



Dr. Colin Bean is a fisheries biologist with over 25 years of research experience with the Universities of Ulster, Stirling and Glasgow. He has also held post-doctoral research fellowship positions at two internationally renowned institutions: the Freshwater Biological Association at Windermere and the Institute of Aquaculture at Stirling University. He is currently works with Scottish Natural Heritage, an agency which provides scientific advice to the Scottish and UK Governments.

Dr Bean is particularly interested in evolutionary processes within rare fish populations and the development of conservation strategies for rare and endangered fish species (including conservation genetics). More recently, he has also led Government-funded programmes into the control of invasive non-native species – with particular emphasis on fish and crayfish.

As a senior adviser within a Government conservation agency, Dr Bean has been involved in the development of legislative and policy tools which facilitate the development of effective freshwater fisheries management strategies. He has also been involved in the development and management of the aquaculture and renewable energy industries in Scotland, and in the control of invasive non-native species. He is also active in the development of Water Framework Directive tools as well as the development for tools for fish and fisheries assessment. He has extensive experience of a range of related technologies, such as the remote tracking of fish and hydroacoustics.

He has also worked on a wide range of development projects within the UK and overseas.

Dr Bean has also held a British Council-funded visiting Professorship and has given lectures, or delivered whole courses at a number of UK and overseas universities. As an honorary senior lecturer at Glasgow University, he continues to teach undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as supervising, and examining, PhDs.

He is also a member of the IUCN Freshwater Fish Specialist Group and the NERC Peer Review College.