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Cefas, as an Executive Agency of Defra (the UK Government's Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs), works to provide leading and impartial science to achieve healthy and productive aquatic ecosystems, helping safeguard the life they support, by tackling the world's most pressing environmental problems.

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