

Research and analysis: R131: Validating the origin of capture

As part of the MMO's ongoing work looking at enhancing provenance and traceability we are keen to investigate new methods of confirming where fish sold ashore was originally caught to support and verify other systems for managing compliance and enforcement. This applies to domestic caught fish and imported fish products requiring catch certificates.

Research and analysis: R130: Detecting berried lobsters

Updated: Text removed "Little work has been done on the European lobster"

To review and develop methodologies for establishing whether caught European lobsters (*Homarus gammarus*) had been carrying eggs prior to capture and had the trace removed.

Research and analysis: Displacement and habituation of seabirds in response to marine activities (MMO 1139)

This report provides a high-level overview of current knowledge of habituation of seabirds to disturbance impacts associated with anthropogenic marine activities in English territorial waters and subsequent habituation to those activities.

The report explores whether habituation is species or activity dependent and informs on the conditions and scales under which disturbance, displacement, habituation and attraction does or does not occur.

MBE awarded to Andy Chadwick

Andy Chadwick has been awarded the MBE in recognition of his services to the science of carbon capture and sequestration.

Independent report: Multi-Agency Flood Plan (MAFP) review

This final report sets out the findings of the Multi-Agency Flood Plan review.

The review looked at:

- the effectiveness and consistency of current flood plans produced by Local Resilience Forums (LRFs) in England
- identifying good practice
- how good practice could be shared across the country

The review report includes recommendations under 12 headings.

The review was led and overseen by Major General (retired) Tim Cross, as an independent external reviewer.

Michael Gove (Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) [announced that Defra and the Environment Agency \(EA\) would be undertaking a review of multi-agency flood plans \(MAFPs\)](#) produced by local resilience forums (LRFs) in England. This is part of the government's ongoing work to address flood risk.