



PROSIECT MAELGI: CYMRU
ANGEL SHARK PROJECT: WALES



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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

5 Angelshark roadshows were completed at Nefyn Maritime Museum, Milford Haven Heritage Museum, National Waterfront Museum (Swansea), The National Library of Wales (Aberystwyth) and Holyhead Sea Cadets. 497 people attended, sharing a number of photos and memories of Angelsharks from Wales, England, Scotland and Ireland.



Angelshark Roadshow at Nefyn Maritime Museum



Graham Maddick brought in his Angelshark photo taken in 1960.

| HLF Approved Purposes | Progress |
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| Recruit Staff | <div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #90EE90;"></div> |
| Establish Steering Group | <div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #90EE90;"></div> |
| Create Brand & Digital | <div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #90EE90;"></div> |
| 4 Outreach Events | <div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #90EE90;"></div> |
| Recruit Citizen Scientists | <div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #FFDAB9;"></div> |
| Train Fishers | <div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #FFD700;"></div> |
| Gather Fisher Records | <div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #FFD700;"></div> |
| 2 Dive for Angel Events | <div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #FFDAB9;"></div> |
| History Roadshow | <div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #90EE90;"></div> |
| History of Angels iBook | <div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #FFDAB9;"></div> |
| History of Angels Exhibit | <div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #FFDAB9;"></div> |
| Celebration Events | <div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #FFDAB9;"></div> |
| Action Plan | <div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #FFDAB9;"></div> |
| Provide Info/Evidence | <div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #FFDAB9;"></div> |
| HLF Acknowledgement | <div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #FFD700;"></div> |

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FISHERS BECOME ANGELSHARK STEWARDS

- 10 informal meetings with fishers completed to talk about the project and distribute leaflets.
- 2 fishers participated in timeline analyses and participatory mapping.



STATUS AND ECOLOGY OF ANGELSHARKS UNDERSTOOD

- Over 80 Angelshark records were shared by fishers dating back to the 1950s.
- 1 new Angelshark record from 2018.
- A variety of Angelshark records were collected in the roadshows: 3 books with Angelshark references, 9 newspaper articles dating back to 1908, 2 fisher logbooks, 3 audio memories, 4 Angelshark photos from Wales and 8 Angelshark photos from Ireland.



SHARING INFORMATION ACROSS THE GENERATIONS

- 5 roadshows completed with 497 attendees.
- Press release and media coverage reached 39,972,381 people globally (47 online articles, 29 broadcast articles and 11 print articles).
- Project filmed for an episode of BBC Blue Planet UK (to be aired in March 2019).
- Web and social media reached 112,163 people



DEVELOPMENT OF WALES ANGELSHARK ACTION PLAN

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANGELSHARK HISTORY ROADSHOW

We have been delighted by the response to the Angelshark History Roadshows. We would like to thank everyone who attended or contributed one of the amazing new records or memories of Angelsharks in Wales and across the British Isles. Below are some highlights:



GRAHAM'S "BIG FISH DAY" During the Roadshow in Swansea, Graham Maddick brought in a photo of an Angelshark he caught from Swansea pier in 1960, when he was 17 years old. He explained that he had to carry the shark for 2 miles for it to be identified at the local fish market – they told him it was a monkfish (a common name used for Angelshark at the time). He kept hold of the photo and newspaper clippings congratulating him on his catch ever since!

STEVE & STEVE'S COLLAGE OF ANGELSHARKS IN IRELAND

After seeing information about the roadshow broadcast on BBC Breakfast, Steve & Steve drove over 2 hours from the Wirral to share their fishing photo collage which included 2 Angelsharks they caught in Ireland in the 1980s. Best friends, Steve and Steve fish in the LIŷn Peninsula every month and have since encouraged other fishers from the Wirral to share their memories!



DAFYDD JONES – LOGBOOK UNOPENED FOR OVER 25 YEARS

In 1980 Dafydd Jones was a commercial netter who fished in Cardigan Bay targeting thornback ray. He brought a set of his log books to the roadshow held in Nefyn, which hadn't been opened in over 25 years. These logbooks are a treasure trove of information, with details on fishing effort and over 23 new Angelshark records from Wales.



PETER DAVIES – RETIRED FISHER

As a full time carer to his wife, Peter was unable to attend the roadshows but wanted to share his Angelshark and fishing memories with the project. We brought the roadshow to his home in Burry Port, whilst travelling between roadshow venues. During the visit Peter not only recalled memories of catching Angelsharks off South Wales, but also shared a variety of fishing magazines he wrote articles for and gave us his old fishing charts showing where he used to catch Angelsharks.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE ANGELSHARK HISTORY ROADSHOWS

