



Inter-Agency Committee on Marine Science and Technology
(IACMST)

A meeting of the IACMST Marine Environmental Data (MED) Forum

Coastal morphology, marine ecology, underwater geology and biology photographs and videos: their availability, uses and curation

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City Conference Centre
80 Coleman Street, London, EC2R 5BJ

Photographic and video images of coastal morphology, sub-tidal marine ecology, underwater geology and biology are a valuable resource for coastal management, scientific research and education but can be expensive to obtain. Often photographs and videos are taken for specific projects and are not made easily accessible to the wider scientific community. This workshop will discuss issues with the availability, use and curation of collections of photographs and videos in the field of coastal morphology, marine ecology, and underwater geology and biology. The format of the workshop will be a number of keynote talks by leading researchers, which will provide informative, up-to-date overviews concerning:

- types and scientific use of collections
- technology for extracting information from photo/video archives
- new initiatives to increase accessibility to collections
- curation techniques and the impact of digital image capture

The meeting will interest a wide range of marine and coastal researchers, data and information specialists, and archive management specialists to allow discussion and an exchange of views on current trends in the development, use and future of this type of collection. A poster session is planned together with demonstrations of photo/video collection databasing. Poster presentations from delegates are encouraged.

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