

The Marine Pathways Project / Prosiect Llwybrau Morol

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- The project developed from the UK and Ireland's response to the arrival of the Carpet sea-squirt in Holyhead.
- A number of organisations across the UK and Ireland came together to develop this response. The GBNNS Programme Board then asked the working group to develop a wider marine pathways plan.
- These key partners worked closely together forming the Marine Pathways Project Steering Group and developing a 2 year programme of work with a budget of approx. £500K.



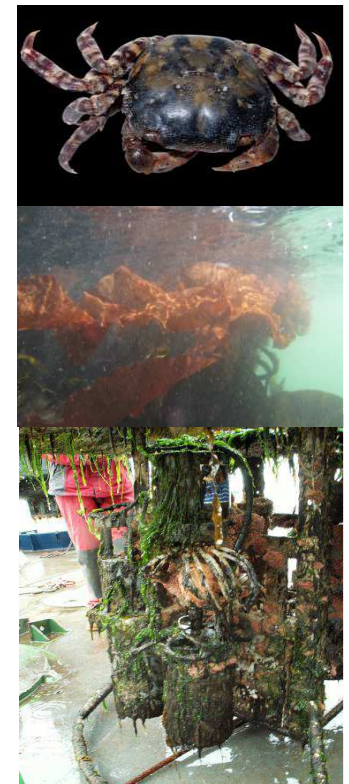


Project Partners/ Partneriaid y Prosiect

This innovative transnational project has partners from across the UK and Ireland including:

- Defra
- Welsh Government
- Natural Resources Wales
- Cefas
- Natural England
- Marine Scotland
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
- An Bord Iascaigh Mhara/Irish Sea Fisheries Board

With work carried out by a number of bodies including the MBA, SAMS, NWWLT, Bangor Uni, & Cornwall WLT.





Project Drivers / Gyriannau Prosiect

There were a number of drivers for this area of work including:

- Socio-economic and biodiversity costs of marine invasives
- Marine Strategy Framework Directive
- Water Framework Directive
- New EU IAS Regulation
- GB and Ireland NNS Strategies



Project Aims/ Nodau'r Prosiect

The project aimed to

- help prevent the introduction and spread of marine alien species by raising awareness of this issue and encouraging behaviour change with key stakeholders
- increase our capacity to respond rapidly to the introduction or spread of marine alien species
- improve biosecurity in high risk and ecologically sensitive areas so that the introduction and spread of marine alien species is reduced
- pilot a range of approaches to the control of invasive marine alien species





Project Highlights / Uchafbwyntiau y Prosiect

The project has delivered innovative and novel solutions including;

- Working with CEFAS to use their buoy network to trial offshore monitoring
- Working with the North Wales Wildlife Trust to train Marine NNS champions
- Modelling the high risk pathways and locations around the coast of the UK and Ireland.
- Trialling new control methods for marine INNS
- Setting up Pathway Stakeholder Advisory Groups

