



Shellfish – our undervalued resource

23rd – 27th August, 2011 Stirling, Scotland, UK

The 14th International Conference on Shellfish Restoration (ICSR) comes this year to the United Kingdom for the first time in its 26 years history. The conference will be held at the University of Stirling in the heart of Scotland and its title and theme will be “Shellfish – our undervalued resource”. The conference will run from the evening of August 23rd to the morning of August 27th with a gala dinner and ceilidh on the evening of August 26th at the Management Centre at the University of Stirling. The programme will feature invited keynote and panel presentations, case studies, and contributed oral and poster presentations. All sessions will be presented in English.

The theme of the conference, “Shellfish – our undervalued resource”, reflects the UK perception of shellfish as something that is good to eat, often in upmarket restaurants. Shellfish fisheries and aquaculture are indeed a very important part of the UK economy; shellfish reefs however form an ecosystem that provides myriad benefits (“ecosystem services”) many of which have been lost through acute fishing pressures, disease, pollution and other factors. On a global scale, shellfish reefs are considered amongst the most threatened habitats. This conference hopes to change perceptions of the value of shellfish as a resource by bringing scientists from all over the world to discuss how we can learn from experience overseas, particularly in the USA, where there has been considerable investment and community-based efforts to restore and enhance shellfish populations.

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