



Biological Recording in Scotland (BRISC)  
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## BRISC Annual Conference and AGM 2005

# Recording and Monitoring the Marine and Coastal Habitat

to be held in Bute Building, St Andrews University St Andrews, Fife  
Saturday 9 April 2005

### Programme

**09.00 - Open doors** - registration - coffee/teas – time to set up posters – check excursion lists

**10.00 - Welcome** Anne-Marie Smout (BRISC chair)

*Prof. Peter Maitland to chair the morning*

**10.10 – “Monitoring marine mammals around the UK”** Prof. John Harwood, Sea Mammal Research Unit

**10.30 – “Monitoring seabirds in the Forth”** Dr Sarah Wanless, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH), Banchory

**10.50 - "Multi-method monitoring of fish populations in the Forth Estuary"** Richard Park, Senior Marine Biologist, Scottish Environment Protection Agency

**11.10 - Discussion**

**11.30 - Comfort break**

**11.40 - AGM (members)**

**12.15- Lunch (optional)** A buffet lunch will be served in the Bell Pettigrew Museum

*Prof. Robert M M Crawford to chair the afternoon*

**13.10–"The challenge of recording coastal biodiversity".** Dr William Penrice, formerly the Recorder for Fife Nature

**13.30 – “Seasearch and Basking Shark Watch”** Calum Duncan, Marine Conservation Society Scotland

**13.50 - 'The supply and demand for local marine data’** Simon Scott, Fife Environmental Recording Network (FERN)

**14.10 – Discussion**

**14.30 - Arrangements for excursions and tea refreshments, draw for raffle**

**15.10 – Excursions (see below for details)**

**!!17.00 - All posters and delegates’ belongings must be collected prior to this time. !!**

### Excursions

There are 3 optional excursions for delegates to join after tea:

Fife Ranger Service have generously agreed to lead two of these, FERN will lead the third:

**1) Kinkell Braes (15.15-16.45)**

Interest: general biodiversity interest: botanical, geological, zoological – With Tony Wilson and Deirdre Munro, Fife Ranger Service

**Please note:** Coastal path is rocky and at times steep. Sturdy footwear essential

**2) Kinshaldy, Tentsmuir (15.15 – 18.45)**

Interest: sand dunes botany, strandline biodiversity, wetland vegetation, possibly waders With Les Hatton (Fife Ranger Service) and Prof. Robert M M Crawford

**3) St Andrews Aquarium – (15.15 – 16.45)**

Interest: Fish, some of local (North Sea) origin, and occasional orphan seals With Fife Environmental Recording Network (FERN) A party entrance fee will be charged, costs depending on numbers.