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Partnership for

Sustainable Coasts

Aligning our research across the land sea interface

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The James Hutton Institute and SAMS have established a Partnership to align our research across the land sea interface

Research Priorities:

Marine spatial planning in the coastal zone

- Support for policy development
- Joined up approach to governance across land and sea
- Public engagement in marine planning through new technologies, tools and innovations
- Collaborative efforts in mapping coastal systems
- Sharing observations and participation in regional marine planning

Ecosystem based management in coastal systems

- Understanding coastal ecosystem services assets in Scotland
- Developing methods to translate ecosystem services into policy
- Social and economic development of Scotland's coasts
- Understanding the ecological and physical dynamics of the land and sea interface
- Understanding the global and national drivers and pressures on coastal systems

Partnership Benefits:

The Partnership for Sustainable Coasts allows us to combine our knowledge of managing marine, coastal and terrestrial systems, and share data and skills across two established and esteemed Institutes in Scotland to offer the very best service.

Partnership Relevance:

The Partnership aims to deliver the science to support marine planning and ecosystem based management. The Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 is a key legislative reform that will guide planning and development. Marine planning provides a framework for sustainable development; setting economic, social and marine ecosystem objectives and offering a mechanism for managing economic investment, stakeholder engagement, decision making and the increasing, often conflicting demands placed on our coasts and seas.



