

# MRC Ecological Risk Assessment Training Program

## Oral presentations

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## Communication Process

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- **Why communicate?**
  - to inform
  - to persuade
  - to entertain
  - to 'sell'

## Communication Process

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- **Process involves:**
  - **Sender**
  - **Message**
  - **Receiver**
  - **Feedback**
  - **Channel (oral, visual, written)**
  - **Context**
  - **Noise/interference**

## Oral Presentations

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- **Focus on technical presentations**
- **Preparation**
- **Presentation**

## Preparation

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- Planning is essential
- Define the purpose
- Know your audience
- Identify the main ideas
- Material to support the message(s)
- Plan and organise the material
- Introduction/conclusion

## Visual Aids

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- Why use these?
- What medium (media) to use?
- Powerpoint
  - amount of information
  - type of information
  - size of font
  - colour
  - graphs and tables
  - diagrams
- Check slides before presentation

## Presentation

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- Dress
- Delivery
- 'Command' the audience
- Controlling nerves
- Use of notes, cue cards
- Tips on using slides (pointing)
- Finishing on a high note