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"One year anniversary for an innovative collaboration between environmental consulting and theoretical ecology group reviewing environmental impact assessment (EIA) methods and analyses"

In early 2014, a small group of consultants and researchers conducted a workshop in the Birkenhead, UK offices of LimOce Environmental Consulting Ltd to discuss how to build a quantitative ecosystem-based approach to assess environmental impacts in aquatic environments. Several complementary areas of expertise (navigation, instrumentation and data acquisition, data mining and analysis, impact assessment policy, and ecological theory) were brought together to discuss ways in which this goal could be achieved. The workshop produced the groundwork to revise the conceptual basis that impact studies are based on.

The group operates together under the name "GLG Consortium". GLG is made up of three distinct organizations:

Gravity Consulting (<http://gravityenv.com/>) is an American firm based in Fall City (WA). Gravity Consulting specializes in the acquisition and analysis of quality–defensible data for aquatic projects and the development of survey technology.

LimOce Environmental Consulting Ltd (<http://www.limoce.com/>) is a British firm based in Birkenhead, near the port of Liverpool. LimOce specializes in offshore development services such as EIAs, remediation, monitoring, and modelling.

The Entangled Bank Laboratory (EBLab, <http://www.entangled-bank-lab.org/>) is a not for profit association based in France. EB Lab is an independent group of theoretical and field ecologists contributing to collaborative R&D projects in marine ecology and environmental sciences. They are particularly interested in exploring the limits of ecological theory in real-world configurations.



Birkenhead is located just across the river from Liverpool and its famous Albert Docks, where the workshop attendees continued their discussions over dinner. (Image: Wikipedia, https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Albert_Dock_Liverpool_7.jpg).