



Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority  
MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 (c.23)  
Hand Gathering Byelaw, 2021

**Flexible Hand Gathering Permit conditions supplementary to the byelaw**

1. The Authority may introduce, remove, or vary a flexible permit condition which falls within one or more of the following categories:
  - (a) Catch restrictions;
  - (c) Gear restrictions;
  - (d) Spatial restrictions;
  - (e) Time restrictions.
  
2. The Hand Gathering Permit bag limits for the “specified species” are set as follows:
  - a) crabs of any species other than *Cancer pagurus* set as unlimited;
  - b) mollusc shellfish set as unlimited;
  - c) prawns or shrimps set as unlimited;
  - d) marine worms (Annelida) set as unlimited; or
  - e) seaweeds (macro algae), not including wind-blown seaweed set as unlimited
  
3. A Hand Gathering Permit may not be used in the following areas:
  - (i) Area 2, Medmerry and Bracklesham Bay SSSI;
  - (ii) Area 3, Selsey Bill & the Hounds;
  - (iii) Area 4, Pagham Harbour;
  - (iv) Area 5, Adur Estuary; and
  - (v) Area 6, Beachy Head West MCZ and Beachy Head East MCZ, including Cuckmere Estuary.

The Authority may introduce, remove or vary a flexible permit condition in accordance with the review procedure set out in the Hand Gathering Permit Byelaw 2021.