

Status Report: IRELAND:

SEA CHANGE: 2007-2013

A Knowledge, Research & Innovation Strategy for Ireland

- Over the period 2007-2013, **€63million** (~300 projects and support actions) was allocated under the Marine Institute, National Development Plan (NDP), competitive marine research budget in support of SC Strategy objectives;
- A further **€75million** (~ 250 projects and support actions) was leveraged from other National Research Funding Programmes;
- 2009 and onwards, reflecting the global economic recession, saw a significant reduction in new funds available to support competitive research in support of the SC Strategy;
- In 2010/2011 the Irish Government initiated a National Research (Re-)Prioritisation Exercise ;
- While planned investment in the Sea Change Strategy was significantly curtailed, a number of key capacity development targets have been achieved.

A new **Strategic Marine Research Strategy 2014-2020** is currently in preparation based on the governments National Research Prioritisation Exercise (2011) and the **Integrated Marine Plan for Ireland "Harnessing Our Ocean Wealth" (2012)**.