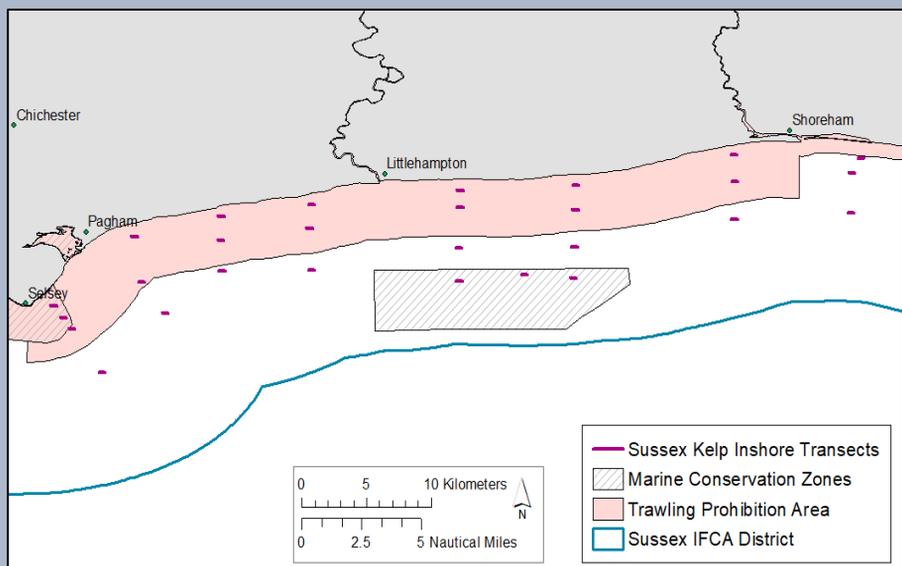




Sussex Kelp Inshore Transects (SKIT)

In 2019/20, Sussex IFCA developed a Nearshore Trawling Byelaw to restrict trawling activity along the coast. A reduction in towed gear is expected to result in changes to the seabed habitats and species, including potential restoration of historic kelp beds. Monitoring these changes over a range of parameters will help further understanding of this dynamic coastal environment.



In order to support effective, collaborative monitoring research, Sussex IFCA has established 8 north to south research lines to be the focus of research efforts. These lines were placed 4-8km apart between Shoreham and Selsey, covering a variety of habitats and conditions. These have been surveyed in 2019 and 2020 to establish conditions before any change in management. It is hoped that by publishing these transects, other partners can use them for future survey planning.

If you are interested in utilising these transects, please contact: research@sussex-ifca.gov.uk

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