

## **Information Sheet for Elite Interviews**

### **What is this interview about?**

This interview will be part of the information gathered for an academic paper (authored by Dr Margherita Pieraccini and Dr Alex Caveen) assessing and comparing the current efforts to set up a network of MPAs that is resilient to global environmental change.

The paper is one output of a large academic project funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and led by Dr Margherita Pieraccini to assess modern trends in UK marine conservation law. For more information, the project website is accessible here:

<http://www.ecologiesandidentities.com/>

### **Who else is being interviewed?**

Key marine regulators (MMO, DEFRA, Marine Scotland), statutory nature conservation bodies (Natural England, Scottish Natural Heritage, the Joint Nature Conservation Committee) and key scientific institutions (e.g. CEFAS).

### **Who will carry out the interview?**

The empirical research will be carried out by Dr Margherita Pieraccini, law lecturer at the University of Bristol.

### **What will happen during the interview?**

The researcher will give you a consent form to read. If you agree to sign the form once you have read it, the interview will begin. It will last approximately one hour and will be framed by a list of questions (a copy of which will be given to you by the researcher). If you consent, the interview will be recorded.

### **What will happen with data collected?**

There are no commercial or other interests involved and the data collected during the interviews will be used for publication of an academic paper. This may contain quotes from the interview but your anonymity will be preserved, if you so wish. Your personal details will not be shared outside the research team and recordings and transcripts will be kept on University owned computers and identified by a code rather than your name.

### **What happens on completion of the paper?**

On completion of the research, the information that you gave will be stored at the University of Bristol for a minimum period of ten years. It will also be offered to the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) for sharing with other researchers. If accepted by the ESRC, the information will be stored securely and only used responsibly by bona fide researchers, all of whom will have to sign a data use agreement stating that they will not disseminate any identifying information.

### **What if I want to know more about the research before deciding whether to take part?**

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