

The Fisheries Society of the British Isles  
2011 Annual International Conference

Fish Diversity and  
Conservation:  
Current state of  
knowledge 

18 - 22 July 2011



**RATIONALE:**

The erosion of biological diversity at local and global scales has become so serious that The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2005) has shown that human populations have never impacted the 'web of life' as much as during the last fifty years. In particular, aquatic ecosystems and fish communities have suffered from habitat loss, species introductions and unsustainable harvesting, which has resulted in substantial changes in fish community structure, species population status and, ultimately, ecosystem function. However, at a global scale, impact assessments, the state of knowledge and policy frameworks are extremely variable, and there is more than ever a need for

science to underpin conservation efforts. Consequently, the conference themes aim to establish a pan-continental base of knowledge and to provide scientific evidence towards the development of sustainable conservation for fish communities. Biological, behavioural and genetic responses of fish will be amongst the many indicators presented as evidence of ecological impacts on freshwater ecosystems. Rehabilitation/restoration programmes and policy frameworks will be presented as examples of fish conservation in action. The Fisheries Society of the British Isles invites you to its annual, international conference on "Fish Diversity and Conservation: Current state of knowledge" to take part in the debate.



**Conveners:**

Prof. Rudy Gozlan  
(Bournemouth University)

**Organising committee:**

Dr Rob Britton  
(Bournemouth University),  
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(University of Hull)

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**THEMES:**

- Trends in global fish diversity
- Understanding fish behaviour to achieve conservation
- Linking habitat management to fish conservation
- The role of introduced species in the decline of fish diversity
- The role of policies in support of global fish conservation
- Genetic and evolutionary perspective of fish conservation

**Invited speakers:**

Jack Jones Memorial Lecture:  
Prof. Anne Magurran, University of St Andrews.  
Keynote speakers:  
Prof. Fred Allendorf (The University of Montana); Prof. Ian Cowx (University



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of Hull); Prof. David Dudgeon (The University of Hong Kong); Dr Julian Olden (University of Washington); Prof. Steve Railsback (Humboldt State University); Prof. Paul Skelton (SA Institute For Aquatic Biodiversity).

## Call for papers:

Contributions of oral and poster presentations are welcomed. Abstracts (max. 250 words) must be submitted by email to the Conference Administrator, Rebecca Dolling (rdolling@bournemouth.ac.uk) by **30 November 2010**. The scientific committee will review all submitted abstracts for relevance to conference themes and scientific merit and select papers for oral presentation. Poster

contributions will be highlighted in the relevant sessions.

## Publication:

All contributors will be invited to submit a manuscript (deadline **1 March 2011**) that will be considered for publication in the Society's journal, the *Journal of Fish Biology*, subject to the normal peer-review process. The guest editor is Dr Katherine Sloman (Plymouth University). Papers will be published in December 2011.

## Venue:

The conference will be held at Bournemouth University. With seven miles of golden sands and sparkling sea, Bournemouth has become the UK

hot spot for surfers with the best waves on the South Coast. It is a vibrant cosmopolitan town located in Dorset, which is famous for its Jurassic Coast and World Heritage Site and was the principal setting of the novels of Thomas Hardy, poet of the naturalist movement, influenced by the evolution theory of Charles Darwin.

## Costs:

Registration includes entry to all symposium sessions, a copy of the book of abstracts, welcome reception and coffee/tea during the meeting. Full conference fee (including daily refreshments and lunch) - £190  
Student full conference fee - £90  
Daily conference fee - £100

## Important dates:

First call for abstracts – 13 July 2010

Deadline for the submission of abstracts – 30 November 2010

Deadline for the submission of manuscripts – 1 March 2011

Final manuscripts to be submitted online to the editor – 10 July 2011

Conference dates – 18 – 22 July 2011

## Contact details:

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[www.fsbi.org.uk/2011/](http://www.fsbi.org.uk/2011/)

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