

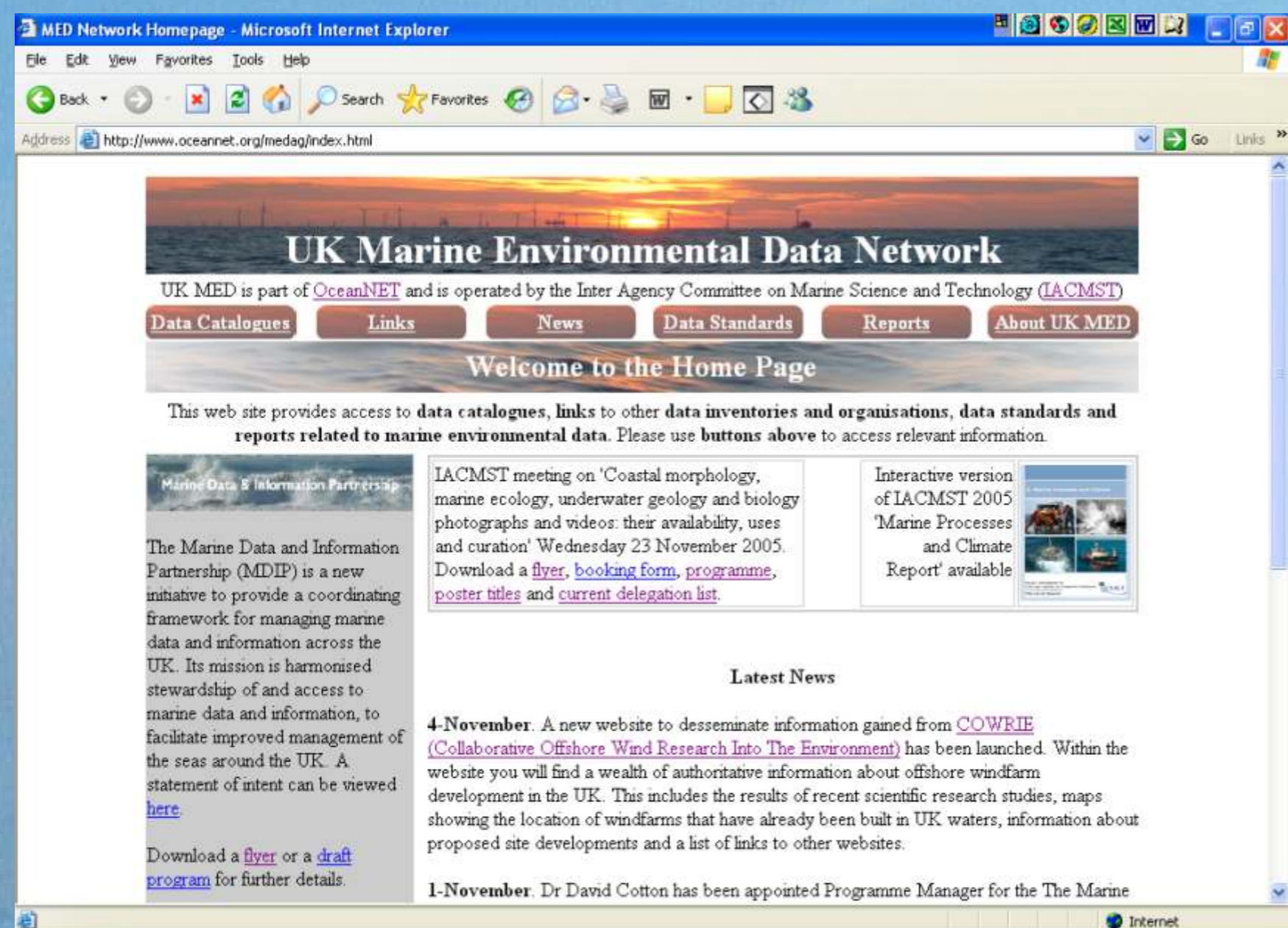
The UK Marine Environmental Data Network

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The MED Network operates under the umbrella of IACMST and aims to improve the accessibility and availability of UK marine data. The core activities of the UK Marine Environmental Data (MED) Network are:

- to develop, maintain and make available inventories of data,
- contributing UK data to global databases,
- to develop guidelines for data management,
- to improve mechanisms to facilitate data exchange



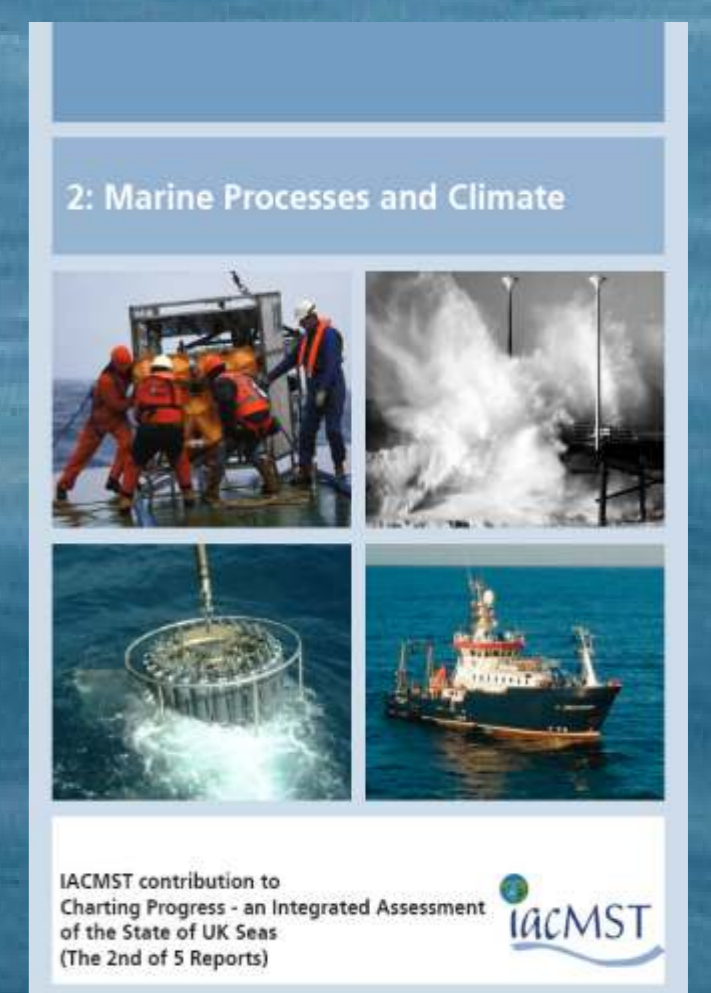
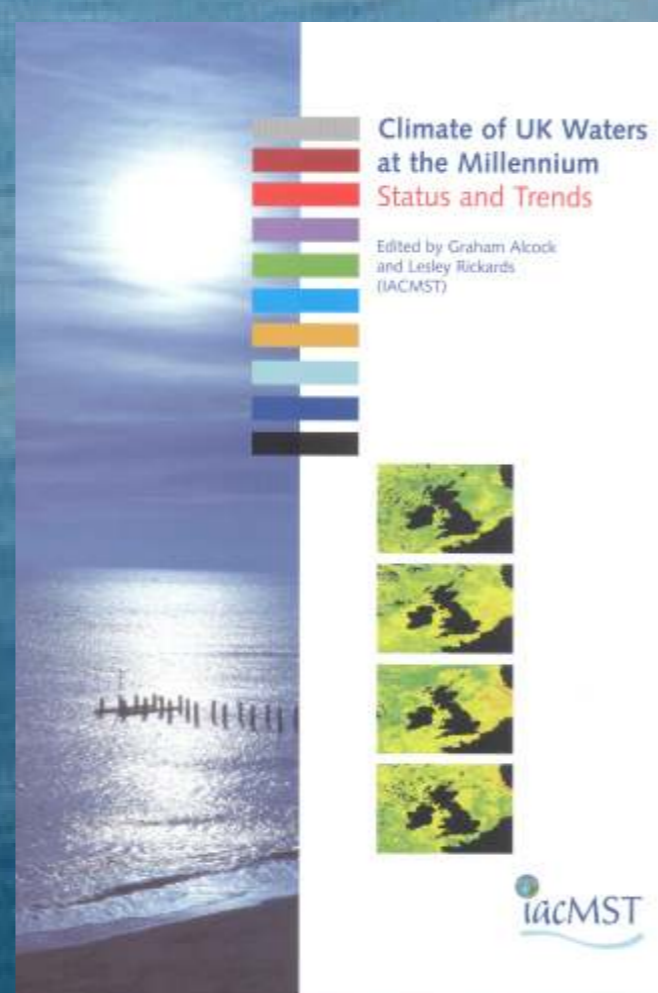
The OceanNET portal is used to promote the work of MED Network which can be viewed at www.oceannet.org/medag/index.html. Access can be gained from the website to data catalogues, links to other data inventories and organisations, information on data standards and reports related to marine environmental data

The MED Network has developed directories of data collected by UK organisations. These include a discovery metadata directory, an inventory of observing networks and monitoring sites, and an inventory of research cruises and the data collected on them. These contribute to European directories (eg. EDIOS, EDMED and CSROnline).



CSROnline Cruise Summary Reports

The MED Network has produced and contributed to a number of IACMST reports.



The coordinators of the UK MED Network are working closely with the Marine and Data Information Partnership which aims to provide a coordinating framework for managing data and information across the UK. Its mission is harmonised stewardship of and access to marine data and information, to facilitate improved management of the seas around the UK.

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