

# The State of South-West Seas in 2023 Conference - April 26<sup>th</sup> Plymouth Marine Laboratory

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## Programme

### Aim

To report on the state of south-west seas in 2023 and build the relationships between leading stakeholders who are engaged in understanding and managing these.

**Book here:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/south-west-marine-ecosystems-conference-2024-tickets-818624928197>

### Programme

8.30 Doors open, refreshment and registration

9.30 Welcome to PML & the conference Icarus Allen, Director Plymouth Marine Laboratory

Session 1 Chair: Matt Frost PML

9.35 SWME: Annual reporting at a region scale & building communities and relationships Bob Earl

9.50 Oceanography Tim Smyth PML

10.10 Plankton Angus Atkinson PML & Jeanette Sanders, Seadream Environment

10.30 Seabed and seashore Keith Hiscock MBA

10.50 Fish & Reptiles Doug Herdson

11.10 Measuring SWME's Benefits, Impacts & Outreach – Abigail McQuatters-Gollop  
Plymouth University

11.25 Discussion of the relationships and interactions between thematic topics

11.45 – 12.30 First break (40 mins) Sandwiches and refreshments

Session 2 Chair: Martin Attrill, Plymouth University

12.30 Marine & coastal birds Alex Banks

12.50 Seals Sue Sayer Seal Research Trust

13.10 Cetaceans Duncan Jones, Marine Discovery & Dan Jarvis BDMLR

13.30 Marine planning & development in the South-West Mae Van Loef MMO

13.50 Discussion of the relationships between topics

14.10 – 14.50 Second Break (40 mins) Cakes and refreshments

Session 3 Chair: Guy Baker Marine Biological Association

14.50 Floating offshore wind in the Celtic Seas Alex Banks (Natural England) *lead* preparing

15.10 Fisheries Libby West Natural England

15.30 Water Quality Steph Harper-Chung Devon Maritime Forum

15.50 Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter Dan Wilson Exeter University – Penryn Campus

16.10 Marine protected Areas Carli Cocciardi Devon Wildlife Trust

16.30 Discussion of relationships between topics

16.50 Break

17.05 Film: *Safeguarding our seas: Lessons from Lundy - Film [30 mins] and discussion.*

Lead Sam Fanshawe, Blue Marine Foundation

18.05 Wine Reception sponsored by the Blue Marine Foundation

18.50 Close