

The 2nd International Conference on the Effects of Noise on Aquatic Life, Cork, Ireland,
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I was fortunate enough to be awarded the New Zealand Marine Sciences Society First Overseas Conference Travel Award in 2010 which allowed me to attend and present an oral presentation on reef sound induced metamorphosis in temperate and tropical crabs at the 2nd International Conference on the Effects of Noise on Aquatic Life, August 2010 in Cork, Ireland.

Attending this conference was of particular interest to me since it was very focused to my particular area of research, which is narrow at best! The conference brought together many internationally renowned professionals, scientists and students to discuss the effects of noise on aquatic animals focussing on recent development and also to exchange ideas and collaborations.

I gained a vast amount of knowledge from the range of presentation given, and also received many positive comments and suggestions from a few people who have been working in this field for over a decade. I was the only delegate from New Zealand and the only reporting on the direct effects of sound on larvae and invertebrates. I also thoroughly enjoyed getting to see Cork in the summer, it is a truly magical city.

I would like to thank the New Zealand Marine Sciences Society for their financial support to attend this conference and would also like to thank them for the much needed support they regularly give to students throughout New Zealand.