

## What are our aims?

Sustainable resource use on our coasts and seas  
A balance of economic, social and environmental interests through close co-operation  
Diverse, thriving and sustainable coastal and marine economies that are supported by ecosystems in their optimal states  
Better-informed decisions  
A raised profile of marine and maritime concerns  
Placing marine and coastal issues at the heart of policy and decision-making in Devon and nationally

## What services do we offer?

We offer a suite of **core services** that will deliver the above aims. These are:

### Communication and awareness-raising

- Regular workshops and symposia events aimed at delivering networking and information gathering opportunities
- An up-to-date website which acts as a one-stop-shop for all marine and coastal news, consultations and legislation
- Regular updates on issues of local, regional and national importance via news letter
- An advocacy role for maritime stakeholders – acting as champion for the seas

### Point of contact

- Managing and maintaining a County-wide network of contacts and links between stakeholders in Devon and the South West
- Access to a store of information about marine and coastal aspects of Devon and the South West
- Providing information from and to the international community
- Providing objective information to stakeholders and interested parties

### Integrating planning and coastal policy

- Stakeholder participation opportunities (e.g. Shoreline Management Planning and Water Framework Directive)
- A strategic overview of the impacts and application of new legislation
- Lobbying at regional and national levels (e.g. for Local Area Agreements and Strategic Partnerships to reflect maritime concerns and for the proposed Marine Management Organisation to be situated in Devon)
- Identifying and filling gaps in information through the commissioning and dissemination of research
- Participating in relevant steering groups and meetings in order to get a clear view of policy and planning
- developments, helping various interest groups to fine-tune their policies