

# Conference: Restoring Estuarine and Coastal Habitats in the North East Atlantic (REACH North East Atlantic)

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Our near shore seas and estuaries in the North East Atlantic have been transformed by human activity with significant losses of key habitats and the services they once provided. We have the capability to reverse some of these changes and there is growing interest in, and examples of, habitat restoration.

The REACH North East Atlantic conference brings together experts from academia, government, NGOs and industry to recognise what we have lost, develop an understanding of what we can do and inspire the restoration of estuarine and coastal habitats. The conference will consider the following:

**Past:** Where have we come from? What estuarine and coastal habitats did we have? What benefits did they provide?

**Present:** Where are we now? What do our estuarine and coastal seas look like today? What are we doing now to restore them? What best practice and lessons learned can we share?

**Future:** Where are we going? What are the challenges for restoration in the nearshore environment and what habitats are suitable for practical restoration? What could our estuaries and coastal seas look like? What opportunities do we have to restore them? What happens if we don't? What innovative financial mechanisms are there to fund restoration and what are the regulatory challenges going forward?

If you would like to discuss the conference please e-mail Roger Proudfoot the conference organiser at:  
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## Host:

- Roger Proudfoot, Environment Agency

## Chairs:

- Dr Matt Frost, Marine Biological Association
- Dr Julia Stigwart, Queens University, Belfast
- Professor Colin Moffat, Marine Science Scotland

## Confirmed speakers include:

- Tony Juniper, Natural England
- Emma Howard Boyd, Environment Agency
- Prof Pete Fox, Environment Agency
- Prof Callum Roberts, University of York
- Dr Mike Best, Environment Agency
- Dr Richard Unsworth, Swansea University
- Ralph Chami, International Monetary Fund
- Jenny Oates, WWF
- Dr Aisling Lannin, Marine Management Organisation
- Rachael Hill, Environment Agency
- Dr Tiziana Luisetti, Cefas
- Dr Bill Sanderson, Heriot-Watt University

