



Fishery Guidance

To minimise the impact of potting for cuttlefish

Any person fishing with pots in areas where cuttlefish are present within the Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA) District is asked to follow this guidance:

If cuttlefish eggs are found on pots;

- ▶ take care hauling and shooting the rest of the pots in the string to minimise damage to eggs
- ▶ leave pots at sea until cuttlefish eggs have hatched, even at the end of the fishing season
- ▶ ensure pots are returned to the sea as soon as possible if cuttlefish eggs are attached
- ▶ avoid cleaning or washing pots with eggs attached to ensure eggs aren't damaged or destroyed



Cuttlefish eggs (black stained and white) on pots

EXPLANATORY NOTE *This Code of Practice (CoP) has been designed to maximise survival of cuttlefish eggs to maintain the cuttlefish population. This is important as cuttlefish only breed once and die soon after laying their eggs.*

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