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Highlands and Islands
Oilthigh na Gàidhealtachd
agus nan Eilean



*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."*

Cllr Donald Manford

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
(council of the Western Isles)



LAURENCE MEE CENTRE: Areas of Research

Core Staff and Expertise

- Dr Jasper Kenter (Head) – *Ecological Economics & Environmental Values*
- Dr Karen Alexander – *Human Geography & Environmental Governance*
- Elaine Azzopardi – *Maritime Archaeology and Coastal Cultures*
- Prof. Kenny Black – *Social & Ecological Impacts of Aquaculture*
- Dr Clive Fox – *Fisheries Management & Sustainability*
- Dr Marcello Graziano – *Economic Geography & Energy Economics*
- Lucy Greenhill – *Marine Policy, Governance & Spatial Planning*
- Dr Sheila Heymans – *Theoretical Ecology & Social-Ecological Modelling*
- Prof. Paul Tett – *Biological Oceanography & Coastal Socio-Ecological Systems*

**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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