

A Coastal Soundmap For The UK

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The British Library and the National Trust are creating a coastal soundmap for the UK. The project, which began on June 21 runs until September 21. You can hear samples on the [dedicated webpage](#), and you can also contribute.

Surprisingly, this has never been done before, at least not purely for the coast and on this scale. The Library already has an impressive sound collection in its Sound Archive which includes accents, oral history, sounds of nature, and of course many kinds of music. Five years ago it produced a soundmap for the UK.

The National Trust manages over 775 miles of coastline in these islands through its Neptune Coastline Campaign which has been running since May 1965.

As for soundmaps (or sound maps), they haven't been around that long, but there are now collections and projects all over the world; there is even an on-line magazine devoted to them, the *Journal Of Sonic Studies* which is published by Leiden University.

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