

COST Action IS1403 Oceans Past Platform (OPP)

Newsletter

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Welcome to the first Oceans Past Platform newsletter! The OPP Action has enjoyed the first 6 months of the project with lots of activity and networking. Meetings took place in Dublin, Tallinn and Tromso to name but a few.

Launch of website

The official OPP website has been created and is located here <http://www.tcd.ie/history/opp/> !

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Welcome to Oceans Past Platform website!

What is OPP?
The Oceans Past Platform Action aims to measure and understand the significance and value to European societies of living marine resource extraction and production to help shape the future of coasts and oceans. The Integrative Platform will lower the barriers between human, social and natural sciences; multiply the learning capacity of research environments; and enable knowledge transfer and co-production among researchers and other societal factors, specifically by integrating historical findings of scale and intensity of resource use into management and policy frameworks.

The oceans offer rich resources for feeding a hungry world. However, the sea is an alien space in a sense that the land is not. Fishing requires skills that must be learnt, it presupposes culinary preferences, technical ability, knowledge of target species, and a backdrop of material and intangible culture. The Action asks when, how and with what socio-economic, political, cultural and ecological implications humans have impacted marine life, primarily in European seas in the last two millennia.

The Action calls on historians, archaeologists and social scientists as well as colleagues from the marine sciences to engage in dialogue and collaboration with ocean and coastal managers. The Action will develop historical descriptors and indicators for marine and coastal management.
http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/isch/IS1403

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Visit the OPP youtube channel here!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOxxsvbeZD2KaEODvcf6xKQ>

Meetings



WG3 Aquaculture Tromso Meeting 20th April 2015

The group discussed in this meeting the implications that aquaculture has not fully realized its potential as a source of food, nutrition and income generation due to governments around the globe not having the appropriate indicators or tools for integrating the social and economic impacts of this sector. The international problem is that there is a gap in knowledge exchange between the aquaculture industry, policy makers trying to support aquaculture development and people who depend on aquaculture for a job and/or food source and this historical context in which marine food security has taken place over the centuries. Thus, decision-making about the optimum type of aquaculture at different scales is constrained by insufficient consideration of social and economic impacts, as well as finding the appropriate indicators to capture these. It was agreed to work on these aspects in more detail and to aim for a joint publication highlighting the role of historical contextual information that would be crucial to understand the underlying drivers of aquaculture development.



Official launch of the Action at Oceans Past V conference Tallinn 20th May 2015

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Dr Piterjan Deckers 6th April 2015 – 22nd May 2015

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