



# MASTS

Marine Alliance for  
Science and Technology  
for Scotland

**MASTS** brings together Scotland's world-class marine research community and welcomes new partnerships from across the UK.

**MASTS** strengthens collaboration and research excellence to address major environmental and societal challenges, from coastal zones to deep-sea ecosystems.

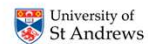
**MASTS** represents its member nationally and internationally, enhances research impact, supports strategic investment, and helps train the next generation of marine scientists, decision-makers, and leaders.

## Our Key Goals

- **Enhance research excellence** through communication, coordination, and collaboration
- **Support a healthy marine environment** by informing policy with the best science
- **Promote global competitiveness** and international leadership in marine research
- **Represent the marine science community** with an authoritative collective voice
- **Raise public awareness** of the value and heritage of our seas
- **Support sustainable industries** such as marine energy, fisheries, and aquaculture
- **Help plan for climate change adaptation** and future resilience
- **Build capacity and skills** through training and doctoral programmes
- **Provide expertise for government policy and decision-making**

## How MASTS Delivers Impact

- Research innovation and cooperation across academia, industry, and government
- Strong cross-disciplinary teams beyond institutional boundaries
- High-quality integrated marine science and improved coordination
- International influence on marine research priorities and funding
- Evidence-based approaches to managing human impacts on marine ecosystems
- Research with demonstrable impact for policy, regulation, industry, and society



## MASTS Themes and Structure

MASTS research is organised around three high-level Themes:

1. **Productive Seas**
2. **Properties of Marine Systems**
3. **Biodiversity, Function & Services**

Within these Themes, MASTS funds **Fora and Working Groups** are developed bottom-up by the research community to deliver focused outputs and respond to emerging priorities.

## MAST-Scotland, our charity

MASTS also operates through **MAST-Scotland**, a not-for-profit charity with a Board of Trustees looking to support its future graduate school.

## Training and Early Career Support

MASTS runs a highly **successful Graduate School**, with:

- Over 100 alumni
- More than 100 active doctoral students

Supporting **Early Career Researchers** is a core priority for MASTS.

## Events, Communication and Collaboration

- National and international representation for members
- Workshops, conferences, and online events
- A weekly member newsletter
- The **MASTS Annual Science Meeting** is the largest gathering of UK marine scientists
- Support for collaborative bids, consortia, and major programmes

## Funding and Future Vision

MASTS is supported through Partner contributions and coordinated project funding.

Our mission is to keep Scottish and UK marine science and training **globally competitive**, ensuring strong support for existing members while welcoming new partners who add value to the alliance.



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our work, and join  
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