

**Project Title: SIORC Shark Tagging Database Internship**

**Project Scope:** This project was built to overhaul the UK Shark Tagging Programme (UKSTP) database. The project comprises of three stages: to standardise the data (stage 1), to deliver the data on a GIS platform (stage 2) and to present the information to the MASTS community at a half day workshop (stage 3).

**Stage Report:** Stage 3- MASTS workshop

**Project Supervisors:** Dr James Thorburn and Dr Lea-Anne Henry

**Intern:** Amie Williams

**1) Workshop**

The workshop was held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of May at the University of St Andrews' Gateway Building (no.18) boardroom. A total of 4 individuals attended (see section "workshop attendees"), with a further 5 joining on the webinar.

The workshop ran from 0930-1230, where the attendees were talked through each stage of the project, highlighting the difficulties that were overcome during each stage. Suggestions were made on how the database may be of interest to stakeholders (scientists, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and Marine Scotland Science (MSS) and anglers), as well as the direction in which the data could be taken next highlighted. The workshop concluded with some retrospective questions and discussions on how to take this dataset forward.

The UKSTP database overhaul has now been complete. The data is now at a standard where it can be further explored for analysis, and key areas of interest identified.

**Workshop attendees:**

Dr Mark James  
Dr James Thorburn  
Dr Lea-Anne Henry  
Amie Williams

**2) Next Steps**

Several directions were proposed with regards to the progressions of the UKSTP database. The next steps are to further explore possible developments, e.g. the introduction of an app, establish connections to progress the data and to identify key areas of interest.