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|  | **Phil Davison**In 20 years at Cefas, I have contributed to a wide range of work in the field and in the laboratory, as well as the subsequent data analysis and paper/report writing. My interests lie primarily in the ecology, behaviour and conservation of fish. Since 2013, I have become one of the Cefas technical specialists in the field of environmental DNA surveying, undertaking a part-time PhD (with Bournemouth University) entitled "The Detection of Non-native Fish Species Using Environmental DNA", and leading delivery of the associated work programme. I represent Cefas on the Defra Centre of Excellence for DNA Methods, and in a number of eDNA working groups. I am Cefas Principle Investigator on an EU project looking at developing genetic tools to monitor North Sea ecosystem health.   Present areas of expertise include non-native species research and advice, including participation in the ICES WGITMO working group; trapping and tagging of salmon smolts; acoustic tracking of fish migrations along rivers and estuaries; electrofishing and netting surveys in rivers and lakes; glass eel monitoring studies; studying effects of artificial light on freshwater fish; data analysis using circular statistics; and paper and report writing. I have previously undertaken other varied work, including deployment and monitoring of fish refuge structures; plankton surveys for eggs of cod and plaice (on both research and chartered fishing vessels); groundfish surveys;  molecular genetic work (sequencing gadoid DNA); preparation and reading of juvenile plaice otoliths; analysis of piscivorous bird morphometrics and stomach contents. 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