By bringing together academics, citizen scientists, and coastal and marine professionals, we aim to build a community dedicated to advancing marine research and management.

1. Name *

Enter your answer

2. Email *

Enter your answer

3. Organisation, if applicable

Enter your answer

4. Please indicate if you are **interested*** in the following - you may choose as many as you like.
* Question 5 which follows asks if you have data or expertise in any of these.

☐ Plastic pollution and litter

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☐ Marine ecology

☐ Habitat Restoration

☐ Birds

☐ Water quality

☐ Fish

☐ Radioactive pollution

☐ Energy and development

☐ Plankton

☐ Conservation and MPAs

☐ Oceanography

☐ Other

Initial Tasks NWME

- Promote the opportunity
- Invite collaborations and participants for NWME
- Find members for themed workshops
- Preparation for first Conference
 - likely June 2025
- Steering group for the initiative



Steering Group

- Anticipate mix of academics, citizen scientists and coastal and marine professionals.
- Speak up if you see you have a role
- Susannah@SBleakley.com



Potential Steering Group Players

- ❖ Environment Agency, ReMeMaRe, other?
- ❖ Wildlife Trusts
- ❖ NW Coastal Forum, ?Other Coastal Partnership
- ❖ Natural England
- ❖ MMO
- ❖ IFCA
- ❖ Universities, Liverpool NOC, MMU, Lancaster, Salford, Univ of Cumbria, Bangor
- ❖ Record Centres?
- ❖ MCS, RSPB, British Diver Marine Life Rescue
- ❖ Rivers Trusts
- ❖ Citizen Scientists – Cetaceans, Plankton, Birds etc.
- ❖ Commercial – Duchy, Ports, Windfarms, Sellafield?



Mid Term

- Running an annual* Conference on the State of the Regional Sea
- Facilitate an annual* report on the State of the Regional Sea

* Or every two years



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