



An Introduction to the Dorset Coast Forum and the C-SCOPE Project

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History of the Dorset Coast Forum

The Dorset Coast Forum was founded fourteen years ago by a group of people, all of whom had their own interests but became united in their desire to actively take steps to protect and enhance the well-being of the Dorset Coast

The founding objectives were to encourage co-operation between *all* the different interest groups living and working along the coast



Who are the Dorset Coast Forum?

- 🌀 The Dorset Coast Forum is a voluntary partnership of 170 organisations including Government Departments and Agencies, Local Authorities, commercial organisations and the voluntary sector.
- 🌀 Decisions are based on consensus and all partners are treated as equals.
- 🌀 The Forum has an independent Chairman, a steering group, and working/project groups are set up on an ad hoc basis to tackle specific issues

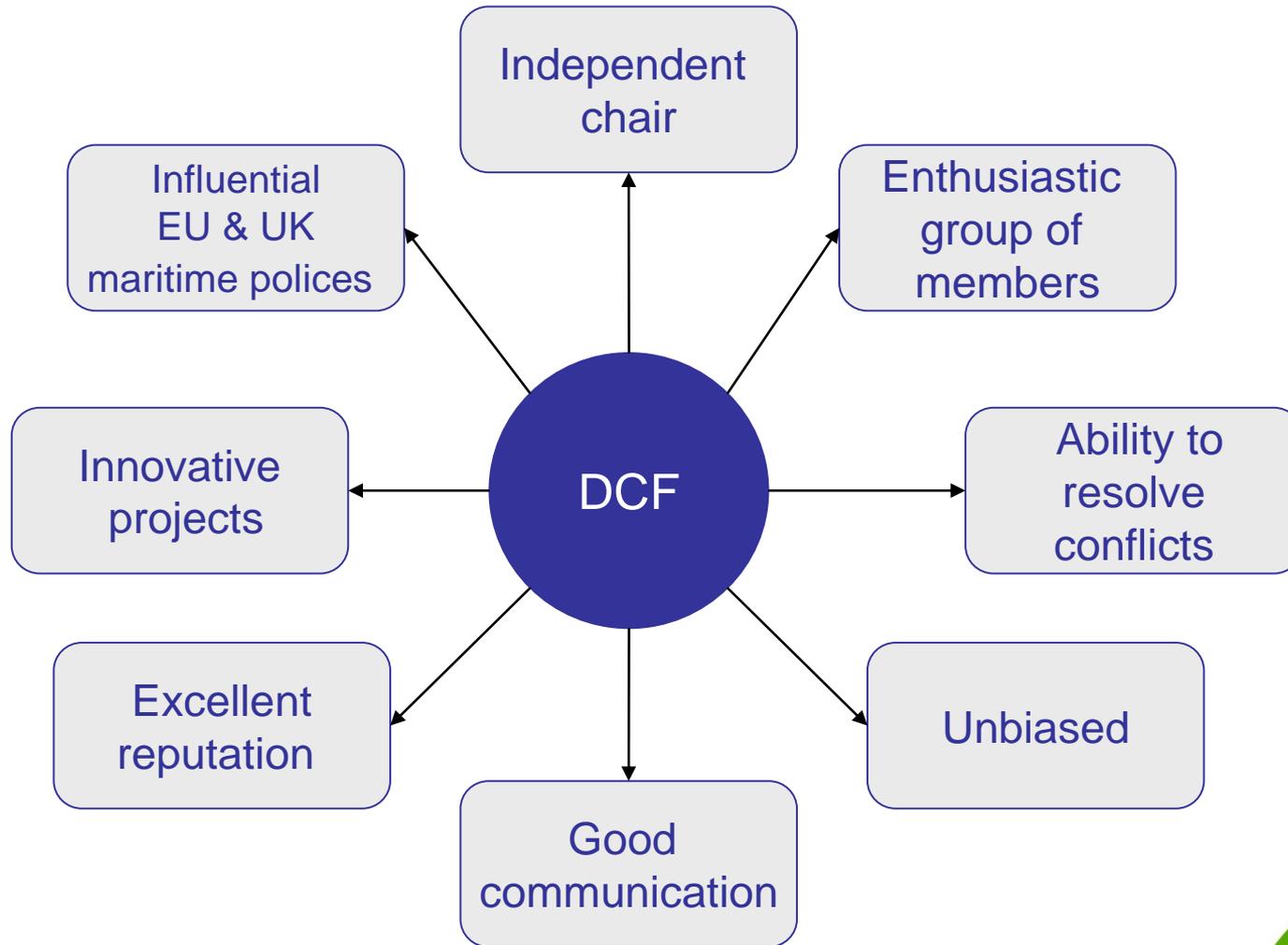


How does it work?

- The Forum provides a platform where two-way dialogue can take place on emerging national and European coastal and marine policy.
- Being a well established respected and recognised UK coastal partnership, European and UK government representatives are particularly willing to present policy initiatives during consultation periods, and conferences have been organised specifically to provide local influence on major policy changes.
- With feedback from Forum members the Dorset Coast Forum team gather views and respond to relevant consultation documents.
- Two well attended Forum meetings are organised each year which provide an opportunity to present, discuss and debate topical local, national and international issues of broad interest to Dorset's coastal stakeholders.

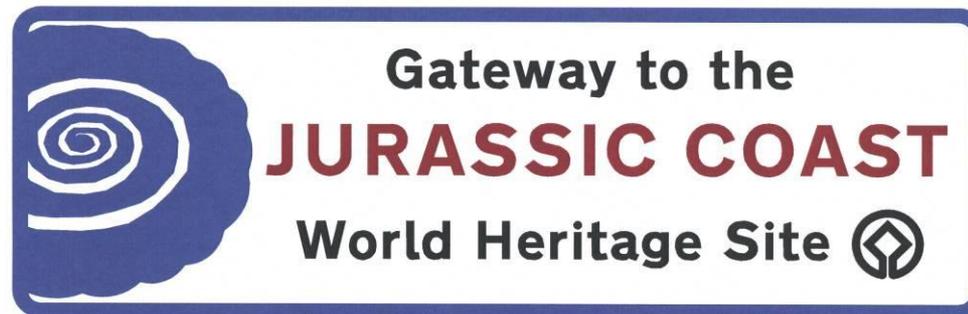


A successful partnership based on...



DCF achievements...

- The Life funded EU Demonstration Programme on Integrated Management in Coastal Zones resulted in Dorset Coast Strategy which was produced in 1999, internationally recognised and received a commendation from the Royal Town Planning Institute in 2000
- DCF source and catalyst of the idea to propose the Jurassic Coast as a WHS, instrumental in developing the bid. The Dorset & East Devon Coast was granted World Heritage Site Status by UNESCO in December 2001

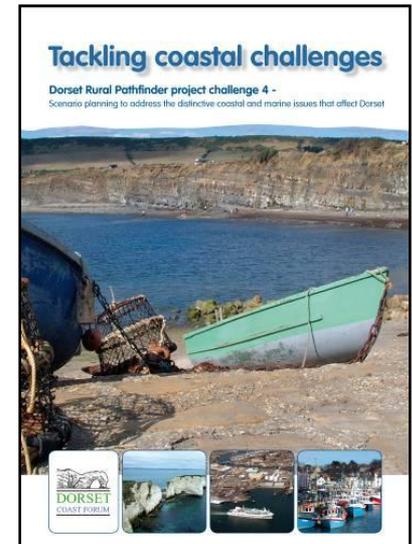


... and a few more

🌐 Comprehensive coastal and marine databases have been developed and DCF team have distributed Planweb to DCF members. This contains numerous GIS layers of spatial marine data. (wrecks, fish and shellfish areas, bathing waters, marine ecology, SMPs, slipways, beach type)

🌐 A Christchurch Harbour Group established by DCF has recently published a draft harbour and waterways management plan for consultation.

🌐 In early 2007 DCF completed the Dorset Rural Pathfinder Project. Entitled 'Tackling Coastal Challenges'



Our next big project...



c~scope

Combining Sea and Coastal
Planning in Europe



C-SCOPE Background

- Initial discussions May 2006 about data access
- Announcement that the 2012 Olympic Games were to be held in London and Weymouth & Portland in Dorset
- Workshop held winter 2006 to discuss the concept of a 'Marine Park', as an Olympic legacy
- Further discussion with individual members of DCF and the DCF Steering Group highlighted divided views on the 'Marine Park' concept
- Despite concerns, great enthusiasm for taking the opportunity of the Olympic Games to develop a significant legacy project



All roads started to lead to C-SCOPE...

- 🌀 EU Maritime Policy Green Paper and resulting ‘Blue Book’ ‘An Integrated Maritime Policy for the European Union’ – Oct 2007
- 🌀 European Marine Strategy Framework Directive – June 2008
- 🌀 Draft UK Marine Bill – April 2008
- 🌀 High Level Marine Objectives – June 2008
- 🌀 Marine Policy Statement – currently under development
- 🌀 2012 Olympics



C-SCOPE Background

C-SCOPE is our 'next big project' evolving as a result of:

- New developments in UK and EU maritime policy
- Recent projects delivered by DCF such as PlanWeb marine and coastal
- Early version of C-SCOPE presented as the 'Olympic Coast Project' at DCF meeting in November 2007 at which the Belgian ICZM Coordination Centre were in attendance
- Discussions following this meeting found mutual benefits in joining together to develop a detailed Interreg 4a proposal.
- C-SCOPE takes into account the original 'Marine Park' concept and comments received through consultation.



Working together presents many opportunities:

- 🌀 We can exploit the advantages of our respective skills
- 🌀 The maritime sectors are common to both parties, and this cross-border cooperation provides an excellent opportunity for exchange of experiences and ideas
- 🌀 We can deliver outputs which will have wider implications for the European Community





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