Science plays a crucial role in identifying how we can better harness and protect our seas and oceans whilst simultaneously protecting ourselves from the hazards they pose. This project, funded by the UK Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) is setting the future direction of travel for UK marine science in the global context, namely that it should (a) undertake more research partnerships supporting developing countries and (b) work more strongly with industrial and academic partners across the globe.
Realising this vision demands a strengthened global network of marine scientific partners in key areas. Our work is focusing initially on three key regions South East Asia, East Africa and South America. Preliminary work has identified these areas as being key for the development of research programmes relevant to economic development, global innovation and globally important science.

Our targeted programme of scientific engagement will combine visits to key partners and stakeholders in each region. The collaborations we develop will lead to longer term scientific, industrial and/or capacity building projects of sustained mutual benefit to the UK and our overseas partners. This work directly supports the G7 initiative for more bilateral ocean science partnerships that has been endorsed by the UK Science Minister.

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