

State of the Exe Estuary 2014



Protecting our Estuary for future generations



Preface

The 2014 State of the Exe Estuary 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. The report highlights the changing pressures, natural processes, varied uses and quality of the Estuary, and how they interact with each other. Some of the encouraging trends revealed include improved SSSI conditions and bathing water quality, but other changes, such as increased urban pressure, are concerning.

The first State of the Exe Estuary was produced in 2006 through the European Cycleau Project. The issues highlighted in the State of the Exe 2006 report have been used to underpin the objectives in the Exe Estuary Management Partnership's Management Plans. The issues raised in this revised version of the State of the Exe Estuary will form the basis for the new Management Plan covering the period of 2015-2020. 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.

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| Devon County Council | DCC |
| Devon Authorities Waste Reduction and Recycling Committee | DAWRRC |
| Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority | D&SIFCA |
| Devon Patient and Practitioner Services Agency | DPPSA |
| Devon Wildfowling and Conservation Association | DWCA |
| Environment Agency | EA |
| Exeter City Council | ECC |
| Exe Estuary Management Partnership | EEMP |
| Natural England | NE |
| Getmapping PLC | GM |
| EC Interreg IIC, Lospan Study | Lospan |
| Land Registry and Nationwide | LR & N |
| Landmark Information Group | LM |
| Lower Exe Mooring Association | LEMA |
| Marine Management Organisation | MMO |
| National Census | NC |
| Office for National Statistics | ONS |
| Ordnance Survey | OS |
| Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level | PSMSL |
| Powderham Estate | PE |
| Wetland Bird Survey | WeBs |

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