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POSTER ABSTRACT

**Integrated Ecological Monitoring Plans (IEMPs)
for offshore wind projects**

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A structured approach for ornithological baseline surveys for offshore wind farms has previously been proposed to build up an appropriate understanding of the site during the impact assessment process. As such, an Integrated Ornithological Monitoring Programme (IOMP) would use a selection of complementary techniques targeted towards the range of species highlighted as being at potential risk. This presentation updates the approach using examples of offshore wind projects in the UK. The techniques discussed include: boat-based and/or aerial surveys; complementary remote methods such as radar, and tracking studies; and then modelling approaches such as collision risk, population viability analysis and cumulative impact assessment.