

**C-SCOPE Steering Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010 – 2:00 pm**  
**Council Chambers, Corn Exchange, Dorchester**

**Present:**

- Ness Smith, Dorset Coast Forum
- Peter Moore, Dorset County Council
- James Feaver, Dorset Coast Forum
- Peter Tinsley, Dorset Wildlife Trust
- Rachel Waldoock, Natural England
- Sandie Wilson, Portland Harbour Authority Ltd/  
Portland Port Ltd
- Ken Buchan, Dorset County Council
- Bob Huggins, DCF Chairman
- Tony Flux, The National Trust
- Tom Munro, Dorset AONB
- Sally King, World Heritage Team

**Apologies:**

- Simon Cripps, Dorset Wildlife Trust
- Simon Williams, W&PBC
- Steve Collins, Defra
- Malcolm Turnbull, Jurassic Coast Trust
- Mark Foxwell, Dorset County Council
- Nick Lyness, Environment Agency
- James Weld – Lulworth Estate
- Andrew Hignett, Partner – LA Marine
- Vince May, Bournemouth University

1.	<p><b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>There were no amendments made to the minutes of the previous meeting.</p> <p>Actions from the previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MB is now regularly receiving Google Analytics for DCF website. The C-SCOPE pages are getting 80 – 90 hits per month.</li> <li>• <b>ACTION ONGOING</b> Research on Decision support tools is on hold as the scope has widened beyond zoning to consider cumulative impacts and socio-economics</li> <li>• Several MSP Task and Finish Group members attended the MMO/DEFRA visit for a presentation and Q&amp;A session – see 7.</li> <li>• <b>ACTION ONGOING</b> SW and NS are having ongoing discussions about PHAL's updated MSP.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>C-SCOPE Update</b></p> <p><b>General</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of the C-SCOPE Team have presented at The Global Oceans Conference in Paris, RTPi Regional Conference and Bob Earl's Marine Planning Conference in London</li> <li>• C-SCOPE team also met with Defra and Steve Brooker, MMO Head of Planning on 7<sup>th</sup> July and Chris Parry, MMO Chairman on 28th July</li> </ul> <p><b>MSP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still some fine-tuning of data, but almost complete set of data and policies</li> <li>• Baseline Report, field work and consultation for Land &amp; Seascape complete. Met with LDA last month to finalise character areas, names and final report structure; due to complete August 2010.</li> <li>• Now have broad scale habitat maps, DWT looking at sensitivity mapping</li> <li>• Interactions matrix ongoing, early responses show less spatial conflict than might think, lots useful knowledge gained. Aim to finish by the end of August.</li> <li>• SEA process underway; summary of policies/plans affecting the MMA, draft objectives, gathering data for environmental baseline; will be consulting with EA, NE, EH on scoping document.</li> <li>• Socio-economic report being conducted by DCC research team</li> <li>• The MSP T&amp;F Group explored different ways of expressing objectives and policy spatially</li> <li>• Several members of the MSP T&amp;F attended the Defra/MMO meeting and took part in the lively and useful discussions</li> </ul> <p><b>CE Interactive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent feedback has been received from the questionnaires that were sent out to DCF members regarding the CE Interactive website. Feedback has now been incorporated into the tender document.</li> <li>• Tender Brief document has been sent out to T&amp;F group for comment. The C-SCOPE Team are now</li> </ul>

	<p>researching suitable developers and will be going out to tender shortly.</p> <p><b>CE Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New planning tool format due any day. Next task to populate this with data.</li> <li>• Used SEA process to identify relevant Policies to the MSP, combined these with those identified in workshop.</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments from SG:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BH asked if we were on track for the project milestones. KB said generally yes, cushions had been built in.</li> <li>• There was a discussion on the outputs of the DORIS seabed mapping. KB asked PT to reform the Steering Group to review the outputs against the specification.</li> <li>• ACTION PT – organise meeting of DORIS Steering Group</li> <li>• BH asked about the habitat data and if it could be overlaid on bathymetry to verify it. PT explained that SeaStar have mapped the areas where they are confident in the data; this is only very close to the transect lines. Extrapolation from these to a wider area giving a detailed biotope map has not been possible.</li> <li>• SW asked if there would be a consultation on the data to look at its reliability. PT said this was a good idea and feedback was welcomed.</li> <li>• TM asked if there would be a chance to comment on the draft Land and Seascape report. NS answered yes, the final report will be completed by August. There will be a draft for the working group with a deadline.</li> <li>• <b>ACTION</b> NS to circulate dates for draft and final report to working group</li> <li>• PT informed the group that DEFRA have reviewed the web sites they run and they will be stopping their <a href="#">MAGIC</a> (environmental mapping and data download) and a number of other sites. MAGIC has been a useful source of data for C-SCOPE.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Work Programme for next quarter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further Task &amp; Finish Group meetings</li> <li>• Continue with Interactions matrix – interviews and mapping</li> <li>• Complete Land &amp; Seascape assessment</li> <li>• Complete stages A and B of the SEA</li> <li>• Socio-economic report</li> <li>• Using ideas from the T&amp;F Group, continue to explore decision support tools, marine plan structure and develop a policy framework, alongside SEA process</li> <li>• Forecasting study/report</li> <li>• Complete Marine Management Area description document once topic papers finalised</li> <li>• Plan and initiate coastal community engagement</li> <li>• Develop flow diagrams for consenting process</li> <li>• Summarise policy documents</li> <li>• Incorporate summarised policy documents into planning tool</li> <li>• Interview and recruit Coastal Explorer Interactive website developers</li> <li>• Coastal Explorer Interactive website development</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>PMC and Risk Register</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One amendment to the Risk register – <b>1.13 Consult contracts delayed - Delay to project</b>. One month delay to final Land and seascape report due to delayed fieldwork and miscalculation in workload of baseline report. Agreed that this will have little impact on overall project and does not unduly affect other project outputs at this time</li> <li>• KB highlighted the potential future risk given the agreement with Portland Harbour Authority Ltd to produce their own Marine Plan for their area of jurisdiction which will be integrated with the C-SCOPE MSP. The potential issue is when this will be delivered and whether it will delay the overall project.</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ACTION KB</b> – Circulate Risk Register</li> <li>• BH asked about resourcing beyond the end of the project – keeping the tools maintained. KB will raise at the PMC meeting (15/16 July). INTERREG appear to be happy about commercial products developed under projects. BH suggested their may be separate EU funding for maintaining outcomes of projects. This should be investigated sooner rather than near project completion.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Finance update</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KB explained that there is an overall under spend, but that spending will accelerate over the next six months as projects such as Land and Seascape Assessment and Coastal Explorer Interactive Website contracts conclude.</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was a discussion about the current under spend. SW suggested that this should be added to the risk register. With future currency fluctuations and some unanswered questions about the value of in-kind contributions it is difficult to know the exact situation.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Feedback from DEFRA/MMO day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steve Brooker (Head of Planning in the MMO) and Amy Holmes (DEFRA Marine Stewardship Team) with other DEFRA colleagues visited on 7<sup>th</sup> July.</li> <li>Ness presented the C-SCOPE Project and Steve presented the MMO view of Marine Planning.</li> <li>MSP Task and Finish Group members attended for the presentation and a 40 minute question and answer session.</li> <li>Informal discussions with the DCF team continued over lunch and a brief field trip.</li> <li>Their plans will largely be high level polices with spatial allocation being used on a limited basis.</li> <li>DEFRA and MMO were both very interested in the Land and Seascape assessment. Natural England will be developing national Land and Seascape guidance, which will be similar in its approach.</li> <li>The MMO will take 2 – 2.5 years per plan</li> <li>The MMO recognise the benefits of Coastal Partnerships and have considered how they will use them and local authorities as a framework for interaction.</li> <li>There was a discussion of the planning areas. Dorset is part of an area extending from roughly Brixham to Dover and to the 12 mile limit.</li> <li>Chris Parry (MMO Chief Executive) is visiting DCF on 28<sup>th</sup> July.</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Possible changes of Land and Seascape Assessment budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The potential budgetary issue with LDA Design has been resolved following the letter that was sent after the last Steering Group meeting. We have been very happy with the output from LDA Design since and the project is being delivered as agreed.</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SW raised the use of data gathered as part of the project for PHAL's Harbour Revision Order for the Olympics. There are practical issues around data licensing to be investigated.</li> <li>TF suggested this was a beneficial case study of the practicality of the use of Coastal Explorer Planning</li> <li><b>ACTION JF:</b> Send SW metadata</li> <li>BH stated he is happy to support this with resource and data.</li> <li>TM gave a presentation on coastal AONB experience of marine planning at the Europarc conference. Steve Brooker was present.</li> <li>BH discussed the launch of the tools delivered by this project. He wanted a high profile launch and suggested we think about this as people's diaries can be booked up a very long time in advance.</li> <li>PT stated that the MCA have pulled forward a bathymetric survey of Lyme Bay. Next year they will cover the area from the DORIS project to the Isle of Wight.</li> <li><b>ACTION NS:</b> Send out date of next meeting</li> </ul>