

# Cowrie - The legacy

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# Purpose of Cowrie

- To improve understanding of potential environmental impacts of offshore wind... (through generic research)

Managing uncertainty to de-risk  
Projects, aid consentability and  
project deliverability

# Mechanism

- A pro-active forum bringing together industry, regulators, SNCAs, NGOs
- Agreeing priority issues for research and investigation
- Builds on experience
- Publication of best practice documents, standardised methodologies and collation of environmental data

# Project Portfolio

- Over 50 projects to date
- Over £3mn allocated to environmental research, education and data management
- Themes:
  - Birds
  - Marine mammals (and underwater noise)
  - Fish and benthos
  - Cultural heritage
  - Coastal processes
  - Data and information management
  - Education

# Cowrie's legacy

- Model involving key players working together
- Industry best practice
- Practical and applied research outcomes
- Risk based tools and robust science
- Achievable solutions
- Access to centralised data
- Dissemination of outputs via web
- Education work – stakeholders, schools

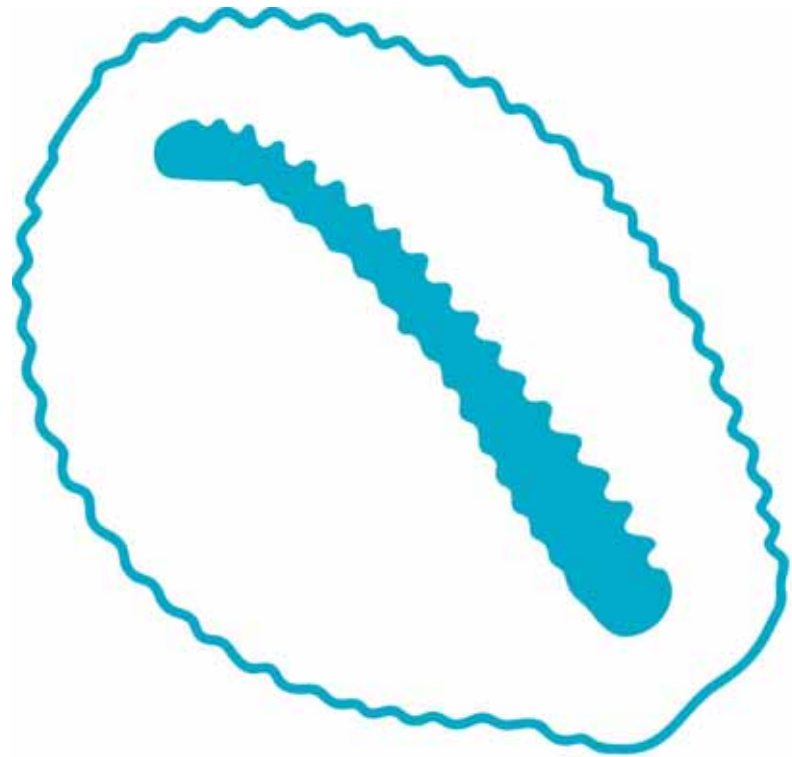
# 2010 – the Final Chapter

- Completion of all projects 2010
- Data management to TCE
- Communication
  - Cowrie Book
  - Library of existing reports on website maintained
  - Platform for challenges ahead

# Will you miss us?

## Some new challenges ahead

- Further offshore
- Appropriate Assessment, CIA, Ecosystem
- Benefit of pro-active forum for consenting process
- Survey design and targeted monitoring
- Integration of databases
- Capture and disseminate information
- COMMUNICATION



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