



Mewn Partneriaeth â
Llywodraeth Cymru
In Partnership with
Welsh Government

ON THE EDGE



KEY HIGHLIGHTS



We co-designed and delivered 'Môr a Thonnau Pwllheli' (a weekend of events focused on local coast, seas and cultural heritage) with Ffrindiau Pwllheli and local councillors alongside five other organisations. Bringing together information stalls, arts activities, talks, walks and the great eggcase hunt with ~90 distinct visitors across the weekend.



To finalise the co-development of the Young Fisher internship, a workshop was held at Porthmadog Golf Club. Two charter skippers, one commercial fisher and one fisher association (Angling Cymru Sea Anglers) attended, along with staff from the North Wales Wildlife Trust and Bangor University.

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FISHER PARTNERSHIPS



- Two angelshark records from Cardigan Bay and one juvenile (30cm) angelshark record from Caernarfon Bay were shared by fishers to the project.
- Two blue skate records were shared from Cardiff and Swansea Bay. All records were added to our sightings database.



EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

- Design work for publication of the EDI Review and Action plan documents is now underway.



BAITED REMOTE UNDERWATER VIDEO SYSTEMS (BRUVS) & INSTANT WILD

- 48 BRUVS were deployed within the Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau Special Area of Conservation, and 85 new BRUVS video clips have been sent to partners Blue Abacus for analysis.
- 16 new video clips were successfully uploaded to the [Instant Wild platform](#).



SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

- Four Meet the Scientist sessions were completed with schools in Neath Port Talbot as part of the 3D printing outreach programme. Three of these schools completed their 3D displays at the National Botanic Gardens of Wales.



CITIZEN SCIENCE

- 98 people took part in seven eggcase hunt events within the Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau Special Area of Conservation



ANALYSIS

- Three scientific papers, focused on BRUVS, Environmental DNA (eDNA) and fisher perspectives of how fisheries have changed in Wales, were submitted to scientific journals and are currently in review.

WIDER ENGAGEMENT

- Social media reached 27,949 accounts.
- Two online pieces published - [‘Ideas for Building Nature Connectedness - Insights From The Outdoor Connection’](#) and an [article](#) in the Cambrian News
- Autumn e-newsletter sent out, sign up [here](#) to keep up to date



RESEARCH GROUP

- No Updates



DISSECTION EVENTS

- Dissection of two angelsharks planned to be completed in December at ZSL.



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.	

