

The coast and seas around Wales are a resource whose potential is not fully recognised. The presentations highlighted projects with excellent educational value such as 'the floating classroom' illustrating challenges, advantages and educational options for bringing the importance of the science of the sea to a wider audience. Biodiversity and sustainable development, aggregate extraction (current and future) in the Severn Estuary and Bristol Channel and Outer Bristol Channel were addressed, with an overview of what is happening and where. And also the Welsh Assembly's policy context for future aggregate extraction as there are several existing licences and applications and an urgent need to examine the potential cumulative effects of extracting sand from this area on the designated sites.