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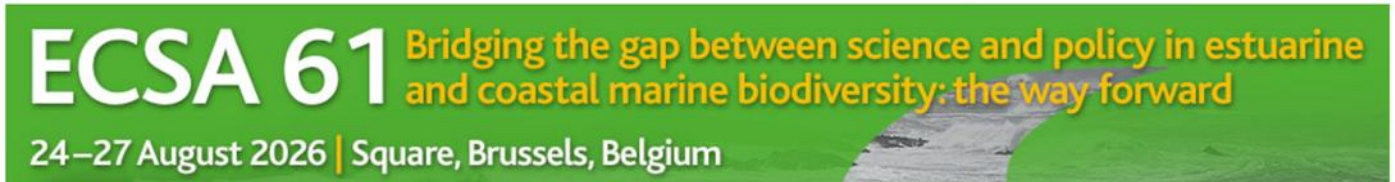
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## MESSAGES FROM ECSA / ECSA EVENTS

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### ECSA 61: Travel Grant Deadline on 22 May



Can you identify with any of the statements below?

- I am an **ECSA student member** and I aim to **present my work at the ECSA 61** conference in a **poster or oral presentation\***
- I am an **ECSA member** and **early career researcher**, and I aim to **present work at the ECSA 61** conference in an **oral presentation\*** but have limited funding available
- I am an **ECSA member from developing countries** and I aim to **present work at the ECSA 61** conference in an **oral presentation\*** but have limited funding available
- I am an **ECSA member** and I aim to **present work at the ECSA 61** conference in an **poster or oral presentation\***, but I have **childcare responsibilities** or **require the support of a carer** to enable me to attend the meeting and these involve additional costs for me to attend the conference (e.g., child care costs or travel and subsistence for a carer to travel with me).

If you can, then you are eligible to **apply for a travel grant to support your attendance at ECSA61**. Applications should be made using the [ECSA 61 Travel Grant Application\(link is external\)](#), but HURRY UP! **The deadline to apply is on 22 May 2026.**

\*Applicants must be a member of ECSA and have an accepted abstract for an oral or poster presentation or a chaired special session at the conference. Funds will be made available on presentation of receipts after attendance at the conference.

Successful candidates will be informed by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Also, remember that the deadline to **register for the ECSA 61 conference at the Early Bird rate is 29 May 2026.**

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## Beware of fake emails from the ECSA President

This message is to alert you to a phishing scam currently targeting our association.

Fraudulent emails are being circulated impersonating the ECSA President, requesting personal contacts or money. These messages are NOT from ECSA or any of its officials.

Please do not respond to, click any links in, or send any money or personal information as a result of these emails.

How to protect yourself:

- Check the sender's email address carefully – our official communications come from [no-reply@ecsa.international](mailto:no-reply@ecsa.international) or from the email addresses of ECSA officers (see [Council Members and Trustees | ECSA \(Estuarine and Coastal Sciences Association\)](#))
- Be suspicious of any unexpected request for money or personal contacts, even if it appears to come from a known name
- Do not click links or download attachments from suspicious messages
- If in doubt, contact the ECSA secretariat directly to verify any communication
- Report any suspicious emails via [Contact us | ECSA \(Estuarine and Coastal Sciences Association\)](#) and to your local cybercrime authority

We apologise for any alarm this may cause. The matter is being investigated as a priority.

If you have already responded to one of these emails, please contact us immediately and consider alerting your bank if any financial information was shared.

Thank you for your vigilance.

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## OTHER FEATURES/EVENTS OF INTEREST

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### ReMeMaRe 2026 ‘Restoring Estuarine and Coastal Habitats’



**\* General ticket release now open | Concession tickets available \***

Organised by the Environment Agency and Ocean and Coastal Futures Ltd and sponsored by ECSA (among others) **the [7<sup>th</sup> Restoring Meadow Marsh and Reef \(ReMeMaRe\) Conference 2026](#)**

***‘Restoring estuarine, marine and coastal habitats’***  
will be taking place in Scarborough, UK on 8-9<sup>th</sup> July.

The conference will unite restoration practitioners, government leaders, industry innovators, academia and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under a single mission: the large-scale recovery of our coastal and marine

environments. Join us to share knowledge, spark new partnerships, and grow the momentum and action to restore our estuaries and seas. The conference provides an energetic space to discuss and exchange knowledge with those at the forefront of the latest developments in coastal restoration science, practice and policy.

To register go to [ReMeMaRe 2026 - Estuarine, Marine and Coastal Restoration conference — OCF - Ocean & Coastal Futures Ltd](#)

For more information on the conference, go to [ReMeMaRe - Coastal Futures](#).

Find more information about the [ReMeMaRe habitat restoration initiative](#) at <https://ecsa.international/rememare/restoring-meadow-marsh-and-reef-rememare>.

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## International Summit on Coastal Resilience and Fisheries Habitat Restoration

*Comparing Notes, Learning from Successes and Failures, and Advancing Solutions*  
21-23 July 2026, James Cook University, Townsville, Australia

The ReMeMaRe programme office has been collaborating with leading researchers in the United States and Australia on UK restoration approaches, and we have been invited to share our experiences at an upcoming international coastal restoration summit – 21-23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026, James Cook University, Australia. We would very much like the UK to be represented and are canvassing **interest to join the UK delegation for anyone who may wish to attend and/or submit an abstract for consideration**.

The summit will bring together policymakers, scientists, restoration practitioners, coastal planners, industry leaders and community partners to exchange knowledge, compare experiences and advance innovative solutions for restoring and protecting coastal ecosystems. It offers a rare opportunity to connect the UK's work with global restoration efforts - from mangroves and saltmarsh to seagrass, wetlands and shellfish reef recovery.

We recognise that the event is being held in Australia, and that this may make participation challenging for some due to distance, time and cost. However, for those able to attend or contribute, it represents a valuable platform to showcase the UK's leadership in evidence-based restoration, learn from international practice, and help drive more joined-up, scalable, and resilient approaches worldwide.

Across all regions, we face common barriers limiting the scale, pace, and long-term success of restoration. This summit aims to break down geographic and institutional silos, promote cross-national collaboration and accelerate the development of innovative solutions that can deliver real, lasting ecosystem recovery.

If you are interested in attending or submitting an abstract, please let us know and we will share next steps. Unfortunately, there is no funding available to support attendance. We are also keeping a close eye on developments in the Middle East which may impact on the summit – we are discussing virtual options with the organisers too.

Regards,

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## Other Upcoming Events

### **GES4SEAS Summer School, 2-4 June 2026 | Pasaia, Spain**

The 2026 GES4SEAS summer school will focus on “**Cumulative effects of multiple human pressures at sea and their impacts on ecosystem components: a practical application for environmental status assessment**”. It is focused in Tikta, the tool developed in the project to assess the cumulative effects of pressures, as well as to assess the environmental status at sea. This software allows responding to several European directives, and could be a good tool for scientists, experts in the MSFD or Habitats Directive, experts from Regional Seas Conventions, consultants interested in assessing the status of the sea, etc. The school will take place at the premises of AZTI, in Pasaia, very close to San Sebastián. The registration is free, and coffees and lunches are included for free. Since the course is practical, there is a limit in the number of participants (30), and a letter of interest is requested to select the participants, in case that the applications were higher than seats. Hence, if you are interested in participating, hurry up and register here: [https://www.azti.es/en/events/summer-school-2026/?goal=0\\_951b810a13-32066fbaab-337666087](https://www.azti.es/en/events/summer-school-2026/?goal=0_951b810a13-32066fbaab-337666087)

### **GuardIAS eDNA Summer School, 25 June – 7 July 2026 | Bodø, Norway**

The theme of the Summer School is “**Guarding Aquatic Ecosystems against Invasive Alien Species using eDNA**”.

The GuardIAS Summer School 2026 is an intensive training programme focused on the surveillance of aquatic invasive species using environmental DNA (eDNA). The summer school combines lectures, hands-on sessions, and applied case studies to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of eDNA-based monitoring, from sampling design and laboratory workflows to bioinformatics analysis, data validation, and integration into management and policy frameworks.

The summer school will take place at the premises of Nord University, Bodø, Norway, from the 29th of June to the 3rd of July. Additionally, an introductory online session will take place on the 25th of June, and a closing online session will take place on the 7th of July (see summer school agenda for more details). Attendance to all the online and in person sessions is mandatory for all successful applicants. The course covers 3 ECTS issued by Nord University upon successful completion of the course.

For more information, please see <https://guardias.eu/welcome-to-the-guardias-summer-school-2026/>.

### **BRIDGE Training Course, 21-24 September 2026 | Edgewater, Maryland USA**

BRIDGE (Bioinvasion Research Integration across Dynamic Global Ecosystems) is a Marine Bioinvasions Network of Networks, funded by U.S. National Science Foundation AccelNet, hosted by the Smithsonian Institution. It has organised a training course on “**Detecting Invasion Patterns Resolving Marine Invasion Extent at Scale**”, to be held at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC), Edgewater, Maryland USA. The course is addressed to people actively working in marine invasions, including graduate students, post-docs, technicians, and scientists.

Preference to members/participants of a BRIDGE collaborating network. Applications are due by **13<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

For more information and to apply, see [BRIDGE Training: Detecting Invasion Patterns, September 21-24, 2026, Edgewater, MD, USA \(Page 1 of 6\)](#)

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## FELLOWSHIPS/JOB POSITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

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### Job Vacancies



#### Senior Marine Scientist | JNCC

Location: Peterborough, Cardiff or Aberdeen

Closing date for applications: **21 May 2026, 23:55 UK time**

Contract details: Fixed term 2 years

[Link](#)



#### Senior Consultant – Research Impact | Howell Marine Consulting

Location: UK Home-based

Closing date for applications: **15 May 2026**

Contract details: Permanent

[Link](#)



#### 2x Coastal Engineer/Coastal Project Engineer | Havant Borough Council

Location: Havant Plaza Flex

Closing date for applications: (1) **26 May 2026**; or (2) **14 June 2026**

Contract details: (1) Permanent, Full time; or (2) 12 month fixed term contract, Full time

[Link\(1\)](#), [Link\(2\)](#)



#### Team Leader/Subject Matter Expert - Beach Management | Havant Borough Council

Location: Havant Plaza Flex

Closing date for applications: **14 June 2026**

Contract details: Permanent, Full time

[Link](#)



#### x2 Senior Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Officer (Conservation & Research) | Sussex IFCA

Location: Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, UK

Closing date for applications: **7 June 2026**

Contract details: Permanent; Full time

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