



A Royal Charter for the Marine Biological Association

The Marine Biological Association (MBA) is delighted to announce that at a meeting of the Privy Council at the Court at Buckingham Palace on the 15th May 2013, Her Majesty the Queen approved the grant of a Royal Charter.

This is a hugely significant step for the Association with the petition for the Charter – which will officially come into effect when the Great Seal is applied – being approved in recognition of the MBA's long and eminent history and its status within the field of marine biology. The award strengthens the Association's role in promoting marine biology as a discipline and in representing the interests of the marine biological community.

MBA Director Professor Colin Brownlee said, "The Charter underlines our commitment to excellence in marine biology and presents new opportunities for promoting the field much more widely. It also recognises the importance of understanding the complexities of marine life and the impacts we are having on our seas."

MBA Deputy Director Dr Matthew Frost who has been working on the development of the Charter said, "This award reflects the growing importance of the marine environment as a focus for research. I am very grateful to our members and to all those in the marine community who supported us in gaining this Charter."

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The Marine Biological Association (MBA) is a professional body for marine scientists with some 1200 members world-wide. Since 1884 the MBA has established itself as a leading marine biological research organization contributing to the work of several Nobel Laureates and over 170 Fellows of the Royal Society.

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