



Mewn Partneriaeth â
Llywodraeth Cymru
In Partnership with
Welsh Government

Key Highlights

Project SIARC filmed with Lizzie Daly for a piece on BBC's the One Show about the use of Baited Remote Underwater systems (BRUVS) surveys. The feature to be aired in 2024.



Project SIARC team attended the European Elasmobranch Association conference in Brighton. Where Project SIARC gave three presentations.



PROJECT REPORT 2: Aug - Nov 2023



Fisher Partnerships

- Attended South Wales Sea Anglers Open Competition in Cardiff.
- Continued development of fisher youth opportunity.



Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) community officer recruited and continuing to develop project EDI network.
- EDI strategy draft development continued.



Baited Remote Underwater Video Systems (BRUVs) & Instant Wild

- 23 BRUVS were deployed within the Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau Special Area of Conservation.
- Project SIARC on Instant Wild was promoted on SciStarter where their e-newsletter was sent out to ~67,000 participants.



School Engagement

- Meet the scientist sessions being organised for the next school term in 2024.



Citizen Scientists

- 45 people took part in on-shore eggcase hunt events and new methods trialled.
- Eggcase identification VR app was showcased at the Swansea Science festival.



Analysis

- Project SIARC team attended the European Elasmobranch Association conference in Brighton where the team gave three presentations, entitled:
 - Enabling a wider range of people to engage with marine conservation using elasmobranchs in Wales.
 - Detecting the presence of elasmobranchs in Wales using environmental DNA.
 - Below the surface of the Welsh coast using BRUVS.



Wider Engagement

- Social media reached 56,631 accounts.
- BRUVS feature filmed for BBC's the One Show.
- Project SIARC attended the Eisteddfod.
- e-newsletter sent out, sign up [here](#) to keep up to date



Research Group

- Research group meeting was held online in October where 17 people attended.



Dissection events

- Two Angelsharks and one tope were recovered and exchanged with CSIP for future dissections.



Project Management

- No updates

Approved Purposes (NNF)	Progress
FISHER PARTNERSHIP - PS co-designed with fishers and their associations or clubs, through strengthened and diversified working relationships.	
ADDRESSING DATA GAPS - Priority data gaps on how elasmobranchs use protected features in two SACs are filled; data used in NRW advice and decision-making, in close collaboration with fishers.	
EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION - Understanding of diverse perspectives used to overcome barriers to participation and achieve greater equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in Welsh marine conservation.	
ENABLING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT - A wider demographic access the marine environment in Wales using virtual reality, GEH activities and Instant Wild	
INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION - Schoolchildren from diverse backgrounds achieve learning outcomes on sustainability and the natural world and demonstrate confidence in digital technologies.	
SHOWCASING WALES' MARINE ENVIRONMENT - A greater diversity of communities in Wales learn about the marine environment, using elasmobranchs as a flagship in bilingual communications.	

