



Advancing understanding of the resilience of social-ecological systems by connecting communities, values, policy and places.

The Laurence Mee Centre for Society and the Sea (LMC) is a vibrant, interdisciplinary research and innovation centre at SAMS, where social and natural sciences are integrated and enriched with local knowledge from communities in the coastal regions of the world. The LMC was named after the UK's first professor of marine and coastal policy and former SAMS director, Laurence Mee.

"There are a number of examples where the focus of SAMS has been and is...of extraordinary value to our community. Chiefly among them... requiring the community to be the drivers of any particular initiative... Seeking to analyse all the issues in [their] real environment, with participants being required to arrive at their own conclusions, was very effective."

CIlr Donald Manford

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**Ecosystem Approach
Adaptive management**

**MSFD implementation
Marine protected areas**

**POLICY &
GOVERNANCE**

Marine spatial planning
Policy and project
evaluation & scenarios

**Social impacts
Stakeholder
engagement
Conservation &
development
conflicts**

**ECOSYSTEM
SERVICES**

Biodiversity – ES –
well-being pathways
Monetary valuation
Non-monetary
valuation

**RESILIENT
COMMUNITIES**

Social &
cultural capital
Social entrepreneurship
Social licence

**Cultural ES
Local knowledge
Social-ecological
resilience & vulnerability**

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