

Key Highlights

Two day equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) event was held in Bangor bringing together project partners and local community members where 28 people attended.



Angel Shark Project: Wales has been shortlisted as one of the three finalists in the Environment category of this year's St David Awards, the national awards of Wales.



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Fisher Engagement

- Bilingual pocket ID guide printed for 27 elasmobranchs found in Welsh waters.



Diversity & Inclusion

- Two day equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) event was ran in Bangor bringing together project partners and local community members.
- Project SIARC EDI strategy drafted following the workshop.



Baited Remote Underwater Video Systems (BRUVs) & Instant Wild

- 143 hours of BRUVS footage were analysed where a total of 66 species were identified of which five were elasmobranchs (sharks, skates and rays), including spotted ray, small spotted catshark, nursehound, tope and one rajidae species that couldn't be identified to species level.



eDNA surveys

- 42 eDNA samples filtered during February, the final month of the 12 months sampling around the Carmarthen Bay & Estuaries SAC.
- Bangor University completed the eDNA dispersal modelling for 10 sample months for all 10 sites in CBAE



Citizen Scientists

- Two eggcase hunts completed with 15 attendees
- Great Easter Eggcase hunt organised in North Wales for April 12th 2023.



Analysis

- Project SIARC Research Assistant groups the fisher-led factors of how fisheries have changed in Wales under three themes (socio-economic, ecological, and legislative drivers)

School Engagement

- Six meet the scientist sessions completed with an estimated 178 students engaged.
- Short video created to highlight the 3D printing completed by 10 schools around CBAE.



Wider Engagement

- BBC Radio Wales interview for 'Y Fory Newydd'
- Social media reached 39,041 accounts.
- Great Eggcase Hunt Summer infographic produced by The Shark Trust



Research Group



Dissection events

- Stomach content analysis has been conducted by Cefas
- 22 samples were sent for Stable Isotope Analysis at Queen Mary University of London (QMUL)



Project Management

- All Project SIARC Phase 1 reports and infographics drafted in collaboration with partners, to showcase the results of the project to date

Approved Purposes (NNF and NLHF)

Progress

Develop a monitoring plan appropriate for the site and project to enable evaluation of project against specified outcomes.

CS data collection (e.g. eggcase hunts).

Creation of full-time temporary ZSL jobs in Wales; including Project Assistant, Project Administrator and Project Research Assistant.

"Meet the scientist" school engagement sessions.

Active diversity and inclusion consultation: interviews and key group discussion.

3D species printing school engagement sessions (7-13 year olds).

Website and social media development for wider impact.

Baited Remote Underwater Video to capture around 350 hours of footage.

Angelshark dissection events.

CS training to be uploaded to "Instant Wild" platform.

Welsh translations of Instant Wild platform.

Project Evaluation.

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NNF ONLY = All public facing materials including signage and interpretation to be produced in both English and Welsh.

NNF ONLY = Participate in the evaluation of the Nature Networks Fund.

