

'Evidence Gathering in Support of Sustainable Scottish Inshore Fisheries'



Call for Vessels to join EFF Inshore Fisheries Project

A series of EFF funded projects for Scottish inshore fisheries was announced in July 2014. The projects aim to support the future sustainability of fisheries by working in partnership with fishermen and Inshore Fishing Groups.

We are still recruiting vessels (<12m), cross-sector, to volunteer on the West Coast of Scotland, for Project 1: 'Establishing the location of fishing activities' offering FREE Succorfish SC2 tracking devices to inshore vessels.

- We are inviting vessel to test the Succorfish SC2 vessel monitoring system, which uses GPS tracking and communicates over AIS, a VHF safety channel (equipment value c.£1,000)
- This project is cross-sector, and is focused on the West coast of Scotland
- The trial is for 6-8 months. The technology will be installed at **no cost to the skipper/owner**, and the equipment can be kept by skippers at the end of the project in 2015.
- The aim of the project is to assess the capability of using AIS to improve knowledge of important fishing locations.
- Long-term benefits of using vessel monitoring systems may include: improved representation of fishing activities in a developing marine environment; an opportunity to demonstrate 'responsible fishing practices' (e.g. within/around MPAs); a means to implement spatial management of fisheries; potential access to accreditation programs (e.g. MSC); and the potential for improved safety at sea.

The project has funding to install up to 300 vessels on a first come first served basis, with recruitment from Aug 2014 to Feb 2015. The first batch of installations will take place in January 2015.

You can apply for the project by one of the following:

- 1)Telephone: **0800 043 3474 (also for general enquiries)**
- 2)Email: kylaorr@gmail.com or alimcknight@agroecosystems.co.uk
- 3)Fill in the online form: <http://www.jotforme.com/Inshorefisheries/vessels>
- 4)or post your application (see application form at the end of this advert)

Interested skippers of licensed fishing vessels are requested to provide the following information:

- PLN Number • Gear Type • Vessel Name • Home Port • Skipper Contact Details • RSS No



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Application form for: Succorfish SC2 Vessel Monitoring System

Please register your details below if you would like to participate in this project, and receive a free Succorfish VMS unit - which will communicate vessel location via AIS.

1. Skipper and vessel details:

Full Name:	
Vessel Name:	
Vessel PLN:	
Home Port:	
Vessel Size:	
Method/Gear:	
Target Species:	
Email:	
Telephone Number:	
Alternative Number:	

Please post your application form to one of the Project Facilitators:

Kyla Orr, Corkil, Dubhaid, Plockton, Highlands, IV52 8TU. OR
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News stories concerning the Succorfish technology and its use in England can be viewed at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwsJWiaFzI8>
<http://www.itv.com/news/west/story/2014-05-27/new-deal-between-fishermen-and-conservationists>



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