

Preface

This report has been prepared to provide easy access to the information available on the current status of the Exe Estuary. Using this information it is possible to see how the Estuary has changed in the past, and to describe its present condition. Some of the encouraging trends revealed include improved water and bathing water quality, but other changes, such as increased urban pressure, are concerning. The report highlights the changing pressures, natural processes, varied uses and quality of the Estuary, and how they interact with each other. This report will be used to describe a number of estuary-related issues and to identify the necessary management measures to secure a sustainable future for the Exe. Equipped with this information, stakeholders of the Estuary have a good understanding of the potential long-term consequences of their current actions and can make more informed decisions, which will benefit the Estuary and its users.

This 'State of the Exe' report will form Part 1 of the review of the Exe Estuary Management Plan (1998). Part 2 will outline necessary policies, issues and 5 year objectives to ensure sustainable use of the Exe Estuary for the future.

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Devon County Council	DCC
Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Agricultural Census	DEFRA
Devon Sea Fisheries Committee	DSFC
Devon Wildfowlers Association	DWA
Environment Agency	EA
Exeter City Council	ECC
Exe Crab Tile Survey	ECT
Exe Estuary Management Partnership	EEMP
English Nature	EN
Getmapping PLC	GM
Landmark Information Group	LM
EC Interreg IIC, Lospan Study	Lospan
Land Registry and Devon County Council	LR & DCC
Land Registry and Nationwide	LR & N
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