



Co-Operation for Restoring
Cockle Shellfisheries
and its Ecosystem Services
in the Atlantic Area (AA)

cockles



To raise scientific, political and societal attention to cockles, a final COCKLES' conference has been organised. Apart from the more conventional scientific communications, it will also include exhibitions more devoted to the general public, stakeholders and students.

It will represent a great opportunity to promote the main results obtained in the project.



FINAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

9TH, 10TH & 12TH
MARCH 2021



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SESSION I • Tuesday, 9th March COCKLES' Research Outputs

[CET]

09:00 Welcome and short briefing of COCKLES

09:10 Historical versus current status of cockle distribution, abundance and population dynamics and reproductive health.

Sharon Lynch | University College Cork

09:30 Parasites: good or not good?

Xavier de Montaudouin | Université de Bordeaux

09:50 The cockle immune system, cell machinery to face pathogens and the fight against marsteiliosis.

Antonio Villalba | CIMA, Consellería do Mar, Xunta de Galicia

10:10 Comfort Break

10:30 The role of cockles in the ecosystem.

Francis Orvain | Université de Caen Normandie

10:50 Cockle's larvae connectivity.

Sophie Wilmes | Bangor University

11:10 Genetic diversity of cockles in the Atlantic Area.

Paulino Martínez and Manuel Vera |
Universidade de Santiago de Compostela

11:30 Final round of sessions and debate

12:00 End of SESSION I

SESSION II • Wednesday, 10th March COCKLES' Outputs for Policy & Industry

[CET]

09:00 Welcome and short briefing of COCKLES

09:10 Invasive species: major threats and opportunities.

Paula Chainho | Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa

09:25 Opportunities from progress in culture techniques.

Domitilia Matias | Instituto Português do Mar e da Atmosfera (IPMA)

09:40 Opportunities from selection for disease resistance.

Paulino Martínez | Universidade de Santiago de Compostela

09:55 Restoring cockle beds and a Galician case study.

Antonio Villalba | CIMA, Consellería do Mar, Xunta de Galicia

10:10 First round of debate

10:30 Comfort Break

10:45 Understanding the value of some ecosystem services from cockles.

Laurence Jones | UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology

11:00 The catalogue of parasites and diseases of the common cockles *Cerastoderma edule*.

Xavier de Montaudouin | Université de Bordeaux

11:15 COCKLES GIS viewer: Integrating new and existing knowledge on cockles.

Elena Couñago | Centro Tecnológico del Mar-Fundación CETMAR

11:45 Questions and answers and final debate

12:15 End of SESSION II

SESSION III • Friday, 12th March

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10:00 COCKLES reaching out to education

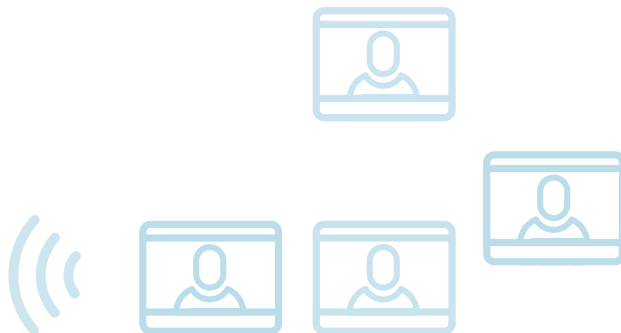
Special activity for schools

COCKLES' team will connect with some schools in Ireland, United Kingdom, France, Portugal and Spain to present the educational materials produced by the project. Four virtual rooms will be available for presentations in English, Portuguese, French and Spanish.

11:30 COCKLES virtual press conference for the Atlantic Area media

Special activity for media

COCKLES' researchers will be available to interact with journalists from different countries. The main language will be English although questions might be asked in French, Portuguese and Spanish. The partnership will eventually facilitate consecutive translation when needed.



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