



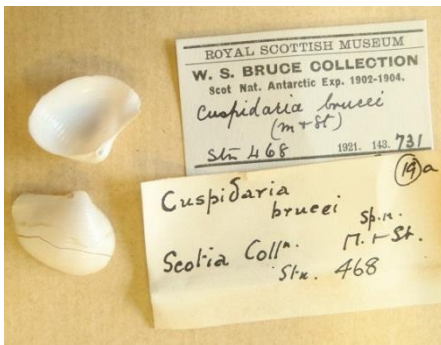
Come behind the scenes at National Museums Scotland and discover...



...what is in the collections

Our collection of marine invertebrates is one of the largest of its kind in the UK and is estimated to contain over 4 million specimens.

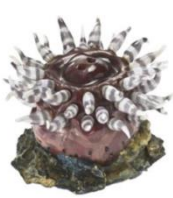
You will visit our new, purpose-built storage facility at the National Museums Collection Centre where you can explore the extraordinary diversity of life in our seas – all major taxonomic groups including sponges, anemones, hydroids, polychaetes, crustaceans, molluscs, bryozoans, echinoderms, tunicates and acorn worms are represented.



...where our collections come from

Uncover our historically significant collections which date back to Lord Byron's expedition on HMS Blonde in 1826!

Find out how we are continuing to develop the collections through our own research and collaboration with government, academic and commercial institutions. What gaps remain and could you help to fill them?



...and what we do

From taxonomic research, contributing to national biodiversity initiatives and developing exhibitions, international schools partnerships and training events to fieldwork, managing the collections and facilitating research visits our role as curators is a varied one! Find out more about some recent highlights during your visit.

