

Southampton 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 agreed with the three divisions. Suggestion of naming them “non-native” species to ensure we recognize our responsibility in having brought the species to the Solent.

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

All attendees agreed. Concerns whether the Solent Forum can reach all relevant authorities.

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

Attendees like the format and content of the page but suggest including more photos of the relevant species. First paragraph needs its own heading. Need to recognize the arrival of new species which could potentially cause problems.

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 suggest a clear division between recreational boating and commercial boating, both of which should include their individual kit and equipment. Need more detail about how habitat and species restoration is linked to biosecurity.

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

Suggestion of grouping similar actions together, e.g., 1, 2 and 3, to make actions seem less daunting. Actions 1-6 were prioritised, with 2 and 6 being the most popular.

2. Encourage staff throughout your organisation to be aware of the issue of marine invasive species in the Solent, provide a link to these pages in internal staff communications.

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.

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

The actions were all generally supported but attendees saw the need to create greater awareness and engagement of users, as this is difficult to achieve. Suggestion of linking up with other initiatives outside the Solent as boats traveling longer distances increase the spread of marine invasive species. Another suggestion of grouping similar actions together. Actions 1 and 3 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?

Attendees mentioned actions 2, 3 and 4 could be helpful for MMO Marine Licence Applications. The use of settlement plates could become a citizen science project. Contractors adhering to biosecurity protocols is important and effective. Prioritisation was spread across the actions, different needs depending on people's work area.

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

Attendees noted that voluntary measures will be difficult to implement and would need to be put into legislation to make enforceable. It was noted that a lot of marinas still wash off into the harbour/river and initiatives to support filtered closed loop systems would help with this. Actions 2 and 3 are important for commercial vessels which typically frequent other areas besides the Solent.

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

Attendees mentioned information for anglers and boaters should be displayed at angling areas and marinas with facilities to follow through with Check, Clean, Dry. Potential duplication of actions noted, keep concise.

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

Attendees agreed with order of action prioritisation. Attendees mention cost of eDNA testing, need to provide evidence why habitat restoration benefits from this. Need for more information on invasive species with impacts on habitats and other species including mitigation measures. Look into other measures, e.g., translocation, which could be effective at controlling marine invasives too.

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 requirements, but no one disagreed with any. Suggestion of looking into adapting existing apps rather than creating new ones. Mention for the need to think about the future when species expand their habitat range or move due to climate change.

14. How could we measure action implementation?

Attendees suggested daily record keeping (logbooks) of all activities related to biosecurity, which might be more difficult for sectors such as gear cleaning. Incidents should be reported to biosecurity leads or relevant authorities. Attendees expressed difficulties for both the commercial and recreational sector as this requires a behavioural change in people's attitudes.