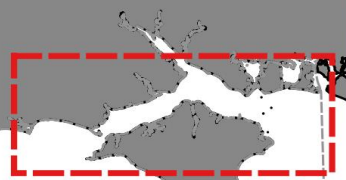


Commercial fishing activity includes trawling, netting, pot & trap and rod & line. Key species harvested include crab, lobster, bass, mullet, flat fish, whelk and King scallop.

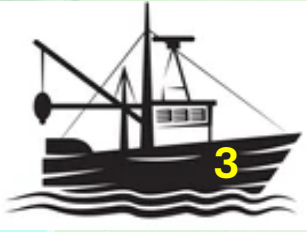
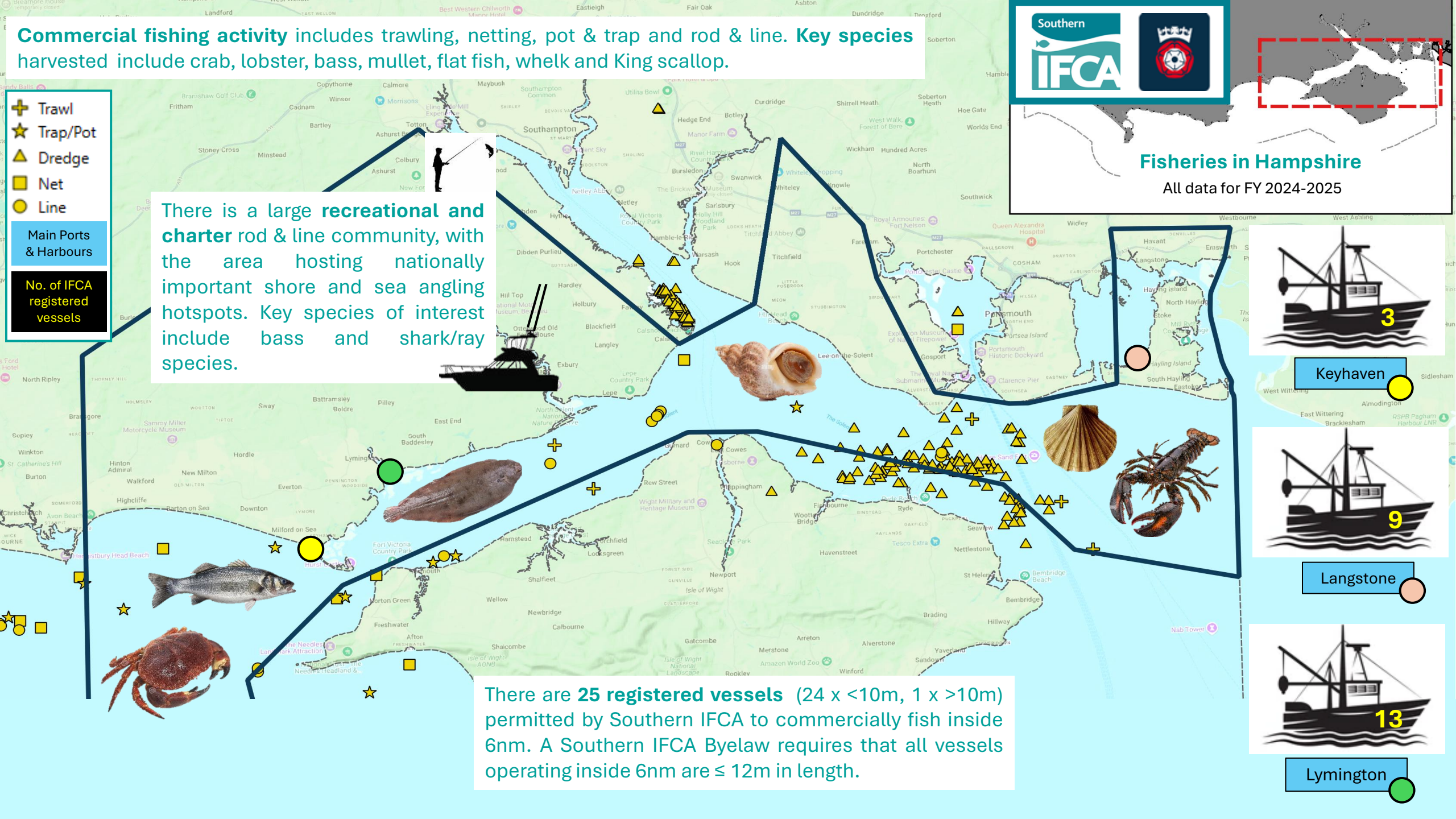


Fisheries in Hampshire

All data for FY 2024-2025

- ✚ Trawl
 - ★ Trap/Pot
 - ▲ Dredge
 - Net
 - Line
- Main Ports & Harbours
- No. of IFCA registered vessels

There is a large recreational and charter rod & line community, with the area hosting nationally important shore and sea angling hotspots. Key species of interest include bass and shark/ray species.



Keyhaven



Langstone



Lymington

There are 25 registered vessels (24 x <10m, 1 x >10m) permitted by Southern IFCA to commercially fish inside 6nm. A Southern IFCA Byelaw requires that all vessels operating inside 6nm are ≤ 12m in length.

There are 7 **Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)** which are designated to protect important habitats, species and features. Each MPA may require bespoke feature-based management, relevant to the risk posed by fishing activity.



MPAs in Hampshire

All data for FY 2024-2025

Solent & Southampton Water SPA

Non-breeding species: Black-tailed godwit, Dark-bellied brent goose, Ringed plover, Teal
Breeding species: Common tern, Little tern, Mediterranean gull, Roseate tern, Sandwich tern

Portsmouth Harbour SPA

Non-breeding species: Black-tailed godwit, Dark-bellied brent goose, Dunlin, Red-breasted merganser

Chichester & Langstone Harbours SPA

Breeding species: Common tern, Little tern, Sandwich tern
Non-breeding species: Bar-tailed godwit, Curlew, Dark-bellied brent goose, Dunlin, Grey plover, Pintail, Red-breasted merganser, Redshank, Ringed plover, Sanderling, Shelduck, Shoveler, Teal, Turnstone, Wigeon

Solent & Isle of Wight Lagoons SAC

Coastal lagoons (sand shrimp, starlet sea anemone)

Solent Maritime SAC

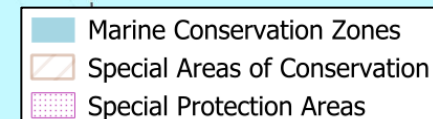
Atlantic salt meadows, Coastal lagoons, Estuaries, Mud & sandflats (eelgrass, saltmarsh), Sandbanks, Shifting dunes, Spartina swards

Solent & Dorset Coast SPA

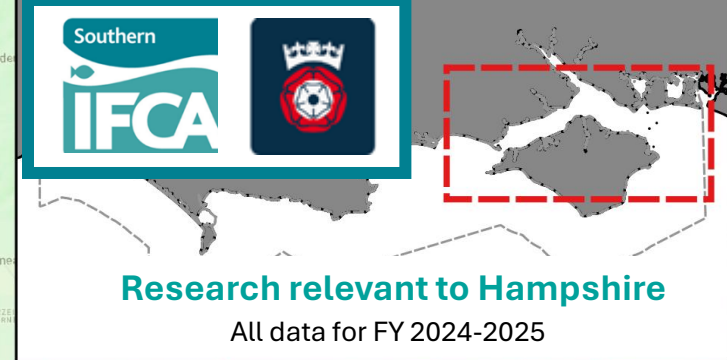
Breeding species: Common tern, Little tern, Sandwich tern

South Wight Maritime SAC

Reefs (bryozoans, hydroids, sponges), Sea caves, Vegetated sea cliffs



The **Southern IFCA Data Collection, Survey & Monitoring Programme** seeks to further understandings of fisheries, working with industry to provide the best available evidence to inform relevant annual reviews, ensuring that any management interventions in place remain aligned to their overarching objectives.



Solent Scallop Survey to assess the distribution and abundance of King Scallop within the Solent. Updates to survey design were introduced via collaboration with the fishers

The Juvenile Fish Survey assesses the occurrence and distribution of young fish. The time series data-set allows changes in fish communities to be observed overtime. The survey is undertaken with a range of partners.



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Solent Bivalve Survey and Native Oyster Survey to assess the distribution and abundance of native oysters and bivalve species such as common cockle, manila clam and oysters.

Juvenile Fish Survey

- Solent Bivalve Survey Beds
- Solent Oyster Survey Beds
- Solent Scallop Survey Beds

The Whelk Population Survey assesses the distribution and abundance of common whelk across the Solent, in collaboration with fishers.

Industry support the **whelk survey programme** via industry led data collection and chartered use of fishing vessels to collect data. Lab facilities are provided by Bournemouth University for sample analysis.



The Southern IFCA monitoring programme also supports the following **Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs)** via provision of data to support FMP objectives; King Scallop, Crab and Lobster, Whelk, Queen Scallop, Cockle, Bass and more.

SDPB Data collection via monthly catch returns which are used to analyse changes in stock health overtime. Spatial refinement of data over the most important area for the Scallop fishery was introduced in 2024 in collaboration with Permit Holders.





Review: Phase 1

Bottom Towed Fishing Gear Byelaw 2023 submitted to the MMO & Defra for quality assurance prior to ratification, outcome of the BTFG Review Phase I.



MMO QA Process

Apr 24 to Sept 24
Rounds 2 to 5 of QA with the MMO received and addressed



Submission to Defra

Following QA with the MMO, the byelaw package was submitted to Defra for QA.



Defra QA

Dec 24 to Mar 25
3 rounds of QA completed with Defra



Next stage

Await notification of submission to Minister's Office for ratification

Bottom Towed Fishing Gear Review

3.5% (15.8km sq.) of the Hampshire marine environment is protected from Bottom Towed Fishing Gear via the Southern IFCA BTFG Byelaw 2016 Following the pending ratification of the BTFG Byelaw 2023 these protections will increase to **3.8% (17.8km sq.)**

Collectively this work is helping to meet the **UK Government target of 30% protections by 2030** in the inshore environment.



Previous Work

Pot Fishing Byelaw submitted to MMO & Defra for quality assurance prior to ratification



MMO QA Process

Apr 24 to Mar 25
Rounds 2 & 3 of QA with the MMO received and addressed. Additional information provided on request.

Pot Fishing Review

The Pot Fishing Byelaw will introduce (following ratification) effort management for pot fisheries through the issuing of commercial & recreational permits with permit conditions including pot limitations, escape gap requirements and catch data provision (recreational only).



Shore restrictions will be introduced in **2.7% (12.3km sq.)** of the Hampshire marine environment via the Shore Gathering Byelaw (following ratification), which is further supported by the Seaweed Harvesting Code.



Policy Development relevant to Hampshire
All data for FY 2024-2025

Shore Gathering Review



Previous Year

Consideration of draft measures as output from the Shore Gathering Review.



Management Development

Draft measures formalised, presented with supporting documents to the Authority, Formal Advice sought from NE.



Byelaws Made

Shore Gathering Byelaw and Fishing for Cockles (Amendment) Byelaw Made by the Authority in Sept. 24. Supported by Seaweed Harvesting Code of Conduct.



Formal Consultation

On both Byelaws running until 14th November 2024.



MMO QA

Authority recommended that Byelaws are submitted to the MMO & Defra for quality assurance. Round 1 of MMO QA received.



Next stage

Await any further rounds of QA from MMO or Defra.

Port Visits: 22

Person Inspections: 19

Premises Inspections: 2

Vehicle Inspections: 2



Compliance & Enforcement
relevant to Hampshire

All data for FY
2024-2025

Compliance Focus Areas

- Minimum Conservation Reference Sizes
- Solent Dredge Permit Byelaw
- Net Fishing Byelaw
- Bottom Towed Fishing Gear Byelaw 2016
- National Bass Regulations

Court Outcomes

- Found guilty in absence to breach of MCRS Byelaw for black seabream
- Costs & fines = £6,135.25**

Enforcement Action Taken

Verbal Warnings: 6 x breach of MCRS, 1 x Periwinkle closed season

Fixed Administrative Penalty: 1 x breach of MCRS

Prosecution: 1 x breach of MCRS

- Port visits
- Premises
- Person
- Vehicle
- Port landings (vessel)
- Inspections (Land & Sea)
- BTFG 2016 Byelaw
- Prohibit gathering in seagrass beds
- Solent Dredge Permit Byelaw
- Net Fishing Byelaw:
 - Net Permit Area
 - Net Prohibition Area
 - Net Restriction Area
- Marine Conservation Zones
- Special Areas of Conservation
- Special Protection Areas

Sea Patrols: 24

Boarding inspections: 8

Joint Sea Patrols: 2



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