

A COORDINATED AGENDA FOR MARINE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS SCIENCE (CAMERAS) (2011-2016)

Consultation Questions

<p>Question 1: Do you agree that the two broad categories of 'Local Responses to Global Change' and 'Optimising the Potential of Scotland's Natural Assets' are helpful in providing an overlying structure to the Co-ordinated Agenda?</p>	<p>No, Whilst they cover sexy themes I feel Scotland should be more specific in it's categories</p>
<p>Question 2: Are the descriptions of these set out in Section 3 (and Annex 3) comprehensive?</p>	<p>Yes, As mentioned above, almost too wide ranging and comprehensive</p>
<p>Question 3: Do these cover the major policy challenges where science can contribute as you see them?</p>	<p>Yes, As above, need to be more specific</p>
<p>Question 4: Are they likely to remain broadly relevant over the longer time horizon (well beyond the 2016 focus of this Coordinated Agenda)?</p>	<p>Yes, As with Q1, as they are so broad ranging titles they can cover most topics</p>
<p>Question 5: Do you agree with the description of support for the National Capability Theme set out in Section 3 (and Annex 3)?</p>	<p>Yes, I would support the National Capability idea</p>
<p>Question 6: What facilities, resources and data do you think are important for Scotland to maintain?</p>	<p>At present Scotland is one of the leading Science providers Worldwide and not enough is done to publicise this. I don't believe the Scottish Public appreciate the International Quality Science that comes out of their country and we should be actively promoting and supporting this.</p>
<p>Question 7: Are there other resources that Scotland needs to acquire to support future policy development?</p>	<p>Yes, As in Q6</p>
<p>Question 8: Have we correctly identified the key policy issues and the associated scientific</p>	

opportunities in Section 3?	
Question 9: Are there additional issues that should be included?	
Question 10: What do you think will be the most important influences on Scotland's future in the Marine, Environment, Rural Affairs and related areas?	
Question 11: Why do you think these are important?	
Question 12: Are there other scientific opportunities which should be highlighted?	Yes, Again as in Q6
Question 13: What existing areas of Scottish based scientific expertise should be maintained to contribute evidence to key policy issues?	As in Q6, all areas need to be increasingly supported rather than maintained
Question 14: How clear is the relationship between the scientific areas and the key policy issues?	
Question 15: In which areas of science can we continue to make use of expertise supported elsewhere e.g. at the UK, EU and international levels?	At all levels, collaboration is key.
Question 16: In the time frame for CAMERAS (2011-2016) what new emerging areas of science are likely to mature and become available for more general use or application?	
Question 17: Do we have the expertise available to be able to use these new opportunities?	
Question 18: In which areas does Scotland need to be self reliant?	
Question 19: Knowledge Exchange is essential for scientific activity to achieve impact. Do you agree that KE should be an explicit and	Yes,

<p><i>integral aspect of the delivery of this Coordinated Agenda?</i></p>	
<p><i>Question 20: How can we continue to improve the integration of evidence from a diverse range of sources into forms that are accessible to end users?</i></p>	
<p><i>Question 21: How can we reconcile the requirement for science to be responsive and flexible to short term demands while at the same time ensuring that longer term strategic research continues to progress our knowledge and understanding?</i></p>	
<p><i>Question 22: How can we ensure that the 2 way flow of knowledge from science to policy and from policy to the academic community is optimised?</i></p>	
<p><i>Question 23: Are there alternative structures/systems or new approaches/organisations that could enhance these flows?</i></p>	
<p><i>Question 24: Are there science delivery models which could provide examples of good practice for Scotland to follow?</i></p>	
<p><i>Question 25: We would also welcome any other general comments you may have on any of the issues raised in this document.</i></p>	<p>Rather than get too tied down by the specific questions; I do feel that one of Scotland's greatest resources is it's land and Agriculture. In the present climate food production and security are paramount and we have it already in Scotland. Due to Climate Change/Global Warming the risk of infectious diseases is growing rapidly and if we want to protect on of our Natural resources (food production) then we need to invest in this area. By doing this we would not only be safeguarding our food but also be greatly reducing our carbon footprint by reducing greenhouse gas emission but also improving the health and</p>

welfare of our livestock. At the moment I believe we are only paying lip service to Food Security and by investing in science and technology we would be showing that we are serious about our commitment to it.