

Biology Seminar



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Skating on thin ice

The flapper skate (*Dipturus intermedius*) is the largest skate and among the largest marine demersal predators in European shelf waters. Previously consumed in large quantities under the appellation the common skate, this species is now listed as critically endangered by the IUCN. It is on track to become the first marine fishery stock driven from commercial to actual extinction. In this talk I will outline how our QUB team is working to support the setting of realistic conservation objectives to bring this species back from the brink. I will outline some of our successes, failures and some lessons learned along the way. Finally, I will briefly discuss how, moving forward, we best strategize marine conservation to keep pace with an increasingly challenging space.

