



Job Description

Job Title:	Post Doctoral/Graduate (Coastal Zone: Marine Social Ecologist)
Department:	Ecology
Responsible to:	Principal Investigator Ocean Governance and Policy
Responsible for:	Social Ecology research
Full Time/Part Time:	Full time
Open Ended/Fixed Term:	Open ended

Job Purpose:	The post will support and develop research that explores the relationship between social systems and the coastal environment within a variety of contexts (e.g. political, economic, cultural, historical). The post will respond directly to the agenda in the MASTS Coastal Zone and SAMS Prosperity from Ecosystems themes, focusing on the feedbacks between society and coastal systems and supporting multidisciplinary research efforts.
Principle Accountabilities:	Accountable for delivering and supporting research within the Prosperity from Ecosystems theme and working with members of the Centre for Coastal and Oceans Governance. Accountable for building community and policy engagement in coastal zone management.
Main Duties:	<p>Duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide research support for the programs developed in the Centre for Coastal and Oceans Governance and the Prosperity from Ecosystems theme, including Scottish, UK and EU funded initiatives. • Develop community orientated research using innovative research methodologies in relation to Scottish marine and coastal policy issues, with a particular focus on coastal conflict, coastal management at the micro/community level and exploring innovative methods of communication between stakeholders in the coastal environment. • Provide policy advice, research output and teaching in relation to implementing marine spatial planning in Scotland, the UK and the EU. • Contribute to, and assess the effectiveness of regional marine planning institutions as relevant, for example through membership of the Advisory Group of an Inshore Fisheries Group. Build links with represented and underrepresented marine sectors in Scotland engage in the marine planning process. • Organise a marine policy forum at SAMS on a regular basis, which draws upon the wide scientific expertise within SAMS and relevant external contributors, to discuss, and apply a multi-disciplinary approach to current ocean and coastal policy issues.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Populate the Sustainable Seas blog with issues relevant to ocean and coastal policy, with a view to generating discussion and debate. • Travel to and present papers at relevant national and international workshops and conferences.
Scope & Nature of Role:	The position will focus on community and industry involvement in key marine government policy initiatives in Scotland, the UK and the EU. It will involve considerable travel and engagement with a variety of parties who are involved in marine issues and improving community engagement in planning activities.
Teaching Duties:	The role will require support to teaching H2 Marine Resources and CPD courses.
Commercial Work Duties:	Contribution to commercial work related to the Job Purpose will be required.
The post holder may be required to perform duties other than those given in the job description for the post. The particular duties and responsibilities attached to posts may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the duties or the level of responsibilities entailed.	