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The Marine Research Centre of the University of Vigo (CIM) has a clear mission: to advance the preservation and sustainable utilization of oceans, seas, and marine resources through the generation and dissemination of knowledge rooted in science, technology, and innovation. We foster interdisciplinary collaboration in the pursuit of marine knowledge.

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International reference in marine research

Our reach extends globally, with partnerships encompassing over 160 universities and 150 research centres across 50 countries. The centre actively engages in 90 international R&D&I networks and maintains relationships with over 25 public administrations and 40 companies worldwide.

The CIM is part of The Galician University System Network of Research Centres (CIGUS Network), for the quality and impact of its research.

We also lead the Campus of International Excellence - Campus do Mar (CEI Campus do Mar) initiative and participate in organizations such as the European Marine Biological Resource Centre (EMBRC) and the European Marine Board.

Significantly, CIM actively participates in the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, aligning our endeavours with the goals of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our specific emphasis is on combating climate change and promoting the sustainable conservation of our oceans.

Promoting a sustainable blue economy

The Centre research and innovation make a substantial impact on society and the economy by:

- Creating new knowledge that boosts industrial competitiveness and promotes a more sustainable and responsible blue economy.
- Increasing public awareness of the vital role oceans and marine ecosystems play in adapting to climate change.

Areas of specialisation

The CIM places its primary research focus on two key areas, Climate Change and Marine Biotechnology, and specializes in the following five expertise areas:

- Sustainable aquaculture and resource management
- Biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Global change and environmental pollution
- Integrated coastal zone management
- Renewable energy and emerging resources



State-of-the-art facilities

CIM labs and main installations are located at the Vigo and Ourense University Campuses and the Marine Science Station of Toralla (ECIMAT) in the Ria de Vigo.

Additionally, the Centre boasts a range of cutting-edge resources conforming a one-of-a-kind in southern Europe. This includes a singular array of high resolution marine sediment scanners and isotope analysers. We also have both land-based and floating Mesocosms facilities, a monitored experimental raft, a versatile regional-class vessel, and several small boats designed for multidisciplinary coastal research.

Education

The research team at CIM is deeply engaged in university education, contributing actively to the instruction of students across seven undergraduate programs (notably a degree in Marine Science), nine master's programs (i.e., oceanography, marine biology, aquaculture, or sustainable development) and six doctoral programmes. Furthermore, CIM personnel leads the prestigious international doctoral program DOMAR, focusing on Marine Science, Technology, and Management.

Key indicators (2019-2022)

- Around 130 researchers, 45 technicians and 30 research trainees
- More than 90 competitive projects, 25 of them international, totalling more than 17 M €
- 750 JCR scientific publications
- Over 80 R&D contracts worth more than 1.3 M €
- 11 patents and 5 active spin-offs
- More than 350 scientific dissemination activities

