

THE INTERAGENCY COASTAL GEOMORPHOLOGY NETWORK- WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE WANT? -HOW TO MAKE YOUR RESEARCH USEFUL FOR COASTAL CONSERVATION

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The Interagency Coastal Geomorphology Group is a cross-country common interest group focused around sharing coastal geomorphological research and best practice. Our members include the statutory conservation bodies, the Environment Agency, National Trust, Cefas and the British Geological Society. We are evidence led organisations working together to ensure that the coastline is managed in a sustainable way for both people and nature. Our roles involve evidence gathering, input to policy, casework advice, development of guidance, and delivery of projects. Working on the coast can demand a wide range of knowledge and experience including an understanding of the hydrodynamic and sediment transport processes; geology; geomorphology; habitats and species and how these might change with natural and anthropogenic pressures.

Through this presentation we will outline:

- What information we need as a group and what we use it for
- Where the current research gaps are
- How you can help fill these gaps and make your research useful to aid coastal management and protection
- How you can maximise the impact of your research

We will present examples of where we have successfully worked with research institutions and the impact this has had on the ground. We will highlight how you can make us aware of your research and the types of support we might be able to provide. We will finish by outlining our reflections on the future pressures to the coast and where future research might be best focused.