

CORNWALL INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

(The fish and shellfish minimum sizes shown below are applied to the seaward part of the District. Other minimum sizes may apply in the rivers.)

MINIMUM FISH SIZES (CM)

Bass	42
Black Seabream	23
Blue Ling	70
Brill	30
Cod	35
Conger Eel	58
Dab	15
Flounder	25
Grey Mullet	20
Haddock	30
Hake	30
Herring	20
Horse Mackerel	15
Lemon Sole	25
Ling	63
Mackerel	20
Megrim	25
Plaice	27
Pollack	30
Red Mullet	15
Red Seabream	25
Saithe (Coley)	35
Sardine (Pilchard)	11
Sole (Dover)	24
Turbot	30
Whiting	27
Witch Flounder	28

MINIMUM SHELLFISH SIZES (MM)

(See measuring methods overleaf)

Edible Crab - Male	160
- Female	150
Spider Crab	130
Velvet Crab	65
Lobster (Carapace)	90
Crawfish (Carapace)	110
Scallop	100
Queen Scallop	40
Whelk	45
Razor Clam	100
Surf Clam	25

Note: There are numerous species (mainly bi-valve molluscs) for which minimum sizes exist that are not listed here.

Shellfish Measuring Gauge

A stainless steel gauge can be supplied to any fisherman holding a valid Cornwall IFCA shellfish permit.

The Cornwall IFCA District

The sea and rivers (within tidal limits) within the six mile limit drawn from baselines (including Eddystone Rocks), between seaward boundaries drawn due west from Marsland Mouth on the north coast, and due south from the western end of Plymouth Sound breakwater on the south coast.

Shellfish Permit

An annually renewable permit is required for any person fishing from a boat and removing more than five animals from the species of lobster, crawfish, edible or spider crab (with no more than two from the species of lobster and crawfish) per day.

Nets

A variety of mesh sizes are regulated for fixed and towed nets, depending on the species being targeted. It is prohibited to use or keep on board any bottom set gill net, entangling or trammel net between 70mm and 90mm. Any net less than 250mm is banned from two defined areas around the Manacles and Runnelstone.

Lobsters/Crawfish

It is prohibited to remove berried lobsters and crawfish. V-notched lobsters and crawfish must be returned, plus any with a tail flap which is missing or mutilated, unless specific permission has been granted by Cornwall IFCA.

Shellfish Boats

Fishing for shellfish (including scallops) with a vessel exceeding 16.46 metres overall length is prohibited, unless special permission has been granted by Cornwall IFCA.

Trawling

Fishing with a trawl/towed net with a vessel exceeding 18.28 metres overall length or 221 kW engine power is prohibited, unless special permission has been granted by Cornwall IFCA.

Fish to be measured from the tip of the nose to the furthest end of the tail.

Only a few fisheries regulations are referred to on this form. Further information and advice may be obtained from Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority, Chi Gallos, Hayle Marine Renewables Business Park, North Quay, Hayle, Cornwall TR18 3QW, or telephone 01736 336842 www.cornwall-ifca.gov.uk.

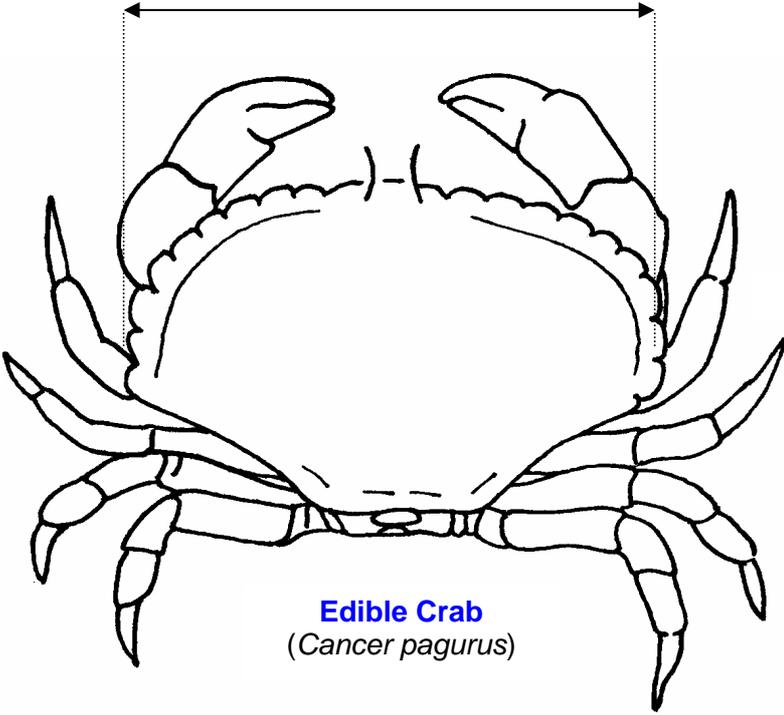
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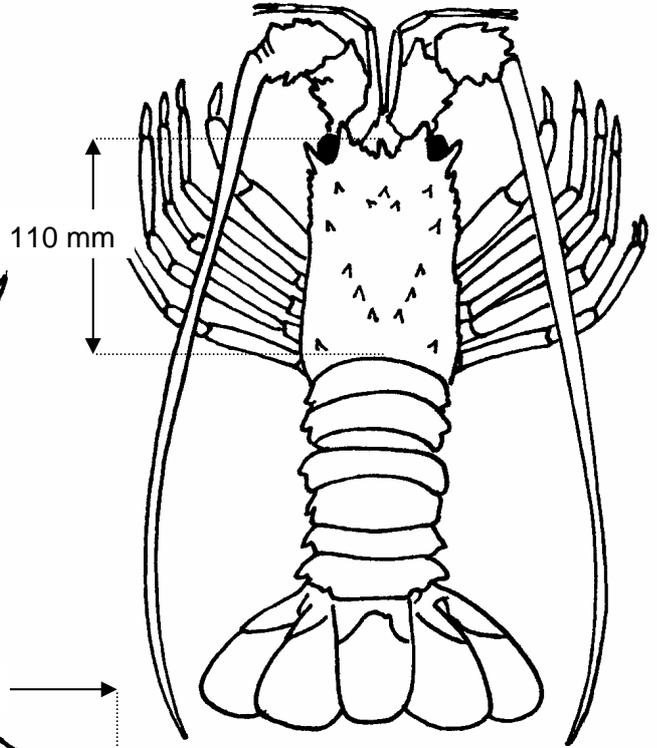
MINIMUM SIZES

Male 160 mm
Female 150 mm



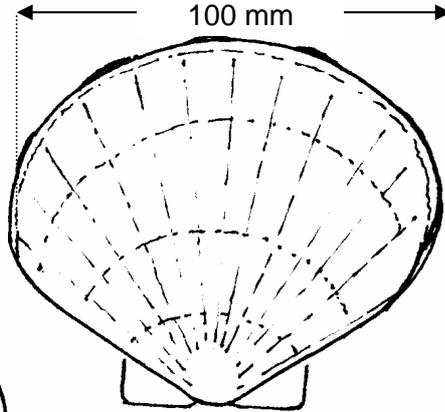
Edible Crab
(*Cancer pagurus*)

Crawfish
(*Palinurus elephas*)

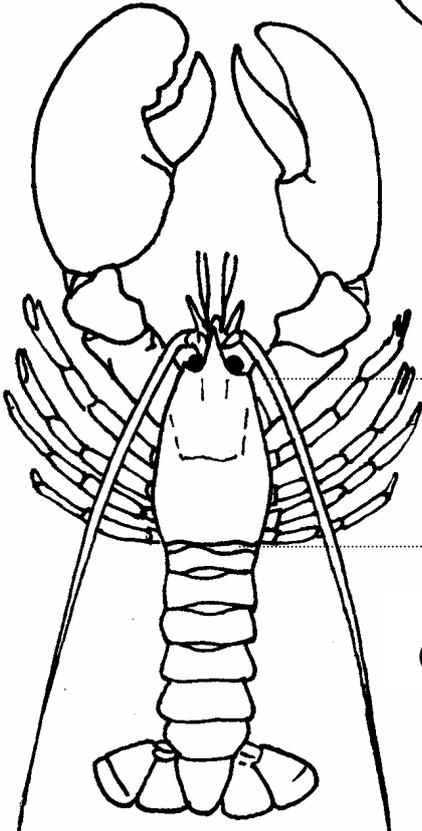


110 mm

Scallop
(*Pecten maximus*)

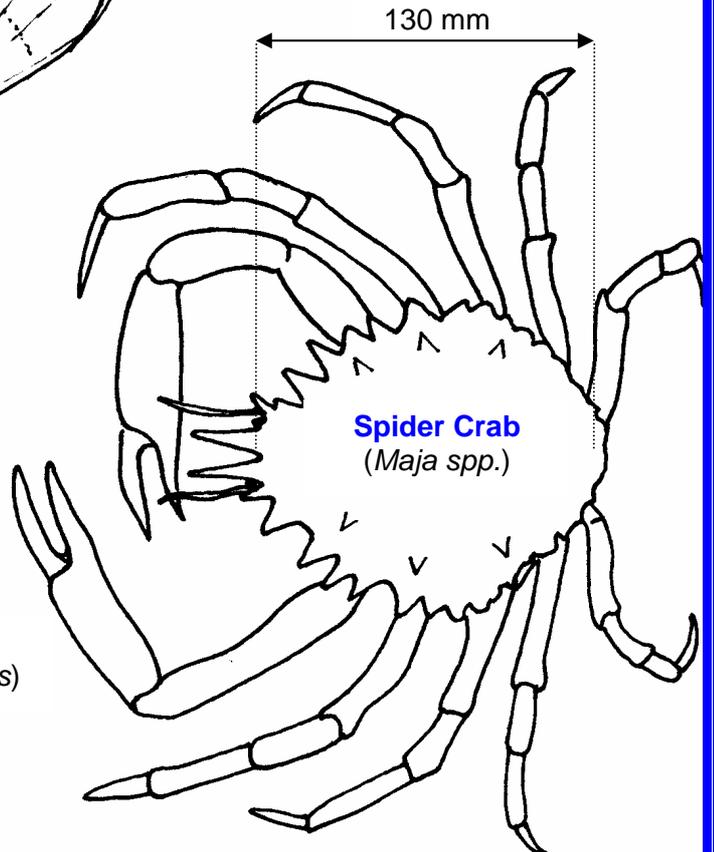


100 mm



90 mm

Lobster
(*Homarus gammarus*)



130 mm

Spider Crab
(*Maja spp.*)