

Marine Scientist in Consultancy

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CAREER PATHWAYS



Complete up to 2 years building experience and knowledge of marine ecosystems, research methodologies and regulations while developing communication skills within a client facing role

If not already, complete a master's degree in a marine science field

Some may also complete an academic doctorate (e.g. PHD) in a chosen specialism at this stage

Complete 7 to 10 years in research and consultancy building successful working relationships and an extensive professional network

Attend training and events to remain up to date with latest industry trends and developments

Complete specialised training for the role

Build connections with government agencies, industry stakeholders, and academic institutions

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Complete specialised training for the role

Complete 3 to 6 years finishing studies and gaining practical experience through work experience and volunteering

Complete a bachelor's degree in a marine science field

Some may also complete a master's degree in a marine science field at this stage

Academic achievements, training and experience

Student/
Research
Assistant

Research
Associate/Junior
Consultant

Marine
Scientist/
Consultant

Senior
Consultant

Gain industry recognition with:
Associate Member grade (AMIMarEST)

Registered Marine Scientist professional registration (RMarSci)

Develop your skills, professional reputation, and network through engagements and volunteering with SIGs and membership branches

Gain industry recognition with:
Member grade (MIMarEST)
Chartered Marine Scientist professional registration (CSci/ CMarSci)

Develop your leadership capabilities through mentoring opportunities

Expand your knowledge and specialisms through the cross-disciplinary SIGs

Gain industry recognition with:
Fellow membership grade (FIMarEST)

Strengthen your professional standing through presentations, publications, and/or delivering training

Shape the future of your industry through technical leadership or high-level volunteering roles

Join as a free student member to access a wide array of learning resources, community support and guidance

Explore Special Interest Groups (SIGs) for further learning and networking

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How IMarEST can support you throughout your career journey

Overview of career pathway

A career in marine science consultancy involves providing expert advice and solutions related to the marine environment, often to support sustainable development, conservation efforts, or regulatory compliance. Marine science consultants work with a variety of clients, including governments, private companies, environmental organisations, and international agencies, to address challenges associated with marine and coastal ecosystems.