

## **NOC Association: Membership Criteria Summary**

### **Membership of the Association**

- General membership is open to all who are part of the NERC marine science community
- Membership just requires a willingness and commitment to engage positively
- Participation will help enable the NOC Association community to influence the direction of key areas of marine science and national capability
- Membership is institutional (for example, at the level of a University School) with nominated individuals representing the institution
- Clusters or consortia of institutions are welcome.

### **Membership of the NOC Association Steering Board**

- There will be a maximum of 12 members of the Board; drawn from the academic community and NERC supported Marine Centres
- Members will serve on an *ad hominem* basis and be personally invited based on the need to engage senior expertise and experience, to cover the broad range of marine science disciplines and reflect UK regional and societal diversity
- In normal practice the Chair of the Challenger Society should be on the Board.
- The Board will have an independent chair of stature and experience in the UK marine science community
- The term of membership will usually be for three years in first instance, however, this may be individually negotiated
- Other third parties may be invited to attend for specific items of business
- The Natural Environment Research Council's policies on vested interests will apply.