

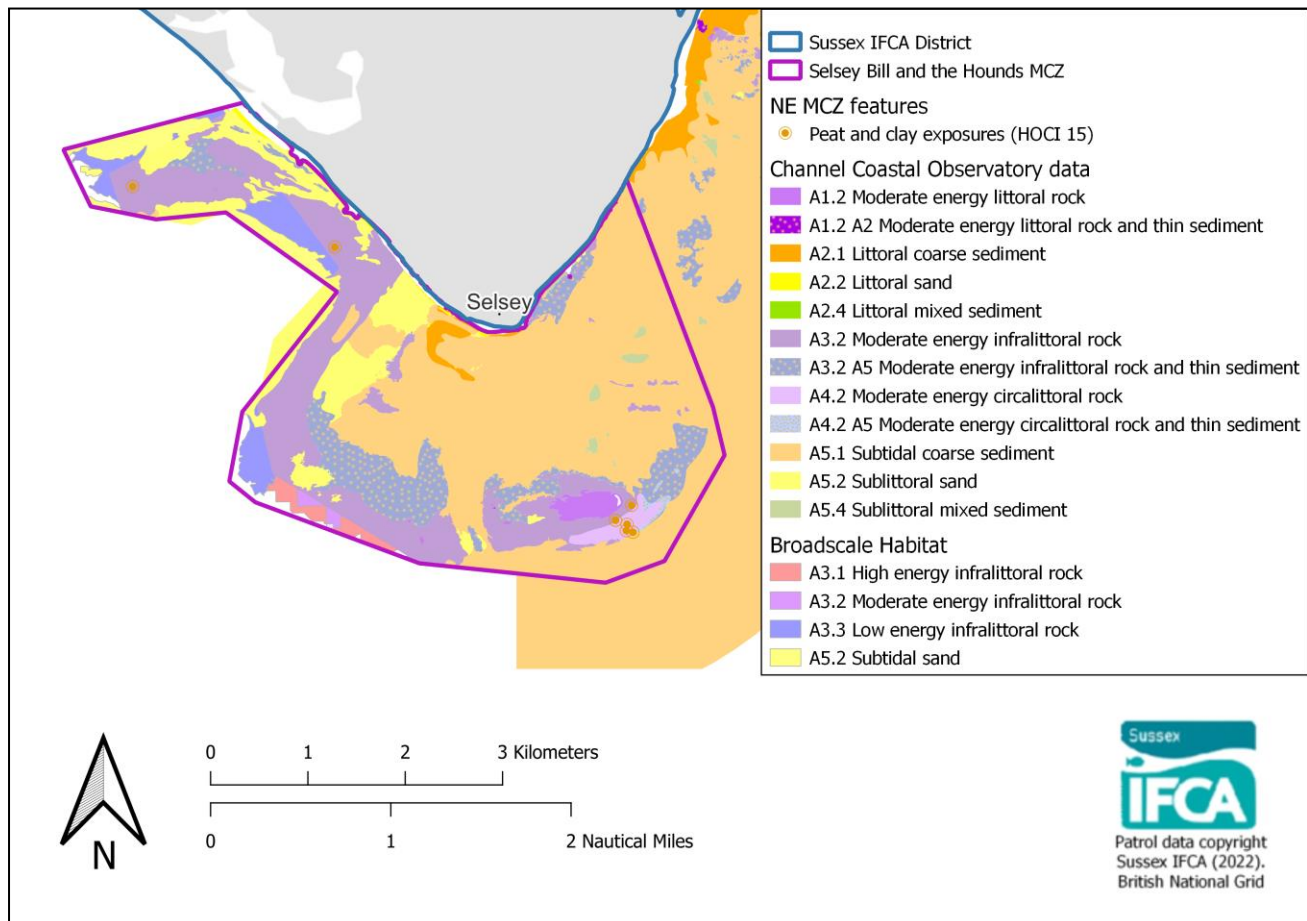
## Selsey Bill and the Hounds Marine Conservation Zone: Recommended Voluntary Code of Conduct

The following proposed Fisheries Code of Conduct for Selsey Bill and the Hounds MCZ has been developed by Sussex IFCA to support the site's regulatory regime\* and help achieve the best conservation outcomes for the site.

### Anchoring

- Use methods that minimise damage to sensitive areas. Best practice to avoid anchoring over rocky reef (see site habitat map below), consider drifting where practicable, or if necessary use a lower impact anchor

*Purpose: To minimise rocky reef damage*



## Seahorses

- Return seahorses directly if caught
- Report catch information to Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre (location, species and photograph)
- Avoid areas of high seahorse bycatch

*Purpose: To promote reporting of sightings to help build a better understanding of the presence and distribution of this protected feature, their habitat use, and their interaction with fishing gear, as well as reducing potential impacts*



*Short Snouted Seahorse © JNCC*



*Long Snouted Seahorse © JNCC*

**For further information on Selsey Bill and the Hounds MCZ management see:**

<https://www.sussex-ifca.gov.uk/selsey-bill-and-the-hounds-mcz>

