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### National Award for Jurassic Coast education publication

*Coastal Conflicts*, a primary school Geography resource produced by David Weatherly and Anjana Ford and published by the Devon Learning and Development Partnership<sup>1</sup>, has won the Silver citation in this year's national Geographical Association Publishers' Awards. David Weatherly is Geography Adviser at the Devon Learning and Development Partnership and Anjana Ford the Education Co-ordinator of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site<sup>2</sup> in Dorset and East Devon.

"*Coastal Conflicts* has been given this award for its high quality content, flexibility, relevance and ease of use," the GA said. "It provides primary pupils with engaging and challenging geographical enquiry based on real events and processes. Its content is well suited to the new primary curriculum because it includes cross-curricular links between geography, science, literacy, citizenship and ICT".

In the citation to accompany the award the GA went on to say: "*Coastal Conflicts* will help pupils understand the processes at work in coastal erosion and how these create particular landforms. It introduces them to the ways in which humans attempt to manage coastal erosion and the impact this has on the environment. The clear video and computer graphics encourage them to think about how conservationists, home-owners and engineers have to negotiate in order to find sustainable solutions to the effects of coastal erosion. It also introduces them to the story fossils can tell us and what we can learn from them about environments in the past".

David Weatherly commented that:

"This resource quickly engages children in very real issues of how our coastal environment is changing and what difficult decisions may need to be made now if the future is to be a sustainable one for everyone. Through meeting real people in real places in the film, children relate on a personal level with coastal communities and appreciate how conflicts can arise between what people may want and what environmental protection may require. Above all, children come to appreciate that decisions regarding the environment are rarely simple and always involve costs and benefits for those directly involved."

The two DVDs present a variety of case studies from across Dorset and East Devon which leads to a decision-making exercise on the creation of a sustainable management plan for part of the East Devon coast. This software is an excellent resource for introducing pupils to a part of the British coast they may not have visited but which represents many of the processes and issues that are found around our shores. The software also includes detailed, up-to-date and easy to understand background information for teachers and ideas for planning within the primary curriculum.

Anjana Ford commented:

"The Jurassic Coast is the only natural world heritage site in England and Wales and this resource is an excellent way for children to understand why UNESCO has given it such an incredibly important designation. The resource also helps children to see what sustainable development really means when it comes to making decisions about how we would like our environment to be in the future. Very importantly the learning activities challenge children to use higher order thinking skills and to communicate their understanding and opinions clearly and effectively."

*Coastal Conflicts* is a rare example of high quality geographical software designed for use in primary schools which involves pupils in real and relevant geographical enquiry.” (GA Award Citation)

*Coastal Conflicts* is one of a range of cross curricular resources produced by the Devon Learning and Development Partnership and used by schools across the UK.

The resource was also part funded by the Jurassic Coast Trust<sup>3</sup> and proceeds from the sale of the DVD go back to support further educational projects on the Jurassic Coast. James Weld, Chariman of the Jurassic Coast Trust said:

“We are delighted that the Jurassic Coast Trust is able to assist in providing such valuable learning resources helping to introduce children to the wonders of the earth's history”.

The DVD can be purchased from the online shop at [www.devonldp.org](http://www.devonldp.org)

Notes to Editor:

1. Note 1: The Devon Learning and Development Partnership (LDP) is a team of advisers, consultants, teachers and other specialist staff committed to working collaboratively with children, families, other professionals, schools and settings to ensure that all children and young people gain the knowledge and skills they need to lead happy, healthy and fulfilling lives. For more information about the Devon Learning and Development Partnership (LDP) visit [www.devonldp.org](http://www.devonldp.org)
2. Note 2: 185 million years of geological history forms England's first natural UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Jurassic Coast of Dorset and East Devon, which covers 95 miles of stunning coastline from Old Harry Rocks at Studland in the East to Orcombe Point in Exmouth in the West, was given this prestigious status in 2001. For further information about the Jurassic Coast visit [www.jurassiccoast.com](http://www.jurassiccoast.com)
3. Note 3: The Jurassic Coast Trust (formerly The World Heritage Coast Trust) was established in 2002, Registered Charity Number 1101134. The Trust provides support for a diverse range of education, conservation, science and arts projects, which help local people and visitors to enjoy and understand the geological history and beauty of the site. Funds are raised through different levels of support from large and small businesses, Project Sponsors, Individual Friend, Family and the sale of publications. For more information about the Trust visit [www.jurassiccoasttrust.org](http://www.jurassiccoasttrust.org) or contact Executive Officer Nikki Greenleaf on 01460 242780.