



STRUCTURES IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT 2025

Dear Colleagues,

The INSITE Programme and OCF are pleased to announce that the 2025 Structures in the Marine Environment (SIME) conference will be held once again at the [National Museums of Scotland](#), Edinburgh on 23rd - 24th June 2025. Please register to secure your place and submit your abstracts by following the instructions below.

Join us on **Day 1 (23rd June)** to hear about research from a variety of subject areas centred around the Value of Marine Artificial Structures (MAS). Abstract submission will be open until the 28th of April. Please submit your abstracts for the following four sessions:

1. **Long-term effects of contaminants in sediments (abstract submission open);**
2. **Estimating biomass associated with structures (abstract submission open);**
3. **Social Attitudes to Marine Artificial Structures (abstract submission open);**
4. **Monitoring, Evidence and Innovation Surrounding Marine Artificial Structures and Decommissioning (abstract submission open).**

On **Day 2 (24th June)** meet science/policy experts for talks, panel discussions and a workshop about sustainable management of Marine Artificial Structures, considering the value of biodiversity and nature associated with the structures, as well as the pressing issues relating to their future decommissioning...and beyond. Day 2 sessions include:

5. **Can ecological values of MAS be considered for biodiversity conservation?**
Speakers: JNCC, The Rich North Sea, University of Edinburgh and Nature Scot.
6. **How can we best decommission our MAS?**
Speakers: BP, NSTA and Eco-Effective strategies.

There will also be a workshop 1400-1600 on Day 2 of the conference.

Workshop: Desired decommissioning outcomes for the North Sea.

Aim: To identify decommissioning outcomes for Marine Artificial Structures that are desirable for the environment, economy and society, from across different sectors, including: Government and Non-Government Organisations, Industry and Academia (outputs to be shared with attendees).

Look out for the full SIME programme on Friday, 9th May.

Please feel free to share.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes,
INSITE and OCF