

**EAST Region Marine Ecosystems - EASTME**  
**The State of the EAST Regions Seas Conference**  
13th May 2025, Lincoln

**DRAFT Programme**

**Aim**

To hold a one day conference that reports on the state of a number of thematic topics for 2024 in the EAST Region from Flamborough Head to the south Suffolk border, and build the relationships between leading stakeholders who are engaged in understanding and managing this environment

08:45 – 09:30 *Doors open, refreshments and registration*

09:35 – 09:45 **Welcome to the conference**

09:45 – 10:00 **Introduction to East Marine Ecosystems and next steps**

10:00 – 11:10 **Session 1**

**Oceanography, Plankton and Productivity**

**Seabed and Seashore**

**Coastal and Estuarine Habitats**

Discussion of the relationships and interactions between thematic topics

11:10 – 12:00 *Break*

12:00 – 13:25 **Session 2**

**Marine and Coastal Birds**

**Marine Mammals – Seals**

**Marine Mammals – Cetaceans**

**Fish, Fisheries and Shellfish**

**Marine Planning**

Discussion of the relationships and interactions between thematic topics

13:25 – 14:15 *Break*

14:15 – 15:30 **Session 3**

**Marine Protected Areas**

**Water Quality: Sewage, Storm Overflows and Other Pollutants**

**Plastic Pollution and Marine Debris**

**Energy in the Marine Environment**

Discussion of the relationships and interactions between thematic topics

15:30 – 16:15 EASTME Next steps – facilitated discussion

16:15 - 16:20 Conference close