



C-SCOPE Steering Group
Tuesday 19th April 2011, 2pm
Dorset Room, Colliton Club, Dorchester. DT1 1XJ

Present:

- Bob Huggins, DCF Chairman (Chair)
- Ness Smith, Dorset Coast Forum
- Peter Tinsley, Dorset Wildlife Trust
- Rachel Waldock, Natural England
- Sandie Wilson, Portland Harbour Authority Ltd/ Portland Port Ltd
- Ken Buchan, Dorset County Council
- Tony Flux, The National Trust
- Nick Lyness, Environment Agency
- Vince May, Bournemouth University
- Matilda Bark, Dorset Coast Forum (minute taker)

Apologies:

- Simon Cripps, Dorset Wildlife Trust
- Simon Williams, W&PBC
- Steve Collins, Defra
- Malcolm Turnbull, Jurassic Coast Trust
- James Weld, Lulworth Estate
- Andrew Hignett, Partner – LA Marine
- Sally King, World Heritage Team
- Tom Munro, Dorset AONB
- Peter Moore, Dorset County Council

1. Welcome & apologies

- 1.1 BH welcomed all to the meeting. The last time the group met was in October 2010 because the last meeting (25 January 2011) was cancelled for various reasons. In place of this meeting NS sent out an update to all Steering Group members.

2. Minutes of previous meeting - review minutes and actions

There were no matters arising since the last meeting. The following actions from the October 2010 minutes were reviewed:

- 2.1 **NS to look into including the “Port Marine Safety Code” in the policy list** – this action has been resolved. The code will not be included in the policy list as only applies to Ports/Harbours and is code, not policy as such.
- 2.2 **NS and VM to discuss possible academic paper for VM to present at Coastal Society USA Conference 2011** – Deadline has been missed for this year but opportunity for next year.
- 2.3 **NS to send out complete draft of high level policy once completed** – Completed.
- 2.4 **NS to find out and send information on what was covered at the Belgian Coast Forum meeting to VM** – Completed.
- 2.5 **NS to look into using webinars or conference calls for some future meetings** – NS has looked into videoconference but not practical.

3. C-SCOPE update - NS

3.1 General

- 3.1.1 The Community Road show has now been completed. The events were really successful with 60 people attending in Swanage alone and approximately 150 attending the six events in total. A lot of emails were gathered of people who want to be kept informed of the project progress. Those attending the events had the opportunity to state their vision for the future of the Dorset coast and map where they carried out their particular activities. KB noted that many people attended because they were interested in the seabed map and then stayed to hear about marine planning. Having a hook to encourage people to attend, such as the seabed map ‘fly thru’ was a good lesson learned when presenting a potentially complex and to some a boring subject such as marine planning. We were able to engage many who may not have attended the Road Shows without this hook.
- 3.1.2 NS attended an international meeting at MMO in February 2011. The meeting was very useful. It was a good opportunity to meet and quiz people who have actually completed marine plans
- 3.1.3 Members of the C-SCOPE team have presented at Plymouth and Bournemouth universities in the last few months.
- 3.1.4 The Draft of C-SCOPE and SOMAP comparative study that is being carried out by Bournemouth University should be received soon.

3.2 MSP

- 3.2.1 The Interactions matrix interviews have now all been finished. The results are currently being mapped and comments organised.

- 3.2.2 Seabed map – NS and PT met with Justin Dix at National Oceanography Centre in Southampton to look at getting a EUNIS Level 3 map which is compatible with national data. PT has been working on a geology/sediment map that is split into depth ranges. This map will help get the EUNIS Level 3 map.
- 3.2.3 The Socio-economic report is now complete (NS is just awaiting tables on marine goods and services before distributing)
ACTION: NS to send out to Steering Group members once the Socio-economic Report is in a useable format.
- 3.2.4 KB and NS have gone through all the policies and related them to each of our eight objectives. This provides good justification and back up for marine planning. KB and NS have also pulled out the policy jurisdiction; this will be used for the planning tool.
- 3.2.5 KB and NS have also gone through all local plans and pulled out relevant policies as well as information from seascape & socio-economic reports.
- 3.2.6 The Forecasting document is now almost complete.
- 3.2.7 NS and KB are now starting to develop and write policies. The C-SCOPE team did promise the MSP T&F Group a complete set of policies for their 12 May 2011 meeting, however, with other workload, bank holidays and meeting with MMO the C-SCOPE Team are unlikely to achieve this. The 12 May meeting will go ahead anyway as there is still lots to discuss.
- 3.2.8 Sustainability Appraisal /Strategic Environmental Assessment – 17 consultants expressed an interest in carrying out this work. Eight consultants then went forward to tender. Members of the MSP T&F group were invited to be involved in the tendering process but none came forward. KB and NS interviewed four consultants on Thursday and have appointed Environ. Environ were chosen because of their innovative approach. NS and KB felt that Environ really understood the issues and collaborative working and liked the fact that Environ want to include Task and Finish Group. Environ are based in Bath and Tiverton. The Induction meeting will take place as soon as possible.
ACTION: If anyone would like to see the tender submission document from Environ then please contact NS.

Comments:

- VM attended an Eneco Wind Park meeting where LDA Design gave a presentation. The presentation was not very well prepared and some of the locations for the wind park visualisations were wrong.
- NS made an additional point that the Land and Seascape Work is being put forward for the RTPA Awards.

3.3 CE Interactive

- 3.3.1 The website has been renamed “iCoast”. The similarity in name between iCoast and iPod was raised. NS reassured that this should not be problem and that Bridget Betts is currently looking into purchasing the trademark for the website.
- 3.3.2 A few extra costs have emerged since the website inception. An extra £1,000 has paid for tidal data and a few other cost may be incurred in the late stages of the project.
- 3.3.3 The development of the website has been a lot of work for James, Bridget, Matilda and Carleton (DCF Future Jobs Fund Employee).
- 3.3.4 The website will be launched at DCF meeting on 26th May and will be going out for testing very soon.
- 3.3.5 MB gave a demonstration of iCoast to the Steering Group. The Steering Group commented that the website is impressive and thanked the team for their work.

Comments:

- TF commented that iCoast post C-SCOPE still needs to be considered.
- The large task of keeping the content/data up to date was mentioned. NS informed that James Feaver has written a piece of code to check for broken links within the website.
- NS confirmed that the website has been designed to work on mobile devices.
- T-shirts are being designed using the iCoast activity logos. These t-shirts will be printed and distributed at the Dorset Coast Forum Meeting.
- KB mentioned that Hampshire have expressed an interest in developing their own iCoast. Chris from One Bright Space (OBS) met with Hampshire one year ago and discussed developing a similar site. KB confirmed that Dorset County Council (DCC) own the domain name and the Intellectual Property rights for iCoast. KB feels that DCF could make an income from iCoast in the future which could help maintain the site in the longer term.
 - Comment made that iCoast is generic and therefore you could develop into a national website.
 - Suggestion made that DCF could buy the domain names for all counties e.g. iCoast Devon.
 - Suggestion that DCF should cost up each part of the website development and create an agreement between DCC and OBS to develop iCoast nationally.
 - KB reiterated that nothing can happen until confirmation comes from Interreg that following the project we can generate an income to maintain iCoast. This would provide an excellent legacy from C-SCOPE and the Interreg

'Two Seas' Programme. Interreg are currently putting together a paper with guidance on this area, following project completion.

- VM suggested that C-SCOPE team contact someone to get clear advice on how Intellectual Property Rights are dealt with.
- BH suggested that DCF could generate income to maintain iCoast in the future in other ways such as having all of the National Trust Holiday cottages on the website. There would need to be some sort of code about who could advertise on iCoast – it would only be approved if they enhance enjoyment of the coast.

ACTION: KB to meet with legal and discuss Intellectual Property (IP) further and possibly get additional advice from LGA, who have IP legal advice.

3.4 CE Planning

- 3.4.1 Helen Knight (previous Future Jobs Fund Employee) has been writing the policy summaries. This work is now about three quarters of the way off completion.
- 3.4.2 The C-SCOPE team are still awaiting the admin console. The time it will take to set up the Planning Tool once the admin console has been received should be fairly short.
- 3.4.3 A budget has been set aside to recruit a web developer to produce a web face for the tool. The brief for this work will be written soon.

4. Meeting with MMO

- 4.1 The Marine Management Organisation requested to meet with KB, NS and James Feaver following a brief presentation at the international workshop in February. The day meeting took in Newcastle in early April. At the meeting the following topics were discussed:
 - Data and evidence
 - Objectives
 - Tools
 - Stakeholder engagement
- 4.2 From the meeting it was clear that having a strong coastal partnership is key to the success of the C-SCOPE Project.
- 4.3 BH questioned what the C-SCOPE team got out of the meeting. The C-SCOPE Team found the meeting useful because:
 - The team could see that the MMO are thinking along the same lines in marine planning.
 - The MMO had a quick look at the short-listed tender submission for the Sustainability Appraisal.
 - The MMO are facing similar issues to the C-SCOPE Team – particularly on the scale/resolution of data and plans, and the use of tools.
 - The MMO are quite advanced in data collection and are developing a means of confidence checking data. C-SCOPE will be able to use this technique once it has been developed.
 - The C-SCOPE team will have an advanced view of the Strategic Scoping Exercise.
 - The MMO Licensing team agreed to look at the flow charts for the C-SCOPE planning tool.
- 4.4 The MMO and C-SCOPE Team had a long discussion about what data sets are really needed for marine plans.
- 4.5 The MMO has asked for copies of C-SCOPE work including:
 - 'educational' material
 - Socio-economic document
 - Terms of Reference for the Task and Finish Groups
 - Bournemouth Study
 - Forecasting document
 - Workshop outputs

Comments:

- SW advice to the MMO would be to keep it simple – having gone through the MCZ process recently, simply having appropriate maps fit for purpose would help significantly in developing marine plans.
- NL sees C-SCOPE as an opportunity to inform and change the way government works. C-SCOPE is an example of "The Big Society".
- SW queried how long the C-SCOPE team are spending having these discussions. NS is aware that could spend a lot of time on this when the C-SCOPE team need to focus on writing the marine plan.
- TF commented that Defra have put £50,000 into the C-SCOPE project therefore keen to help MMO.
- BH felt that it is important that there is an acknowledgement from the MMO if they use any C-SCOPE work, and an agreement that C-SCOPE will be able to get any data back if it has been manipulated by the MMO free of charge.
- KB commented that MMO are restricted in their process by a number of rules and regulations which we are not. This gives us a certain amount of flexibility and doesn't mean that we have to follow the national view in our plan

development. In developing the marine plan in our own way there are opportunities to learn alternative methods, and indeed inform the MMO of the outcomes which may benefit the national process in the future.

5. Work programme for next quarter

- 5.1 Develop policy framework and marine plan alongside Sustainability Assessment consultant.
- 5.2 T&F Group Meetings – focusing on the sustainability of the project.
- 5.3 Develop sensitivity maps once we have the Level 3 biotope map.
- 5.4 Testing and launch of iCoast.
- 5.5 Complete policy summaries and forecasting document.
- 5.6 Upload data into new Coastal Explorer Planning Framework.
- 5.7 Upload and link policy summaries to GIS for Coastal Explorer Planning.
- 5.8 Write brief and recruit web developer for Planning.

Comments:

- BH questioned whether the Coastal Explorer Planning Tool will be complimentary to the planning tool currently used for the land. KB explained that the C-SCOPE Planning Tool uses the same format as the land planning tool however, there are many more policies in the C-SCOPE Planning Tool so the C-SCOPE tool will show policy summaries, consenting flow charts and outlines of the policy jurisdiction. Land policies will be included in the tool.
- Is there anything out there that is similar to the C-SCOPE Planning Tool already? The Mars tool that The Crown Estate has developed is similar, SoMap (developed by Solent Forum) is a spatial policy library and the Scottish Government have developed a Marine Atlas.
- KB informed that James Feaver has developed a function whereby you can select policy and place it in a downloadable and printable portfolio.
- The MMO are also developing a licensing portal and a portal for accessing marine plan data.
- BH feels the Coastal Explorer Planning is also a very valuable tool.
- The tool has some overlap with terrestrial planning as it includes local plans and SMPs. VM felt that it is good for sustainable community planning for this to come together.
- KB felt that the planning tool needs a more catchy title.
- BH questioned whether DCC members are aware of the outputs of the C-SCOPE project. KB felt that it is important to make DCC members more aware. BH felt that DCC need to be made aware of the national importance of the C-SCOPE project.
- TF felt that it is important that the success of the C-SCOPE project is retained with the Dorset Coast Forum.
- Members of the group suggested inviting Richard Benyon down to look at the C-SCOPE outputs. NL felt that this should be done within the next 3 months and offered to do a Westminster briefing.
- TF questioned whether the local MPs have been invited to the Dorset Coast Forum meeting to see the iCoast launch.

ACTION: MB to look into whether all local MPs have been invited to DCF meeting.

- BH felt that an agenda item for the next meeting should be to look at the Steering Groups influence over the future of DCF.

6. PMC and Risk Register - Ken

- 6.1 There has been a reduction in match funding due to the Euro exchange rate and the expenditure of the Seabed mapping project being a lot less than expected. The project therefore needs to consider expenditure and KB has been identifying some areas where savings could be made.
- 6.2 Project extensions – The Belgian partners are behind schedule with the project due to employment issues at the beginning of the project. We have therefore submitted an application for a project extension until 29 June 2012 (an extra 6 months).
- 6.3 The C-SCOPE Team attended the PMC in Ghent in February. At this meeting they discussed the project extension, joint outputs and maintenance of outputs.
- 6.4 Agreed that James Feaver will present the Coastal Explorer Planning Tool at the ICAN conference in Oostende in August.

Comments:

- BH asked how the C-SCOPE project is going in Belgium. NS explained that the approach has been quite different in that a management plan is being developed for the Heist area. There has been much focus on socio-economics in the last few months as it was felt this data was lacking. They are also developing a strategy to bring marine planning back onto the national agenda. A Belgian Coast Forum has been set up and has been very successful with 200-300 people attending the last conference.

- KB informed that Kathy Belpaeme will be launching their coastal atlas on the same day as the iCoast launch. Kathy will be coming to the Dorset Coast Forum meeting to launch their Coastal Atlas. This is a hybrid between the Planning Tool and iCoast.
- NL asked whether any European Commissioners will be at the launch? KB informed that members of the JTS have been invited.
- NS spoke briefly about the workshop that they attended after the PMC Meeting and informed that a Masters Student in Belgium is looking at safety issues around wind farms. NS has introduced the student to Eneco as they are focusing on Dorset and the impacts of wind farms on fishermen.

7. C-SCOPE 2

7.1 KB explained that it is clear that the Belgian Partners want to work with the Dorset C-SCOPE Team again and that they have contact with The Netherlands and France. The two partners have spoken about future projects although agree that getting funding to extend the Marine Plan areas would be very difficult. Possible ideas for future projects include:

- Setting aside areas within the marine plan areas for high tech sustainable development projects.
- Project that looks at the Socio-Economics of marine environment and use in planning.
- Developing culture, heritage and education in the Marine Management Area – working with fishermen to enhance fishing and the same with other sectors.

NS and KB are keen to talk these ideas through further with the Steering Group – any further ideas for projects are welcome. KB feels that match funding for an Interreg project could be hard to get hold of.

Comments:

- BH informed that he will be meeting with Don Gobbett, Head of Planning, Dorset County Council to talk about DCF and C-SCOPE
- VM commented that we need to be able to better quantify ecosystems and model impacts. We need to go beyond using matrixes and use case studies.
- NS mentioned that she has spoken to Steve Fletcher about modelling goods and services.
- VM spoke about the innovative approach the Coastal Change Pathfinder Team have taken, where community were encouraged to come up with 'zany' ideas. Project encouraged people to think further and in a more innovative way.
- Suggestion that the Spring or Autumn DCF Meeting next year should be about C-SCOPE 2.

8. Finance update

8.1 KB informed that a 7 month reporting round has just finished.

The budget has been reworked due to the project extension so any under spend has been pushed to the end of the project.

C-SCOPE has around £120,000 less than expected due to the exchange rate. JTS are aware of other projects also having a shortfall due to the exchange rate. Goal for KB now is to ensure that the income matches expenditure. Money has been transferred from staff costs to cover Sustainability Appraisal and the Web Development for the Planning Tool. The Touch Screen deliverable has been cancelled and it is proposed that this money is used as a marketing budget and mobile display for iCoast.

Comments:

- BH thanked KB for keeping the finances up to date.

9. AOB

9.1 VM has met with Christchurch Harbour and discussed the possibility of including any zoned areas within the harbour on the iCoast map.

9.2 VM has been invited to present at Conference on sustainable Coastal Management on UK and Malta. VM asked whether he could refer to C-SCOPE in his presentation. NS offered slides and KB commented that VM would need to use all the right logos etc. and mention that C-SCOPE is an Interreg project.

9.3 NL mentioned new guidelines that have been developed for landslips on the coast, which he thought would be useful for VM's presentation.

ACTION: NL to send new guidelines on landslips on the coast to VM.

9.4 NL informed that he is organising an event for North Sea engineers that could possibly take place in Dorset. NL will be in contact with C-SCOPE team if it is held in this area.

Date of next meeting: 20 July 2011 – Committee Room 4, County Hall