

Declaration of Interests

Use this form to declare your role with SEG, what other positions you hold, and what personal or professional interests you have that might have a conflict with SEG's business, objectives, policies or procedures.

Name	Jack Wootton							
Date	20 May 2025							
Positions with SEG	Director of Conservation Operations (and member of the SEG Board) Roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific advisor 							
Other positions held	1. PhD Researcher at Hull International Fisheries Institute 2. Member of Working Group on Eels (WGEEL)							
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	3. As a member of the SEG Standard Revision team when acting as a CAB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Influence decisions on certification if the SEG Standard Revision team were to act as a CAB. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declare any interest if there is one for an organisation being certified. 						

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