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SUSTAINABLE USE OF FISHERIES RESOURCES IN WALES

This European Fisheries Fund project is led by the fishing industry and Bangor University. About 90% of the Welsh fleet is comprised of inshore vessels that depend on healthy local stocks of commercial species to support their livelihoods.

This project aims to provide a platform for scientists and fishermen to work together to gather the data and scientific evidence necessary to ensure a sustainable and profitable future for the Welsh fishing industry.

The project website is a source of information for fishermen and provides more detail on the aims and objectives, plus reports, videos, maps and other information: http://fisheries-conservation.bangor.ac.uk

WE NEED **YOU** TO GET INVOLVED WITH FISHERIES RESEARCH

Currently we have little information on the contribution that recreational potters make to the overall catch of crabs, lobsters, prawns and whelks. This information is vital to the sustainable management of these fisheries. To enable us to understand the state of these stocks we need accurate estimates of what is landed (killed) and where it is caught and when .

You can contact us by phone, email or via registering on our website. There are many exciting projects happening to help us gather information on sizes, sex ratios, abundances, juvenile distributions and habitat quality—just visit our website for more information!

LOBSTER TAGGING

One really important study we need your help with is our tagging study. We will be measuring and tagging lobsters. When they are re-caught we can look at growth, moult rate, movement and abundance. If tagged lobsters are re-caught and not reported this can negatively influence our estimates of abundance so please get involved—if you find one of these tagged lobsters in your pots please contact Natalie Hold to report it so we can obtain measurements and other data.

Contact Natalie Hold (n.hold@bangor.ac.uk) or Jodie Haig (j.haig@bangor.ac.uk).

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