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Listening to our Past: Recording the History of Maritime Archaeology

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Abstract

This paper will present the results of the Listening to Our Past: Recording the History of Maritime Archaeology project. Whilst maritime archaeology has deep roots, it is still a relatively young discipline, with the majority of the pioneering excavations carried out in the last 50-60 years. As many of the individuals who contributed to the development of the field are still active, we have a unique opportunity to build a historically informed understanding of the development of maritime archaeology as a discipline, as a practice and as a profession. Oral histories are key to this, as narratives from pioneering individuals who have contributed to the field, can provide insights through personal experiences and memories.

The project has been ongoing since 2022, with a number of individuals from around the world having been interviewed to date. The research potential of these interviews has also been recognised, and the project has developed a database of the audio recordings and transcripts. The data will then be accessible and searchable through an open access online portal, allowing researchers to explore the interviews and enabling the creative use of this material to tell new stories and better understand the history of the discipline.

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