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## MESSAGES FROM ECSA / ECSA EVENTS

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### ECSA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebratory Publication – Call for abstracts

ECSA celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2021. To mark this milestone event, we will publish an edited volume, provisionally entitled "**Challenges in Estuarine & Coastal Science**".

The book will provide an opportunity for well-established researchers and practitioners to review concisely the current state of one aspect of the field of estuarine and coastal sciences and reflect on future challenges and priorities. Abstracts for chapter contributions are invited.

Each contribution should address a subject of widespread general significance in estuarine, coastal or shelf science and/or related policy issues. Perspectives from particular biogeographic regions are welcome provided the focus is on matters of international significance.

**Abstracts of a maximum of 350 words should be submitted via email to Prof John Humphreys at [jhc@jhc.co](mailto:jhc@jhc.co) by 18 December 2020.** Sponsoring and institutional members of ECSA are welcome to submit abstracts for several chapters.

Successful authors will be informed by 3 January 2021 and asked to submit chapters of 3000-4000 words plus figures by 30 April for publication later in the year.

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### 2020 ECSA Focus meeting, India (online)

Date: **19-21 November 2021**

Event title: **ECSA Focus Meeting - Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem: Synergies for Fishery Potential**

A virtual ECSA Focus Meeting/ International Conference on "Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem: Synergies for Fishery Potential (CMESFP-2020)" is being organised by the University of Kerala in Thiruvananthapuram, India, on 19-21 November 2020.

#### Conference Themes:

- Biogeochemistry and biology of the mangrove ecosystem
- Restoration and conservation of the mangrove ecosystem
- Mangrove-associated fishery potential and its strategies

#### Invited speakers:

- PD. Dr Tim Jennerjahn, Working group in Ecological Biogeochemistry, Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research, Germany
- Prof. (Dr) K. Kathiresan, Centre of Advanced Study in Marine Biology, Annamalai University, India
- Dr Sambhu Chidambaran, Professor in Aquaculture, King Abdul Aziz University, Saudi Arabia
- Dr Muhamed Jafer Palot, Zoological Survey of India
- Mr Anandan Pokkudan, Kallen Pokkudan Mangrove Tree Trust, India

[Register here.](#)

#### Registration fees:

- Within India (INR): attendance only fee (250); attendance and paper presentation fee (500)
- Outside India (USD): attendance only fee (10); attendance and paper presentation fee (20)

The conference will be held on the Google Meet Platform. A link for joining the conference will be sent to registered participants.

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**SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS (2020-2021)**  
**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON**  
**CONSERVATION OF MANGROVE ECOSYSTEM:**  
**SYNERGIES FOR FISHERY POTENTIAL (CMESFP-2020)**  
**FOCUS MEETING OF**  
**ESTUARINE & COASTAL SCIENCES ASSOCIATION (ECSA)**  
**Date: 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2020**

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E-Certificates will be provided for the registered participants  
Selected papers will be published in an E-proceedings with ISBN

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## 2021 ECSA Focus meeting, Plymouth

Date: 27-29 April 2021

Event title: ECSA Focus Meeting - From catchment to coast with an emphasis on the estuaries and coastal waters of SW England.

We are pleased to announce that this meeting, originally planned for Spring 2020, has been rearranged for April 2021 at the Plymouth Marine Laboratory, Plymouth, UK.

The event will cover a wide range of topics, including physical processes (sediments, waves and currents), remote sensing, biogeochemical processes (and interactions), ecology, conservation, management and modelling. There will be a session dedicated to the cycling and transport of carbon and nutrients within river and estuarine systems and sessions focussed on the coastal ocean.

Offers of poster presentations for the meeting will be welcome (please state if you would also wish to present your work orally should the opportunity arise). If you would like to present work at the meeting, please send a brief abstract in Word format (title, authors, affiliations, and text – maximum 250 words) together with your completed registration form to the ECSA Focus Meetings' organiser [Andrew Wither](#).

Further information including registration details will be posted on the [ECSA website](#) shortly. In the interim if you have any queries about this meeting please contact Andrew Wither on [awith@noc.ac.uk](mailto:awith@noc.ac.uk).

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## **ECSA 58 - EMECS 13, September 2021 – Call for Abstracts**



**ECSA 58 - EMECS 13: Estuaries and coastal seas in the Anthropocene – Structure, functions, services and management**  
**6-10 September 2021, Hull, UK.**

Oral and poster abstracts are invited for submission **by 9 April 2021**.

[Abstract submission guidelines](#)

Successfully submitted abstracts will be acknowledged with an electronic receipt including an abstract reference number, which should be quoted in all correspondence. Allow at least 2 hours for your receipt to be returned to you. Once the paper is accepted, at least one of the authors must register for the conference and present the paper at the conference. Abstracts of all accepted contributions will be included within the online abstract system which will be distributed to all registered conference participants.

### **For revisions or queries regarding papers already submitted**

If you do not receive acknowledgement for your abstract submission or you wish to make any essential revisions to an abstract already submitted, please **DO NOT RESUBMIT** your abstract, as this may lead to duplication. Please contact the Conference Content Executive with details of any revisions or queries. Please quote your reference number if you have one.

Find more information [here](#).

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## Discounted rate for ECSA members at Ocean Recovery online conference, January 2021

ECSA is one of the sponsors for the Coastal Futures - Ocean Recovery online conference on 19th-21st January 2021 - see details below. Students may register at a rate of £30. *Please note that ECSA members are entitled to the discount rate.*

Please follow the conference links for information and registration.



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### Ocean Recovery - Online Conference

Diary Date: [January 19-21, 2021](#)

The organisers of the **Coastal Futures** and **Restoring Estuarine and Coastal Habitats (REACH)** conferences have joined with **World Wildlife Fund-UK** and **Sky Ocean Rescue** to develop a major online conference.

**The Programme has been Published:** [The full programme can be accessed at this link.](#)

There will be 15 sessions and six keynotes covering a wide range of major themes that relate to the way we are intending to restore and recover our coastal and marine environment - see below

**Sponsorship:** A sponsorship package has been developed incorporating many routine as well as new online opportunities - please contact [bob.earll@coastms.co.uk](mailto:bob.earll@coastms.co.uk) if you would like details.

#### Thanks to our Sponsors:

[WWF-Sky Ocean Rescue](#) | [Environment Agency](#) | [ABPmer](#) | [Blue Marine Foundation](#) | [ECSA](#)  
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**Booking is Open:** To book to register for the event [click here](#)

The [programme can be accessed here](#)

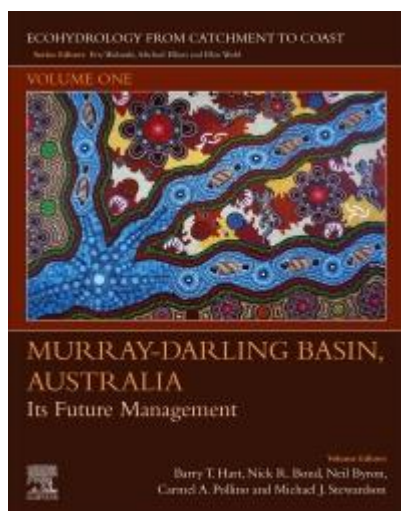
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## OTHER FEATURES/EVENTS OF INTEREST

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### New Elsevier book series "Ecohydrology from Catchment to Coast"



Prof Eric Wolanski (FEC Academy member, JCU, Australia), Prof Mike Elliott (FEC Vice Chair-elect, University of Hull, UK) and Prof Ellen Wohl (State University of Colorado, USA) are launching a new Elsevier book series "Ecohydrology from Catchment to Coast". The first book of the series is in press now; its focus is on the Murray-Darling River in Australia.

The next volume will be about the Nile River in Africa (from its sources in Rwanda and Ethiopia to the Mediterranean Sea), and the third book will be about the Mekong River (from the mountains in China to the sea).

Find more information [here](#).

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### IMMERSE Transnational Estuary Exchange Lab (TEEL), November 2020 (online)

IMMERSE aims to accelerate the implementation of large-scale measures that address multiple estuary management challenges, while increasing their cost-efficiency and enhancing stakeholder commitment. More information is available on the project website: <https://northsearegion.eu/immerse/>

In order to advance development and transfer of solutions across estuaries in the North Sea Region, IMMERSE is organizing a Transnational Estuary Exchange Lab (TEEL) on the topic of **sediment management in estuaries and estuary governance structures and processes**. **This event will be held online on 24 November 2020**. Presentations and discussions will focus the development of innovative methods and how sediment management strategies can contribute to improving the quality of estuarine systems. This event was originally planned in person for April 2020, and the programme has been adapted to an online format using audience interaction tools and interactive discussions to share transnational knowledge and experiences.

A [draft programme](#) is available on the event page and attached. The day will be organized around three sessions:

**Introductory session: 'Transnational Estuary Exchange: Introducing IMMERSE and the Eems-Dollard estuary': 9:30 - 10:30**

[REGISTER HERE FOR INTRODUCTORY SESSION](#)

**Breakout session I: 'What works in sustainable sediment management strategies?': 11:00 - 13:00**

[REGISTER HERE FOR BREAKOUT I](#)

**Breakout session II: 'Estuary Governance Structures and Processes': 14:00 - 16:00**

[REGISTER HERE FOR BREAKOUT II](#)

**NOTE:** All participants **are encouraged to attend the introductory session**, which will 'set the scene' for the breakout sessions, as well as demonstrate the audience interaction tools. Participants should also **register for one or both of the breakout sessions** using the links above.

This is the second in a series of region-wide events organized by the IMMERSE project. Information and outcomes from the 1st TEEL, held in June 2019, are available [here](#).

The IMMERSE project partners invite you or your relevant colleagues to participate and help expand the North Sea Region's knowledge on sustainable estuary management. More information is available on the [event page](#).

We hope you and/or colleagues can attend and share your valuable knowledge and experience. Please contact Clare Waldmann (cw@sustainable-projects.eu) if you have any questions, and feel free to share with others.

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## Other Upcoming Events 2020-2021

**Coastal Communities Adapting Together Exchanging Knowledge and Best Practice Across Borders: 17 - 19 November 2020 | virtual event.** Join the Coastal Communities Adapting Together (CCAT) project for this online event hosted by Fingal County Council and Cardiff University that will bring together a diverse range of practitioners and academics with expertise in policy making, coastal management, climate change adaptation, community engagement and more. [Read more here](#).

**Our Game Changers Event: 18-19 November 2020 | virtual event.** A virtual 2-day event, initiated by Dialogue Matters and the Society for the Environment (SocEnv), to inspire and motivate professional environmentalists. [Read more and find out how to join the event here](#).

**OceanGov Final Conference: 19-20 November 2020 | virtual event.** EU COST-Action OceanGov is coming to an end: Join in for the Ocean Governance for Sustainability Virtual Conference, where the network will reflect on the EU's ocean agenda over the past years, by bringing together contributions on a range of pressing ocean governance issues in the European context. The conference does not aim to only summarize and present the discussions within the COST-funded network over the past four years, but instead places the emphasis on upcoming, hot and most challenging topics of academic scholarship and policy-making in the field of governing our oceans! Read more and find out how to register [here](#).

**Conference: SEA of Solutions 2020: 24 - 26 November 2020 | virtual/Bangkok, Thailand.** SEA of Solutions is an annually occurring partnership event towards solving plastic pollution at source, convened by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA), through the SEA circular project supported by the Government of Sweden. Find out more [here](#).

**10<sup>th</sup> Pacific Island Nature Conservation and Protected Areas conference: 24-27 November 2020 | virtual event.** The Nature Conservation and Protected Areas conference is an event involving conference of government agencies, NGOs, community-based organisations, donor agencies and individual experts concerned with conservation science and practice in the Pacific islands region. Find more information and updates [here](#).

**2020 Academic Symposium on Tourism Transformations: 28 November 2020 | hybrid event.** Theme: Tourism Transformations: Resilient Islands and Revitalized Communities. Carolin Funck, Rie Usui (Hiroshima University, Japan), Alan A. Lew (Northern Arizona University, USA), Joseph M. Cheer (Wakayama University). For more information and to find out how to register read more [here](#).

**Coastal Futures/ REACH. Save the Date – January 19th-21st 2021.** Theme: Ocean Recovery. More information coming November 2020. Email [bob.earll@coastms.co.uk](mailto:bob.earll@coastms.co.uk) with suggestions about the conference.

**13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Biogeochemistry of Wetlands: 22-25 March 2021 | virtual event.** This international symposium provides a framework for scientists to share technical information on various topics related to coupled biogeochemical cycling of macro-elements and associated organic and inorganic contaminants. Abstract submission deadline is **20 November 2020**. Find more information and updates [here](#).

**International Coastal Symposium (ICS2020): Postponed to 3-6 May 2021 | Seville, Spain.** The symposium, will be hosted by the Coastal Environments Research Group, Universidad Pablo de Olavide de Sevilla, under the auspices of the Coastal Education and Research Foundation (CERF) and the Journal of Coastal Research (JCR). Find more information and updates [here](#).

**52<sup>nd</sup> Liège Colloquium on Ocean Dynamics: Postponed to 17-21 May 2021 | Liège Belgium.** ‘Towards understanding and assessing human impacts on coastal marine environments’, the colloquium will gather an interdisciplinary community of scientists to obtain an overview of the progress in our capabilities to understand, monitor and forecast the impact of human activities on coastal marine environments to guarantee a productive and healthy system as requested by the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive and the UN Sustainable Development Goal 14. Find more information and updates [here](#).

**14<sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium (ICRS 2021): 18 – 23 July 2021 | hybrid event, Bremen, Germany.** ICRS 2021 is the primary international conference on coral reef science, conservation and management, bringing together leading scientists, early career researchers, conservationists, ocean experts, policy makers, managers and the public. Find more information and updates [here](#).

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## FELLOWSHIPS/JOB POSITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

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### Postdoc on Ocean Equity and Blue Economy Analogues, University of British Columbia



The **Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries at the University of British Columbia** invites applications for a **Postdoctoral Fellow** to work with the Nippon Foundation Ocean Nexus Center for research on the **equity outcomes of ocean development**.

This position is for one year, renewable for a second year, with start date between November 2020 and January 2021.

This position is part of an international and interdisciplinary research collaboration on the Blue Economy, its implications for future ocean policy, and the challenges and opportunities of ensuring that sustainable economic development fully considers social equity and cultural and political contexts and goals.

The application deadline is **20 November 2020** but will be extended if a suitable candidate has not been found. Please find more information [here](#).

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### Job Vacancies (UK)



#### **Project Officer – SSQC**

Location: Port Arthur, Scalloway, Shetland, Shetland Isles, ZE1 0UN

Closing date for applications: 30 November 2020

Contract details: Fixed term contract, with an estimated start date of January 2021. Normal hours of work are 35 per week, and salary level is £25,531.74.

Job description: SSQC is an independent quality assurance organisation that provides specialist, time critical services to both public and private sector clients. As part of this service we operate laboratory services, and



undertake microbiological analysis including accredited tests on food, water and environmental samples, providing services to meet quality assurance and legislative requirements. Our company has secured funding from the European Maritime Fisheries Fund, to undertake a three year research project, to trial a new microbiological monitoring programme for Shetland mussels. We therefore wish to recruit a Project Officer to develop testing methods, undertaking testing, and record and interpret results. Applicants should be educated to degree level and have previous experience of working in a laboratory environment. Experience of PCR testing and MPN and/or impedance methods are also desirable. This post will involve weekend working, and sample collection, therefore a full clean driving licence is essential.

For more information and to apply: please contact Diana Abernethy, SSQC, Port Arthur, Scalloway, Shetland ZE1 0UN. Tel: 01595 772407 Email [diana@ssqc.co.uk](mailto:diana@ssqc.co.uk)



**Environmental Manager (Compensation Lead) – Ørsted**

Location: London, UK

Closing date for applications: 22 November 2020

Contract details: Permanent, Full time, Part time/Job Share

Job description: Ørsted is a global leader in offshore wind energy and ranked the world's most sustainable company. Join us in this role where you'll help our Group develop world-class solutions to the challenges presented by UK consenting and ensure that we can continue to lead the industry conversation on compensation and derogation in offshore wind. You'll be part of the UK Consents Stakeholder team where you, together with your colleagues, will work with the wider UK Consents team to ensure that we can develop our existing projects and deliver on a future pipeline by advising on complex issues that affect the UK portfolio.

For more information and to apply: click [here](#).



**Senior Specialist, Marine and Estuarine Fish Ecology – Chief Scientist Directorate – Natural England**

Location: East Midlands, Eastern, London, North East, North West, South East, South West, West Midlands, Yorkshire and the Humber

Closing date for applications: 22 November 2020

Contract details: Full time

Job description: Are you an experienced, marine specialist ready to champion the environment? Do you know your fish? Then we've got the job for you! As Natural England's marine and estuarine senior fish specialist, you'll be responsible for providing expert advice on potential impacts and management of the marine environment. You will contribute to Natural England's organisation-wide programmes, working effectively across our strategic programmes including Sustainable Development such as offshore renewable energy. We are looking for an experienced, enthusiastic and energetic professional to be part of a national team of marine and fisheries experts.

For more information and to apply: click [here](#).



**Multiple vacancies at A-2-Sea Solutions Limited:**

**Survey Data Processors | Geophysicists | Hydrographic Surveyors**

Location: East Midlands, Eastern, London, North East, North West, South East, South West, West Midlands, Yorkshire and the Humber

Closing date for applications: 22 November 2020

Contract details: Full time

Job description: Over 95% of international telecommunications data and voice traffic is routed around the world via submarine fibre optic cables. The estimated economic value of the UK telecommunications subsea cables industry, to the digital economy, is £62.8 billion. A-2-Sea offers exciting opportunities to be part of this specialised and vital UK industry. Following a period of successful growth, A-2-Sea Solutions Ltd is looking to further expand their survey department by recruiting Hydrographic Surveyors, Data Processors and Geophysicists..

For more information and to apply: click [here](#).



**3 Vacancies at Wood plc:**

**EIA Project Manager – Offshore Wind | EIA Assistant Project Manager – Offshore / Marine | Marine Environmental Consultant**

Contract details: Full time

Job description: Due to continuing success in the offshore wind and marine sectors we are seeking talented and motivated individuals with EIA Project Management and Marine technical skills to join our Environment & Infrastructure International team.

For more information and to apply: [EIA Project Manager – Offshore Wind](#) | [EIA Assistant Project Manager – Offshore / Marine](#) | [Marine Environmental Consultant](#)

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