

Eastern Harbours Jamboard Write up: Workshop 2

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2. Do you agree with the way we have split this Biosecurity Plan into 3 sections or would you prefer a different way?

All attendees were happy with the three divisions, we need to clarify this split on the homepage. Suggestion of including a fourth section on 'future issues'.

3. Do you agree with the Solent Forum being the lead for the Solent biosecurity plans?

All agreed.

4. What do you think about the content of our marine invasive species information page?

Attendees liked the format, content and the focus on Solent marine invasive species. Suggestions included to have more images of Solent species and a 'future' risk section (horizon species). Also asked for was a simple download of individual key Solent species that people could print off. Query on whether/how to include brackish species.

5. Do you agree with the five biosecurity pathways we have selected? Or would you prefer different or amended/combined pathways? What do you think of the content/layout of the pathway pages?

Attendees suggested having a single section covering all recreation and a separate section for commercial vessels/shipping. Waterside infrastructure needs to include more information on maintenance of assets.

6. What do you think of the local generic actions?

People would like clarity on reporting/validating sightings of invasive species. Biosecurity leads need access to free role training and the support of their senior managers. Actions 1-6 were prioritised, with 6, 1 and 3 being the most popular.

6. Educate you staff, customers and contractors by including information on marine invasives and biosecurity in your existing print and online media such as harbour guides and websites.

1. Support and endorse this plan and utilise its resources to help improve biosecurity throughout your organisation.

3. Nominate a biosecurity lead in your organisation and include this term in their job description. Encourage them to talk to staff and customers about this issue and others more widely at any events held. This person should use the resources on these pages to help improve biosecurity throughout the organisation.

7. What do you think about the recreational boating actions?

The actions were generally all supported and attendees noted there was a need to push and publicise all the great resources available more widely. Actions 3 and 1 were prioritised.

1. Encourage recreational boaters to adopt the Check, Clean Dry campaign and utilise their resources for best practice. Encourage staff and recreational boaters to watch The Green Blue's Check, Clean, Dry videos.

3. Insert a biosecurity clause in information put out at boating events to ensure that competitors from outside the Solent are aware of Check, Clean, Dry and the need to stop marine invasive spread.

8. What do you think about the actions for waterside infrastructure?

Delegates suggested a new title of 'coastal and marine infrastructure' for clarity. Information on materials to use and infrastructure design to minimise marine invasive spread was raised as an evidence gap. There was interest in using settlement panels to monitor for marine invasives. Prioritisation was spread across all actions, it depended on the exact needs of people's work area.

9. What do you think about the actions for commercial and recreational vessels?

Attendees noted that regarding commercial vessels there is no statutory duty to check for marine invasives, so it is commonly not built into existing protocols. It was noted that action would be difficult to implement if it remained voluntary due to the international movement of larger vessels.

10. What do you think about the actions for kit/equipment?

Delegates suggested adding construction and site operatives to the list and noted that operators should be providing information on biosecurity measures to their clients, so clients should request it. The Wildlife Trust were happy to educate volunteers in these measures in their work. It was noted that getting casual users to adopt measures is, as always, one of the most difficult tasks.

11. What do you think about the actions for habitat/species restoration?

Delegates appreciated all the good information on oyster restoration and noted this now needs to expand into other restoration activities. Consents and licensing conditions for marine invasives around restoration work is a new issue that needs to be addressed pragmatically. Guidance was also requested on the use of materials and design to minimise marine invasive risk.

12. What do you think about the national actions/evidence requirements that we have set out?

There was a mix of responses to the national actions/evidence but no one disagreed with any and delegates suggested that actions 6 to 10 should be prioritised.

14. How could we measure action implementation?

Attendees suggested that the Solent Forum could ask annually what people have been doing and any invasives identified as part of other consultation work. A standard online reporting form was suggested with a web-based resource to display the information. Attendees were not keen on formalised reporting timescales for actions. The use of settlement panels across the Solent was an idea people liked as a quick and easy way to begin looking for species.