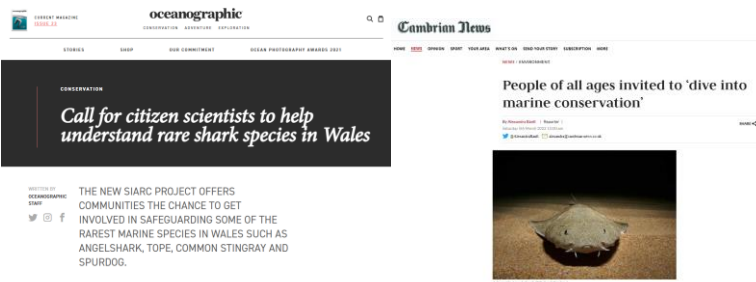




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Key Highlights

February 23rd 2022 Project SIARC was officially launched via a [press release](#). The release was shared across social media and picked up by local newspapers a range of online articles and 277,550 .



The Project SIARC digital identity and [website](#) was created. The website provides an overview of the project and associated work packages long with how you can get involved with the project.



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Fisher Engagement

- Project team attended the Angling Cymru Sea Anglers AGM to share findings from Angel Shark Project: Wales and opportunities to be involved with Project SIARC.
- Two Angelshark records reported to the project.



Diversity & Inclusion

- Internal core team meeting organised to focus on how diversity and inclusion would be embedded throughout all Project SIARC work packages.



Baited Remote Underwater Video Systems (BRUVs) & Instant Wild

- BRUVs arrived and survey design was updated for surveys in May, July and September.
- InstantWild portal translated into Welsh.



eDNA surveys

- Bangor University produced a report on the hydrodynamic model and tracer modelling for the Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries Special Area of Conservation (CBAE SAC).
- First of the monthly eDNA surveys completed at 10 sites around the CBAE SAC.



Citizen Scientists

- North Wales Wildlife Trust (NWWT) completed online archive training for 9 citizen scientists.
- Bi-lingual eggcase ID posted printed and shared online and at events.
- 7 eggcase hunts run in North Wales by the NWWT.



Analysis

- Manuscript summarising data collected on Angelsharks in Wales since 2018 re-submitted to the Journal of Fish Biology.

School Engagement

- Swansea University completed 3D printing workshops with 9 schools and completed the initial training with teachers around the CBAE.
- 150 schoolchildren have been involved in the 3D printing



Wider Engagement

- Project SIARC website was launched on February 23rd with a press release that reached over 277,550 individuals.
- 7 articles were shared online and the project was featured on 2 radio stations.
- Social media reached 72,769 accounts.



Research Group

- Call for researchers to get involved to be part of the Welsh elasmobranch research group.



Dissection events

- An Angelshark dissection event involving the examination of two Angelsharks, was hosted at Aberystwyth School of Veterinary Science (ASVS) in collaboration with the Cetacean Stranding Investigation Programme (CSIP) in March 2022.



Project Management

- Monitoring and Evaluation (MEL) plan finalised.

Approved Purposes (NNF and NLHF)	Progress
Develop a monitoring plan appropriate for the site and project to enable evaluation of project against specified outcomes.	Green
CS data collection (e.g. eggcase hunts).	Green
Creation of full-time temporary ZSL jobs in Wales; including Project Assistant, Project Administrator and Project Research Assistant.	Green
“Meet the scientist” school engagement sessions.	Red
Welsh language mini documentary on project, species and areas of focus.	Red
Active diversity and inclusion consultation: interviews and key group discussion.	Yellow
3D species printing school engagement sessions (7-13 year olds).	Yellow
Website and social media development for wider impact.	Yellow
Baited Remote Underwater Video to capture around 350 hours of footage.	Red
Angelshark dissection events.	Yellow
CS training to be uploaded to “Instant Wild” platform.	Red
Welsh translations of Instant Wild platform.	Green
Project Evaluation.	Yellow

