



DR MICHAEL C. BELL BSc PhD

SPECIALISMS

26 years of experience as research scientist, 20 years in fisheries. Wide experience of research into assessment, monitoring and management of sustainable fisheries (particularly shellfish), and ecological consequences of marine fisheries and renewable energy developments.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 1992 PhD. "The ecology of the gravel beach amphipod *Pectenogammarus planicrurus* Reid" University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, UK. (Supervisor Dr JD Fish).
1985 BSc (1st Class Hons), Applied Biology (Ecology specialization), University of Bradford, UK.

POSITIONS HELD / CAREER HISTORY

- 2008 – to date Research Associate, International Centre for Island Technology, Heriot-Watt University, Orkney, UK. Science in support of sustainable fishery management. Research into ecological consequences of marine renewable energy developments. Consultancy on sustainable fisheries and environmental effects of wave and tidal energy developments.
- 2005 – 2008 Fisheries Research Consultant, self-employed, Lowestoft and Orkney, UK. Consultancy relating to sustainable exploitation, particularly of shellfish stocks, and interactions between fisheries and bird populations.
- 1996 – 2005 Senior Shellfish Biologist, Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science, Lowestoft, UK. Research on population and fisheries biology of shellfish, provision of fishery management advice to UK government and at international level.
- 1989-1996 Senior Wetlands Ecologist, The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, Slimbridge, UK. Research on waterfowl population dynamics and wetlands ecology, statistical support to research department.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project management and research for R&D projects in shellfish biology, fisheries and management. Chairman of the ICES Working Group on *Nephrops* Stocks, 2002-2004. Outside expert reviewer for stock assessments and science in support of fishery management in USA (scallops, surf clams, ocean quahogs, blue crab, Alaska crabs, short-finned squid, Caribbean reef fish, New England groundfish) and Ireland (cockle, crab, shrimp). Involved in contracts with Cefas, An Bord Iascaigh Mhara, Center for Independent Experts (USA), Aquatera, Natural England, CCW, RSPB and NWNWSFC. Participant and consultant on EU and other international studies of decapod crustaceans. Provider of workshops on generalized linear modelling techniques, age-based stock assessments and mark-recapture modelling techniques. Marine Stewardship Council assessment (P1 specialist) of North Sea *Nephrops* fisheries, pre-assessment of Orkney creel fishery, re-assessment for Tristan da Cunha rock lobster. Chair of ICES Study Group on Environmental Impacts of Wave and Tidal Energy (2011-2013) and ICES Workshop on Wave and Tidal Energy Test Sites (2012). Scientific advisor for Orkney Sustainable Fisheries.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sustainable management of inshore fisheries, stock assessment of shellfish and fish stocks and monitoring. Impacts of marine renewable energy developments on fisheries and the marine environment. Interactions between fisheries and birds in inshore areas. Crustacean catchability and mark-recapture modelling. Spatial modelling and assessment of exploited stocks and their management. Currently involved in EPSRC funded EcoWatt 2050 project on large scale interactive coupled 3D modelling for wave and tidal energy resources and environmental impacts, NERC funded QBEX project on spillover benefits for fisheries around marine renewable energy developments. Working with local fisheries organizations on sustainable fishery management and interactions with wave and tidal energy developments. Supervisor for PhD studies on marine ecological monitoring, shellfisheries monitoring and assessment and interactions with marine renewable energy developments.

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