



## **REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

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## **JNCC SUPPORT CO. BOARD**

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1. Since the last report to the company board, the Executive Management Board (EMB) has met three times: on 10 December, 8 January and 5 February. Minutes of the meetings are available on request.
2. The main items discussed by EMB and other significant issues relating to the running of the company are summarised below.
3. In November, trade union members in JNCC rejected the pay offer for 2008/09 and the unions requested that negotiations with management were reopened. However, JNCC management had no flexibility to improve the terms of the pay offer within the parameters established by Government, and therefore decided to implement the pay offer, as originally proposed, without the agreement of the unions.
4. EMB has agreed to set up an internal Science Quality Task Force, chaired by Andrew Stott, to assess the management of scientific evidence and advice within JNCC. The aim is to ensure that JNCC's work is underpinned by high-quality science and evidence.
5. Because of the increasing volume and complexity of marine work in JNCC, EMB has agreed to make changes to the way the work is managed. In future, there will be four marine programmes: Marine Management Advice, Marine Mapping (provisional name), Marine Protected Areas and Marine Surveillance and Monitoring.
6. Following an assessment of the potential risks and benefits, EMB has agreed that JNCC should take on responsibility for the future development and maintenance of the Biodiversity Action Reporting System (BARS) – the web-based system designed to meet the reporting needs of the UK Biodiversity Action Plan and its constituent national, country, regional and local plans and strategies. Funding will be provided by the BARS partners.
7. On 20 May 2009, JNCC will hold an event in London to provide feedback from recent meetings of international environmental conventions/agreements, identify key issues relevant to implementation in the UK, and look forward to future meetings. The event will be targeted at a wide audience, including UK Government and devolved administrations, country agencies, NGOs and research bodies.