

Launch of UK Marine Science Centre

A UK marine science centre launched on Tuesday 5 July 2016 aims to provide solutions to challenges facing the world's seas and society, from climate change, to energy and food security. The Collaborative Centre for Sustainable Use of the Seas (CCSUS) brings together more than 40 scientists from the University of East Anglia (UEA) and the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas).

They will combine marine science with practical expertise and the latest technological know-how to ensure that our seas and oceans are used sustainably for the benefit of people in the UK and world-wide.

Scientists based at Cefas and UEA will collaborate with policy makers, advisers and industry to support UK and international marine policy in a range of areas including, marine fisheries, energy and conservation.

Responding to Developments

Projects are expected to search for real-world solutions to big issues, such as responding to the impacts of marine climate change on wildlife and fisheries or of extreme events on coasts and coastal communities, managing the extraction of aggregates from the seabed while protecting marine habitats and understanding how ocean circulation changes the risks of oil spills.

UEA Vice Chancellor Prof David Richardson said that the launch of CCSUS builds on the engagement and goodwill that has characterised 50 years of existing interaction between UEA and Cefas. Through this exciting new enterprise, the organisations will combine their strength and expertise in the marine environment, climate science, provision of policy advice and scientific excellence.