

## **Working Group Two (WG Two): Impacts of COVID 19 on the UK Marine Science Community**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **Purpose**

The COVID 19 global pandemic has affected everyone in the marine science community. However, there is abundant anecdotal evidence of a disproportionate impact on some marine scientists, for example, those caring for others at home, Early Career Researchers and underrepresented groups. Marine science has a unique set of challenges – for example, the need to engage in field work and join research ships; there have been problems submitting grant applications.

#### **Objectives**

- To focus on the impacts on National Capability initiatives as captured by the remit of the NOC Association of Marine Science National Capability Beneficiaries (NOCA).
- Conduct survey to gather information from the community on severity and types of impact of COVID19; identify examples of best practice adopted by the marine science community in dealing with the impact of the pandemic and lockdown.
- Organise workshop/webinar on topics raised by the survey, in late October 2020.
- Survey/workshop to focus on impact from the perspective of Early Career Researchers (ECR) and equality issues.
- A report will be submitted to NERC and other funding bodies and presented by the Chair at the 2021 NOCA AGM.
- A five minute summary of the report and a video presentation are planned.

#### **Method of working**

- WG Two Chair to deliver objectives with help from participants below who will be able to help identify members from the community to participate in the survey and workshop.

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