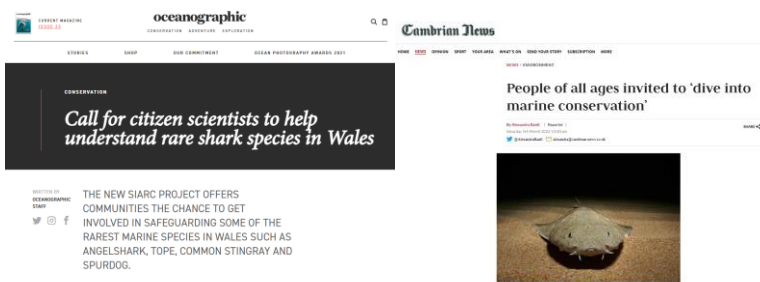




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## Key Highlights

February 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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   |

