



Welcome to the Solent Biosecurity Workshops 2



Introduction

Why are we doing this work?

1. To raise the profile of marine invasive species in the Solent and their potential environmental, economic and social impacts
2. To help Solent stakeholders implement biosecurity actions in both their everyday business and future plans and projects by giving them the tools and resources they need



Staff & Participants

Staff:

- Karen McHugh – Solent Forum
- Kate Ansell – Solent Forum
- Jan MacLennan – Natural England (Chair)
- Jess Taylor – Natural England

Participants:

- Solent stakeholders (three focus areas – Eastern Harbours, Southampton Water, IoW)



Timetable

Jan 2023 – project commences

March 2023 – three in person workshops held in Portsmouth, Southampton and Cowes

April/May 2023 – Draft biosecurity pages and actions developed

June 2023 – three online workshops to discuss the draft actions and measures and get stakeholder feedback/support

July to Oct 2023 – Action plans finalised for launch at the Solent Forum meeting on 11 October

Funding: supplied by Natural England



Workshops 1

1. Held in March 2023 – Eastern Harbours, Southampton Water, Isle of Wight
2. Purpose was to raise awareness of marine invasive species in the Solent and to get stakeholder input on current knowledge and issues around marine invasives and biosecurity
3. Workshop reports uploaded to the Solent Forum website along with video recordings of presentations
4. Reports identified key findings of delegates



Workshops 1: Organisations

APEM Ltd

Blue Marine Foundation

Chichester Harbour Conservancy

Coastal Partners

Hampshire County Council

HIWWT

Sussex IFCA

Southern IFCA

Natural England

MBA

Marina Projects

Langstone Harbour Board

River Hamble HA

Royal Navy

RSPB

MMO

University of Portsmouth



Workshops 1: Some Key Findings

We need to continue to raise awareness of marine invasive species throughout the Solent and their impact

We need to develop a simple ID and recording mechanism for these species

Biosecurity actions need to be pathway led rather than by species or sector

The presentation of the information is just as important as the content – websites, videos, e-learning and case studies work better than a traditional plan format

There needs to be more guidance and research on the implications of marine invasives on habitat restoration and the beneficial use of dredgings

Implementing biosecurity measures is a long term process that needs to allow for budget constraints and timing with other work like site maintenance/refurbishment/development



Biosecurity Plan Development

All resources will be placed on the Solent Forum website (still in prep):

Three main sections:

1. Marine invasive species information
2. Biosecurity pathways
3. Biosecurity action plans

Format:

- Text to explain issue
- Case studies
- Videos/Images
- Resource links



Biosecurity Pathways

Based on what we were told in workshops 1 we have developed 5 pathways that we think are of key importance to the Solent.

Idea is that people can 'dip in and out' based on the pathways of relevance to them, e.g. a marina operator may need to use recreational boating, vessels and waterside infrastructure.

1. Recreational Boating
2. Vessels
3. Waterside Infrastructure
4. Kit and Equipment
5. Habitat and Species Restoration



Additional Pages

National evidence gap/research needs/information requirements

Legislation and Policy

Links and Resources

- Existing plans
- Templates



Role of the Solent Forum

Should the Solent Forum be the overall coordinator for biosecurity planning in the Solent? Collating and sharing information on marine invasive species and best practice biosecurity measures? Would you support this?

The GB NNSS call this role a Local Action Group. We can register with them to be sent details of resources and events being held by the GB NNSS

Have your say on the Jamboard....



Interactive Session 1

Time to have your say.....

- We are using a Google Jamboard – link in the chat
- For session 1 we will be looking at frames 2 to 5. Frame 1 contains instructions for use
- If you need to look back at the Solent Forum website pages the links are in your Agenda/on the jamboard
- We will leave the Jamboard open for 2 weeks after this workshop for you to add extra comments
- Quick demo.....



Biosecurity Actions

- Actions have been developed based on what Solent Stakeholders told us in workshop 1
- There are a set of generic local actions and five sets of actions based on the five biosecurity pathways
- We have tried to make them simple, realistic and reasonable and used all the great existing information already available to draft them
- We want to know if they will work for you and if your organisation can commit to implementing them
- Please also prioritise which you think are most important (use blue sticky note)



Interactive Session 2

Time to have your say again.....

- Back to the Google Jamboard (link in chat)
- For session 2 we will be looking at frames 6 to 14
- Please flick through the frames and comment on those of relevance to you. Please also highlight any actions you think are a priority in your comments
- Please put any additional comments on frame 15



Next Steps

- Jamboard open for 2 weeks after this workshop please add extra comments or get feedback from colleagues. Please feed any extra information or comments to the Solent Forum office
- Based on your feedback we will finesse the actions and circulate the final plans for comment to stakeholders
- Plans will be launched at the Solent Forum meeting on 11 October
- Final poll – Q. Will you commit to using these resources and implementing the biosecurity actions in the plans where applicable/appropriate?



Thank you for your
attendance and input.

