



Geomorphology

Two-day transnational workshop

On the 21st and 22nd September 2006 the UK team organised a two-day transnational workshop on 'Shingle beach characteristics' and 'Beach volume management'. The talks and comments from the delegates provided stimulating discussion that were continued during the field visits. Good weather on the first day and improving conditions after a squall almost toppled a few delegates on the Rottingdean to Roedean promenade contributed to the good spirit of the meeting. A special thanks goes to the contributions from our match fund partners, in particular Paul Winfield (Royal Haskoning), Ian Thomas (Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd) and Ashley Spratt (Canterbury City Council). The presentations can be accessed from the [workshop programme](#) on the website.



Uwe Dornbusch giving another 'captivating' talk on Newhaven beach (photo C. Moses).

Biodiversity

Sublittoral Survey Workshop

The biodiversity team held a sublittoral monitoring transnational workshop in Dieppe on Thursday 26th October. The workshop was well attended with representatives of local dive clubs, local researchers (one working on marine aggregate extraction) and staff from the Cité de la Mer. The presentations on UK sublittoral survey, primarily Seasearch, were very well received and the French participants were interested in being kept informed. One of the divers showed a video of local dives and provided us with a copy from which we should be able to extract valuable data. We were also shown some

footage of the seabed following aggregate extraction which could also be a valuable source of data. Our grateful thanks go to M. Eric Tavernier, Président of ESTRAN Cité de la Mer, and his staff who very kindly hosted the workshop.



Kate Cole at the workshop (photo A. Tate).

BAR Phase III - NEWS

Funding for phase III of the Beaches At Risk project was approved at the project steering committee meeting on 19th October.

Phase III will run from 1 February 2007 to 31 January 2008 and will have the following key outputs:

- two transnational meetings, one by month 6 and a final conference by month 12.
- the project web site will continue to be updated.
- a special volume of the scientific journal *Zeitschrift für Geomorphologie*.
- more educational materials and a leaflet.
- a toolbox for coastal managers (GIS-based).

Final conference for Phase II

The final transnational meeting for Phase II will take place on Thursday 18th & Friday 19th January 2007 at the Baie de Somme in France. It is envisaged that the UK team will organise a trip across the channel as we did for the final meeting for Phase I. We would intend to leave in the early afternoon of Wednesday the 17th and be back in the late evening of the 19th. Please let [Uwe](#) know as soon as possible if you are interested in joining us.

Website

Access to BAR data

A new data download page has been added to the website to enable users to access data collected during the project.

<http://www.geog.sussex.ac.uk/BAR/data.html>

The page already has some final data on it and more data will be added as it becomes available.

Please visit the page and let [Uwe](#) know if you need any additional information with the data, its description or the structure of the page as it is very much under construction until January 2007.

Publications

The list of scientific publications has been updated significantly with a large number of publication already out in 2006 and an even longer list of submitted publications. Please contact the authors directly if you require off-prints.

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