



ICES SGHIST 2011
**ICES Study Group on the History of Fish
and Fisheries**
Cefas, Lowestoft, UK, 24–27 October 2011

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to invite you to the ICES Study Group on the History of Fish and Fisheries (ICES SGHIST), scheduled to take place at the Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science (Cefas) in Lowestoft, UK, from 24–27 October 2011.

The SG brings together fisheries scientists, historians and marine biologists working on multidecadal to centennial changes in the marine environment, and aims at improving the understanding of the long-term dynamics of fish populations, fishing fleets, and catching technologies. The results are used for setting baselines for management, restoration and conservation of marine resources and ecosystems.

Below please find information on:

- the Terms of Reference and our specific planned activities;
- the location of the venue;
- information on how to reach the venue.

We look forward to seeing you in October!

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Terms of Reference and planned activities

The Terms of Reference are as follows:

- a) coordinate data recovery activities for historical information on fish, fisheries and marine ecosystems;
- b) discuss and report on long-term dynamics of fishing fleets and fishing technologies, including methods for estimation of technological creeping;
- c) discuss and report on research linking climate change and dynamics of fish populations from historical data;
- d) present case studies on history of fish and fisheries representing both sides of the Atlantic and the Mediterranean.

In more practical terms, for each ToR we suggest the following activities to help achieving these:

- a) We will update the metadatabase on historical information on fish, fisheries and marine ecosystems.
We will report on recent efforts to catalogue and/or digitise historical fish and fisheries data.
- b) We will build upon last year's workshop on the analysis of fishing power change, and on how 'technological creep' may be accounted for in studies on stock dynamics.
- c) We will hold a one-day workshop on how long-term, historical fisheries data, linked with climatic and/or fishing pressure data, may be used to examine the effects of climate change and/or fishing pressure on fish population dynamics.
Time and nature of data allowing, participants may practice on their own data (alternatively an exercise dataset can be provided by us).
- d) We encourage participation from all over the North Atlantic and the Mediterranean, and in light of the recently completed HMAP-project and studies elsewhere, comparative studies using historical fish and fisheries data are most welcome.

Suggestions to travel to Lowestoft

Norwich Airport

If possible, the best option is to fly into Norwich Airport (www.norwichairport.co.uk). There are 3 or 4 KLM flights per day between Amsterdam and Norwich, and KLM in turn connects with many other European destinations (BMI and Flybe also fly to Norwich). There are two options to travel from Norwich Airport to Lowestoft:

1. Taxi from Norwich Airport to Lowestoft (around £45–55, 1 hr; e.g. Norwich City Taxis tel. +44 1603 446666)
2. Taxi to Norwich train station (approx. 15 minutes, around £10). There is a taxi-rank at the airport, or alternatively (if there is a queue) tel. +44 1603 446666, then train to Lowestoft (around £8 and 40 minutes). From the station, either walk to the hotel (15–25 min.) or take a taxi (usually readily available, otherwise phone +44 1502 515151). When travelling by train, do check that you are in time to catch the last train of the day to reach Lowestoft, using the website: www.nationalrail.co.uk

Stansted Airport

There are many direct and often relatively cheap flights to London Stansted, which amongst the various London airports is the one situated closest to Lowestoft (London Gatwick, Luton, and London City are further away, and Heathrow is furthest by car). Airlines that fly to Stansted include Easyjet, Air Berlin and Ryanair. From Stansted there are two main options to travel to Lowestoft:

1. By train (change twice). First, catch train with destination Cambridge. Change either in Cambridge or Ely, and get the train with final destination Norwich. From Norwich, take the train to Lowestoft (hourly services except week ends). From the station, either walk to hotel or venue (15–25 min.) or take taxi (usually readily available, otherwise phone +44 1502 515151). In total, takes about 3 hr. Check train times using website: www.nationalrail.co.uk
2. By car (one way hire is about £50). Leave airport and enter motorway M11 northward direction Cambridge. Then A11 to Norwich and A146 to Lowestoft (time about 2–2½ hr). For hire car companies at Stansted see website: www.stanstedairport.com

Eurostar

For those participants travelling from Northern France, here is a link to the Eurostar information site where you can check times and book tickets: www.eurostar.com

Heathrow Airport

Take the Heathrow Express to London Paddington (15 minute journey). Trains leave every 15 minutes. From Paddington, take the underground (Circle line; yellow) to Liverpool Street Station. Trains from here to Lowestoft (with a changeover in either Ipswich or Norwich) leave about every hour (journey time 2.5 to 3 hours).

Other airports

For advice, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Hotels

We recommend:

1. Victoria Hotel*: www.thehotelvictoria.co.uk
Kirkley Cliff, Lowestoft NR33 0BZ, tel. 01502 574433
2. Hotel Hatfield: www.elizabethhotels.co.uk/hotel_LOW.htm
The Esplanade, Lowestoft NR33 0QG, tel. 01502 565337

Other (cheaper) hotels and B&B nearby include:

3. Edingworth Guesthouse*: www.edingworth.co.uk
395 London Road South, Lowestoft NR33 0BJ, tel. 01502 572051
4. Fishers Hotel*: www.thefishershotel.com
41 London Road South, Lowestoft NR33 7AA, tel. 01502 569805
5. Britten House*: www.brittenhouse.co.uk
21 Kirkley Cliff Road, Lowestoft NR33 0DD, tel. 01502 573950

* are hotels offering a special Cefas guest rate (but do mention while booking).

These hotels are about 10-15 minutes walk from Cefas, mostly along the sea front.

Meeting venue

We have booked Meeting Room 024A of Cefas (ground floor) as venue for ICES SGHIST 2011. See the map below for the location of Cefas in relation to Lowestoft Central Station, suggested hotels, etc.

