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Keeping angling tourism sustainable



Since 2016 D&S IFCA has been part of the FishTrail project, a partnership funded by the EU COSME programme that aims to break down barriers to transnational angling tourism and its environmental sustainability. The partnership includes organisations from the UK, Republic of Ireland, Portugal, Slovenia and Denmark and covers freshwater, migratory and marine recreational angling.

Each EU member state has varied rules, and for visiting anglers, accessing information on licenses, permits and restrictions can often be an obstacle. [FishTrail](#) works to ensure that multilingual guidance is available for visitors via a Fish Planner that is available for each country involved in the project.

FishTrail has also created a series of short videos that provide information on angling opportunities in different areas, which techniques are best and when to fish. The methods and locations are all sustainable, do not over-exploit natural stocks and avoid pollution and degradation of the natural environment. The project puts a specific focus on good fish-handling and catch-and-release practices that encourage angler to be more conservation-minded.

The four videos, produced by Wiseman Productions and presented by local fishers, focus on the North Devon Coast, Bristol Channel, Somerset and the Skerries Bank.

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