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There are 10 Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities around England.

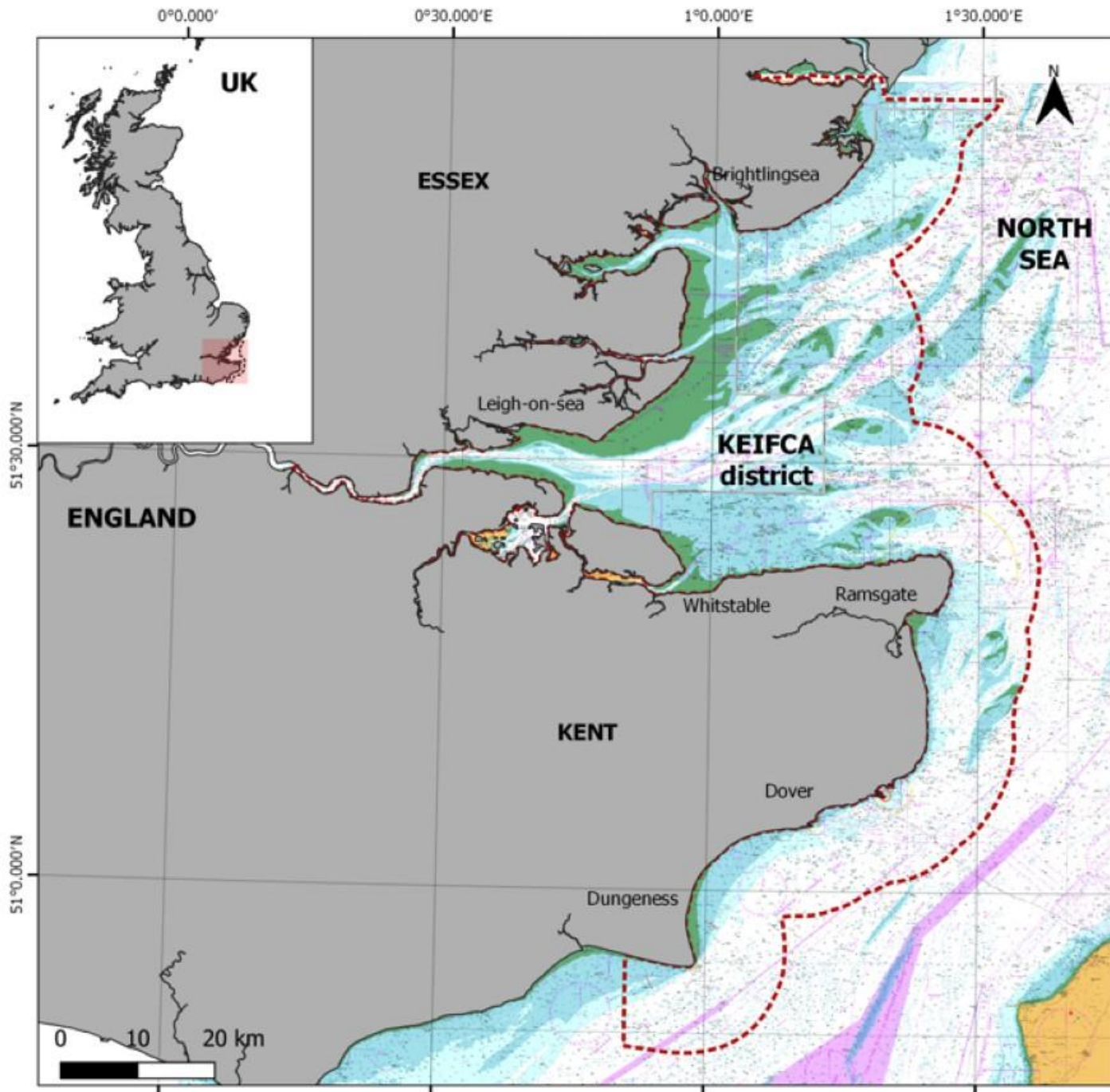
We work out to 6 nautical miles,
in some areas this includes sands banks so can be quite a bit further offshore.

IFCA officers work with both commercial and recreational fishers within their district. Day to day we deal with Registered fishing vessel up to 14m in length using a number of fishing methods, trawling, dredging, netting, potting and angling. They catch and land both fin fish and shellfish.

We also inspect charter and recreational anglers both ashore and at sea in relation to fish minimum size and catch limits. Hand gathering and shore collection is also of interest to us for some species.

We work closely with a number of other agencies and share intelligence between us.





As the name suggests we cover 2 counties with our main office based in Ramsgate and a second in Brightlingsea, Essex.

It is a large area we look after covering over 3500 km², with 14 staff in total. Our 17m patrol vessel Nerissa is based in Ramsgate, it carries a RIB for boarding fishing vessel at sea but also undertakes survey work as required.

We also have a larger enforcement RIB in Essex and an 11m survey vessel, Tamesis.



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Legend

— KEIFCA 6 Mile District Boundary

SPAs

SACs

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MCZs

Pomerania_MCZ

Thanet_Coast_MCZ

Medway_Estuary_MCZ

Blackwater_Crouch_Roach_and_Colne_Estuary_MCZ

rMCZs

Thames_Estuary_MCZ

Offshore_Foreland_MCZ

Stour_and_Orwell_MCZ

Kentish_Knock_East_MCZ

Goodwin_Sands_MCZ

Dover_Deal_MCZ

The_Swale_Estuary_MCZ

Dover_Folkestone_MCZ

Hythe_Bay_MCZ

Wind Farms

Dredging and Firing ranges(source- MMO)

Legacy Aggregate Dredging Licences

Disposal At Sea Sites (Source-Cefas 2010)

Possible Aggregate Dredging Site

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Other agencies we work with

- Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
- Environment Agency (EA)
- Natural England (NE)
- Food Standards Agency (FSA)
- Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA)
- Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS)
- Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
- Police and Border Force
- Local and county councils
- Universities
- + other smaller and more localised groups

This is some of the agencies KEIFCA work with, we share information on enforcement, intelligence and conservation. Survey works are sometimes done together or for each other.

And there is also consultation and decision making for management measures made between agencies.



Marine
Management
Organisation



Environment
Agency



Food
Standards
Agency



Gangmasters &
Labour Abuse Authority



Cefas



Border Force

defra
Department for Environment
Food and Rural Affairs



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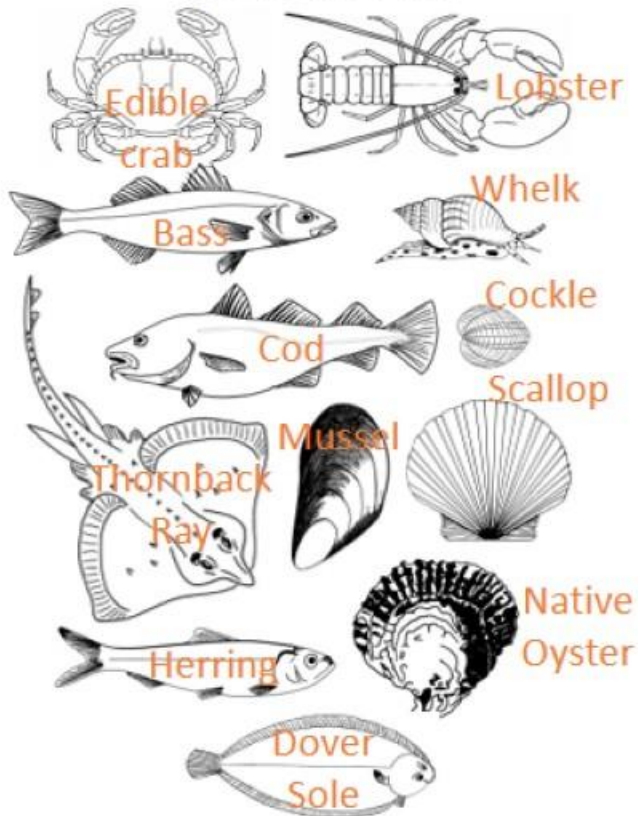
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Our Vessels

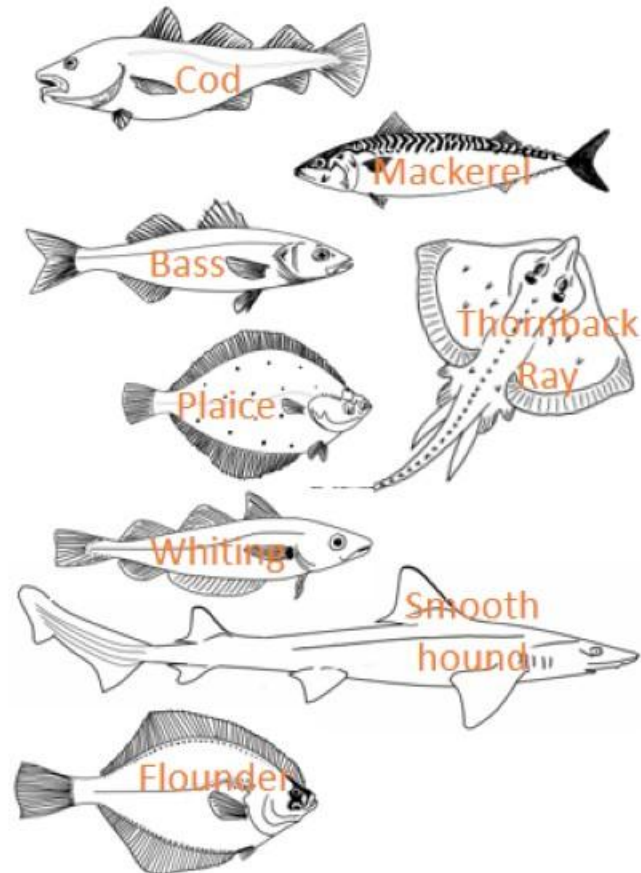


Commercially important Species, what the anglers catch and types shellfish collected on shore around Thanet

Commercial boats fish for...



Angler are catching...



On the shore line some people collect...



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Shore
nets



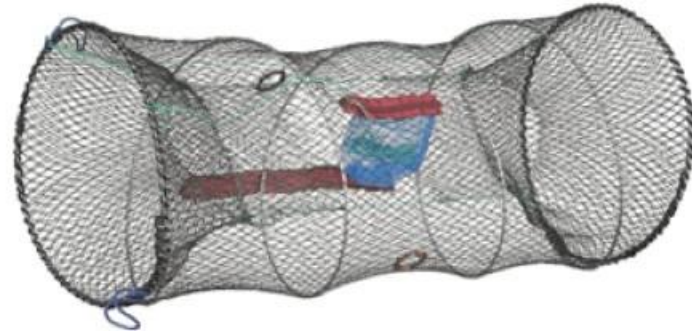
Lobster
pots



Whelk
pots



Prawn
trap



Cuttlefish pot



Trawler



Suction dredger



Netter



Potter



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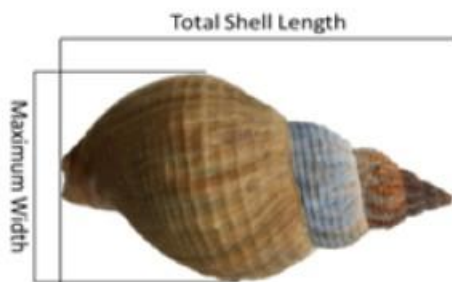
Byelaws – EXAMPLE



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MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009

WHELK FISHERY FLEXIBLE PERMIT BYELAW



Permit Categories

Category 1 – 300 pots

Category 2 – 10 pots

A permit and associated tags:

- (a) are **not transferable** between the permit holder and another person; or
- (b) between the **permitted vessel and another vessel**; and
- (c) are valid from the date of issue until the following **31 March**.



Permit Conditions

Pots – No more than maximum number of pots (300, 10),
each pot tagged

Gear at sea – each string of pots must be marked at surface (PLN)

Escape holes – 10 unobstructed holes of 25mm, gauge pass freely

Riddle – rotary / flat bed, bar spacing 25mm

Catch – whelks must >53mm shell length, **5% tolerance** during inspection, no tolerance for MCRS whelks <45mm.

Catch returns – submit monthly



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- Small fish
- Oyster
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KEIFCA Byelaws applicable on the Thanet coast line

No bottom towed gear

No vessel is to fish with bottom towed gear in the Thanet SAC.
(this area is approximately within 1 mile of the coast line from Ramsgate around to Minnis bay.)

Periwinkles hand collection only

Periwinkles are not allowed to be collected using any mechanical means.

Shore nets

These are allowed but must be attended to every 30 hrs and marker floats must have contact details of the owner.
Fyke nets must not be left to dry out and are not allowed to retain eels.

Pots and traps

These are allowed but must comply with parlour pot byelaw in reference to escape gap and clasp and whelk permit byelaw in relation to permit tags and escape holes. They must also be marked with contact details of the owner.

Cockles

Not to be retained without a KEIFCA permit to do so.



Volunteer reports.

Thanet coast is one of a few areas that we receive reports from volunteers in regards to activity seen on the coast.

If you see any fishing activity you are concerned about it can be sent to Info@kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk

When Where What are the main things needed.

We are not asking you to go and search for offences.
Please do not get yourself involved with any activities.

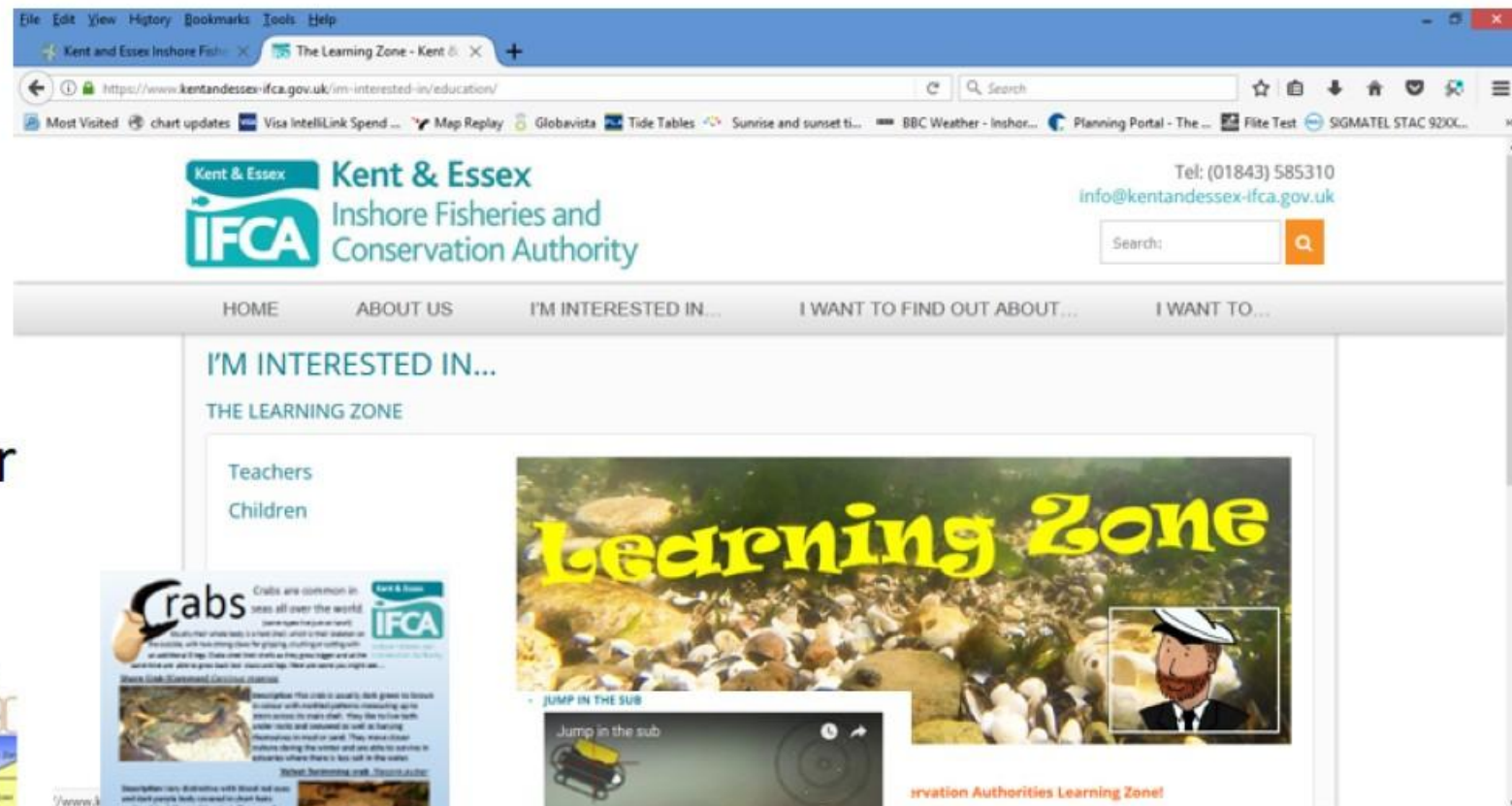
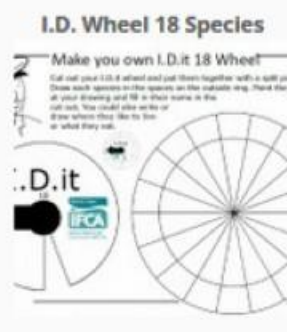
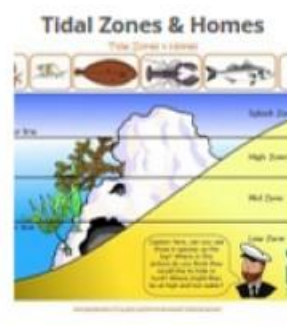
If something is noticed that is not normal we have the ability to enter this into a national intelligence database where all of the interested parties will see it.

If required this will be acted on, quite often small bits of information are pieced together and can lead on to direct a larger scale operation.



Education

Please have a look at our educational resources on our website for content.



www.kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk/education

