

MASTS Small Grant Scheme - ref SG21

Attendance at the 6th World Fisheries Congress 2012

7th – 11th May 2012, Edinburgh

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The small grant awarded by MASTS allowed me to attend and present my research at the 6th World Fisheries Congress (WFC) at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre. My abstract titled “Estimates of anglerfish abundance in closed areas using a visual survey technique” was accepted for oral presentation by the WFC scientific committee. I presented on Tuesday 8th May under the theme session “Sustainable Fisheries: Ecosystem Approach” to an audience of approximately 60 delegates.

This was my first conference to attend as a PhD student. The opportunity to give an oral presentation at such a large international event was excellent and allowed me to build my confidence whilst also providing a great platform from which I could establish myself as a research scientist.

The World Fisheries Congress scientific committee also offered delegates the opportunity to submit a manuscript for inclusion in a Special Issue of the Journal of Fish Biology. I put forward my abstract and was accepted for inclusion in the special issue. The manuscript has just recently been published in the Journal of Fish Biology.

McIntyre, F. D., et al. (2013). "A visual survey technique for deep-water fishes: estimating anglerfish *Lophius* spp. abundance in closed areas." Journal of Fish Biology **83**(4): 739-753.

Total amount awarded - £500

Details of how funding was spent are as follows:

WFC Conference Registration - £180

Accommodation (5 nights) - £300

Travel - £20