

PRESS RELEASE:

## **Scotland chosen to host 2014 International Marine Conservation Congress for marine biology research, successes**

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**Glasgow, Scotland**—The 3rd International Marine Conservation Congress (IMCC) will be held at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC), 14-18 August 2014. IMCC engages global marine conservationists, presents the most up-to-date science, creates policy recommendations and management plans, provides networking opportunities and delivers community outreach.

“Glasgow is a city rich in marine biology research and our world-class education institutions are recognized globally for pioneering study in this field,” said Councillor Gordon Matheson, Leader of Glasgow City Council and Chair of Glasgow City Marketing Bureau. “As Scotland’s leading city for the advancement of renewable energy, Glasgow is the perfect fit as the host of the International Marine Conservation Congress and we look forward to welcoming delegates to the city.”

Glasgow was chosen as the host city for IMCC 2014 due to continued success of bringing scientists and fishermen in the Clyde together to help manage marine resources, explained IMCC3 Chair Dr. Chris Parsons. There are numerous universities near Glasgow with internationally recognized marine biology programs, and the University of Glasgow offered to become an IMCC3 partner. “Glasgow has a long history of being a city whose people depended on the estuary,” Parsons said. “And Glasgow is a portal to some of the country’s most beautiful natural settings.”

The 2014 Congress will feature topics including marine tourism, marine protected areas, fisheries, conservation communication and much more. The local organizing committee for this event includes board members of the [Society for Conservation Biology Marine Section](#) and students and professors from the [University of Glasgow](#).

Moreover, IMCC3 will showcase marine conservation outreach. Select scientists from the Congress will be visiting local schools in Glasgow and the Royal Hospital for Sick Children to engage children and parents in discussions on marine animals and conservation. A community event will take place at the hospital on 15 August, with IMCC3 scientists presenting on marine conservation. Hospital patients will get the chance to be visited by scientists and conservation professionals in their rooms. Scientists and marine conservation students will visit local schools in Glasgow to talk about marine conservation and meet primary school students.

### **About the International Marine Conservation Congress**

The Society for Conservation Biology's [IMCC](#) brings together conservation professionals and students to develop new and powerful tools, further marine conservation science and policy and catalyze change. Organized by the Society’s Marine Section, [IMCC](#) is recognized as the most important international meeting for marine scientists, marine conservation professionals and students.

IMCC delegates include marine conservation professionals from every sector of the field around the world, including biological and social sciences, management, policy, planning and communications. Universities, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, private foundations and other organizations from numerous countries will be represented, including the U.K. Plenary speakers include world-renowned marine scientists and conservation experts.

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