

#### Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds recommended MCZ

Seasearch Site Surveys 2012

This report summarises the results of subtidal surveys carried out in and around the recommended Marine Conservation Zone by Seasearch volunteers between June and October 2012. The aim of the surveys was to add detail of the habitats and species found within the area to support the designation process and inform management. Poor weather prevented the use of small boats for most of the year, their use was concentrated on surveying the Blue Mussel rRef Area and comparable sites; see separate report.



Sites surveyed by Seasearch in 2012

## Physical Features of the Area

The recommended Marine Conservation Zone currently lies 200m seaward from the low water mark adjacent to the North Norfolk Coast with its northwestern boundary between Weybourne and Salthouse, its southeastern boundary just South of Happisburgh and Cromer at its centre. Having the rMCZ start 200m seaward of the low water mark was intended to allow for easy sea defence maintenance, but this is now considered to be too far and a distance of 100m or less is now being recommended by the JNCC.

It extends three nautical miles out to sea, encompassing a mosaic of habitats and reaching depths of up to twenty metres. The seabed is composed of a variety of rock, sediment, chalk, blue mussel beds and peat and clay exposures. It is an



important site for benthic biodiversity (including 30 species of nudibranchs), and encompasses some of the best examples of subtidal chalk within the North Sea (approximately 2% of the coastline is chalk), forming part of the longest chalk reef in Europe with arch formations in chalk walls 550m from the beach. The site is likely to provide foraging opportunities for seabirds and has

frequent sightings of small cetaceans and pinnipeds (whales, dolphins, porpoises and seals). The area is a breeding ground for Whiting, Dover and Lemon sole.

#### Features of the Marine Life

The dives in the Northwest area cover Cley to Spalla Gap, less than a mile East of Weybourne. The area is mostly very fine sand which is muddy with dense lugworms or Sand mason worms at some sites. There are two inshore wrecks offering a stable environment to Plumose anemones and Dead mens fingers, as well as a variety of sponges, squirts and numerous hydroids and nudibranchs.



Shallow wreckage at Weybourne densely covered in Plumose anemones

Chalk in the area tends to exist as separated outcrops and the exposed clay as large flat slabs with little biodiversity. The chalk outcrops are densely covered in hydroids such as Oaten pipes and Antenna hydroids, attracting various nudibranches.

The central area covers Sheringham to East Runton where the chalk reef is at its most rugged and spectacular. The inshore chalk plain has increasing gullies with depth, eventually leading to 3m high walls 2-400m offshore. All horizontal surfaces are



covered in lush mixed algae. The walls have encrusting sponges and squirts including the purple *Hymedesmia* sponge which was confirmed as being new to science in 2011. Dense *Polydora ciliata* worms line all overhangs, tunnels and caves, which give shelter to shoaling Bib and large Common lobsters. There is a large disused victorian sewer pipe running from Sheringham to Cromer, which attracts many sponge spider crabs.

Typical chalk gulley with mixed seaweed and small caves at Sheringham

The Southeast dives cover the area around Overstrand, a seabed of rippled sand leading to small chalk gullies and an exposed clay glacial lake bed. Little cuttlefish are common on the sand, along with Lesser weever fish, shore crabs and brown shrimps.

The clay exists as a flat plain and taller outcrops with very dense Oaten pipes and Piddocks.



Glacial lake bed sediments now present as exposed clay at Overstrand



Boring sponge on soft chalk



Common lobster



Dahlia anemone with sponge spider crabs



Shoal of juvenile Bib and Poor cod in a chalk gulley



Peacock fanworms on a boulder



Beautiful Sea slug



Purple sponge confirmed as being new to science in 2011 and as yet not seen outside the Norfolk chalk reef.

## Human uses and impacts

The main uses of the area are potting for crabs and lobsters, and sea angling from the shore.

Lead sinkers, lures, line and hooks were commonly found at both sites during the surveys and broken lobster pots, lost nets and cooked crab waste were recorded at most sites.



Lost lobster pot washed up on the beach

The area is very popular with birdwatchers, walkers and family groups and the cliffs at West Runton attract some fossil hunters. The landfall for a windfarm cable is at Weybourne, but does not seem to require maintenance.



Unusual animal – a foraminiferan – found growing on the windfarm cable



Even apparently barren sand hosts amazing animals like this Little cuttlefish, the size of a bumblebee.



Flounder

#### **Benefits of Protection**

The entire site is already subject to a year-round ban on trawling to protect the seabed habitats. The habitats proposed for protection within the site are all deemed vulnerable to abrasion and penetration caused by fishing gear towed along the sea bed.

The current level of potting does not cause a large amount of damage unless pots are lost, but additional levels of protection would prevent expansion of the industry and the setting of gill nets which are regularly lost.

### **Technical Appendix**

This appendix contains more detailed information about the surveys undertaken and records made. It includes:

- Dive details
- Intertidal survey details
- Habitat sketches
- Biotope list
- Species list

The data have been entered into Marine Recorder and are available as an MS Access 'snapshot' file on request from Seasearch. Data from surveys up to 2011 are publicly available on the NBN Gateway.

#### **Current Proposal**

The recommended MCZ boundary has been drawn to coincide with the boundary of the existing no trawl zone. The proposed MCZ extends from 200m seaward of the low tide mark to the three nautical mile limit, in order to allow sea defences to be maintained.

#### The features proposed for designation are:

Broad scale habitats A3.1 High energy infralittoral rock

A3.2 Moderate energy infralittoral rock
A4.2 Moderate energy circalittoral rock

Habitat FOCI Subtidal chalk

Geological feature North Norfolk coast (subtidal)

#### Features within the area but NOT proposed for designation are:

Broad scale habitats A5.1 Subtidal coarse sediment

Habitat FOCI Blue mussel beds

Peat and clay exposures
Subtidal sands and gravels

Geological feature Trimingham (subtidal)

#### Survey details

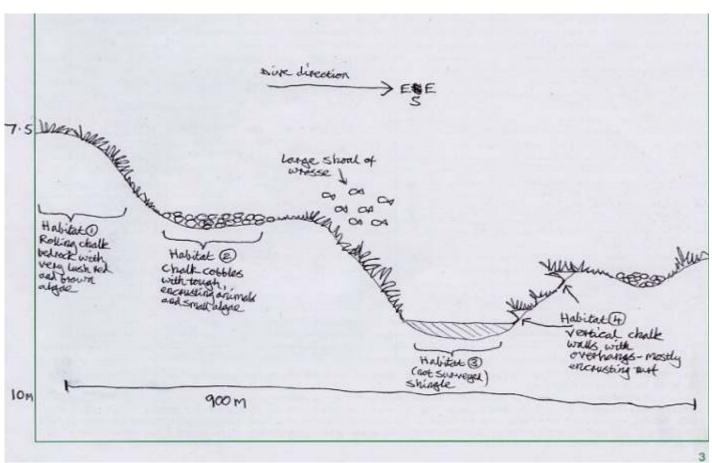
A total of 43 Surveyor forms and 23 Observer forms (with an additional 7 and 5 respectively for the Blue Mussel rRef Area) have been produced so far for 53 diving events in and around this area. The season is not yet over and forms are still being received. Marks for the centre of each dive and the start/end positions for drifts can be seen on the map in the introduction and the more detailed maps below.







### Habitat sketch



This is a typical habitat sketch from a drift dive in the Sheringham area.

# Biotopes recorded

All sites	SS.SSa.IMuSa.ArelSa	Lugworms ( <i>Arenicola marina</i> ) with hermit and harbour crabs, sand mason worms and burrowing anemones.
All sites	IR.FIR.IFou	Wrecks/concrete pilings/cable debris or other artificial substrata with dense seaweed covering on both vertical and upper faces.
All sites	Cr.HCR.XFa	Bedrock and boulders with strong to moderately strong tidal streams. A diverse range of hydroids, bryozoans and sponges forming an often dense mixed animal turf.
All sites	SS.SCS.ICs.SLan	Dense Sand mason worms ( <i>Lanice conchilega</i> ) in coarse to medium gravelly sand where there are strong tidal streams or wave action.
All sites	IR.HIR.KFaR.FoR.Dic	Dense foliose red seaweeds mixed with brown fan weed ( <i>Dictyota dichotoma</i> ).
North West and Central sites only	CR.MCR.SfR.Pol	Soft rock covered by <i>Polydora</i> tubes.
North West and South East sites only	SS.SMx.IMx	Infralittoral mixed sediment. Shallow mixed sediments with various animal dominated communities and few seaweeds.
North West and South East sites only	SS.SSa.IFiSa.IMoSa	Infralittoral mobile clean sand with sparse fauna. The sand often formed into dunes. There may be mobile species such as hermit crab, harbour crab, shore crab and starfish on the surface, but little infauna.
Central sites only	SS.SCS.ICS.Ssh	Sparse fauna on extremely exposed or exposed clean rounded unstable pebbles and sand.
Central sites only	SS.SMx.CMx	Circalittoral mixed sediment (generally deeper than 15m) containing mixed muddy gravelly sands, or a poorly sorted mixture of shell, cobbles and pebbles embedded in or lying on mud.
South East sites only	CR.MCR.SfR.Pid	Soft chalk or clay with abundant Piddocks (usually <i>Pholas dactylus</i> ), and limited fauna, especially on upward facing surfaces.
South East sites only	SS.SSa.IFiSa	Infralittoral fine sand (generally down to not more than 15m) either on the open coast or in tide swept channels.
South East sites only	IR.MIR.KR.XFoR	Moderately exposed bedrock and boulders in areas of turbid water with dense red seaweeds and without kelp. Common in the English channel.

# Species List

Scientific name	Common name	North West	Central	South East
Porifera	Sponges		<b>Abundance</b>	
Halichondria panicea	Breadcrumb sponge	R-F	O-C	O-F
Dysidea fragilis	Goosebump sponge	O-F	O-F	R-O
Scypha ciliata	Vase sponge	O-F	0	0
Amphilectus fucorum	Shredded carrot sponge	O-C	R-F	0
Clathrina coriacea	Spikey lace sponge	0		
Haliclona oculata	Mermaids glove	O-F		
Cliona celata	Boring sponge	0	O-F	0
Leucosolenia sp	Lace sponge	R-F	R	
Encrusting porifera	Yellow/orange crust	С	R-F	0
Polymastia penicillus	Chimney sponge	R		
Hymedesmia sp	Purple crust	0	0	

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Grantia compressa	Purse sponge	0		
Haliclona cineraria	Sponge	R		0
Oscarella sp	Sponge	0	R-F	
Mycale macilenta	crust	0	O-F	
Cnidaria	Hydroids and anemones			
Tubula indivisa	Oaten pipes	C-A	O-F	R-F
Actinia equina	Beadlet anemone	0	R-F	R-O
Tubularia larynx	Oaten pipes	С		O-C
Urticina eques	Horseman anemone		R	
Urticina felina	Dahlia anemone	O-F	R-F	R-C
Sagartia elegans	Elegant anemone	R-C	0	0
Sagartia troglodytes	Anemone	F		0
Halecium halecinum	Herringbone hydroid	R		
Plumularia setacea	Feathery hydroid	0-F	O-C	O-F
Garvia nutans	Hydroid	R-F		0 1
Coryne pusilla	Hydroid	1	0	
Coryne eximia	Hydroid	O-C		R
Dynamena pumila	Hydroid	F		11
Hydractinia echinata	Hermit fur	0		+
Eudendrium ramosum	Hydroid	F		
Eudendrium sp	Hydroid	O-C	0	+
Chrysaora hysoscella	Compass jellyfish	R	R	+ +
Metridium senile	Plumose anemone	R-A	K	+ +
		F F	F	+
Clytia hemisphaerica	Hydroid  Dood mans fingers	R-F	Г	
Alcyonium digitatum Nemertesia antenina	Dead mens fingers			
	Antenna hydroid	R-F		0
Sertularia cupressina	Squirrels tail hydroid			0
Annelida	Segmented worms	ГА	0.0	
Arecola marina	Lugworm	F-A	O-C	0-C
Lanice conchilega	Sand mason	O-A	R-A	R-A
Pomatoceros sp	Keelworm	R-C	R-C	0-C
Polydora ciliata	Worm	C-A	O-A	С
Sabella pavonina	Peacock fanworm	O-C	0	0
Salmacina dysteri	Coral worm	0	R-C	O-F
Eulalia viridis	Green leaf worm	R		
Polynoid	Scale worm	R	R	
Oligocladus sanguinolentus	Flatworm	R		
Cirratulus cirratus	Segmented worm		0	
Spirorbis sp	Spiral worm		F	
Crustacea	Barnacles, crabs, shrimp and			
	lobsters			
Cancer pagurus	Edible crab	R-C	R-C	R-C
Carcinus maenas	Shore crab	O-C	R-C	R-C
Mysid sp I	Red mysid shrimp	F		
Mysid sp II	Clear mysid shrimp	F-A	O-C	O-C
Cirripedia sp	Barnacle	O-A	R-A	R-C
Pagurus bernhadus	Common hermit crab	R-O	R	
Pagurus spp	Other hermit crabs	O-C	O-F	O-C
Hyas araneus	Sea toad	R-F	R-F	R-O
Homarus gammarus	Common lobster	R-F	R-F	R-O

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Decapoda sp         Transparent shrimp         F           Caprella sp         Skeleton shrimp         O-C         O           Idotea sp         Isopod         R-F         O           Amphipoda         Amphipod in Tubularia         O         O-F           Jassa falcata         Amphipod         O-A         F-C           Pisidea longicornis         Long clawed porcelain crab         R-O         O           Necora puber         Velvet swimming crab         O-F         R-F         R-F         R-F           Macropodia sp         Long legged spider crab         R-C         R-O         R-C         R-O         R-C           Pertumus latipes         Pennants swimming crab         O         C         R-F         R-C         R-O         R-C           Pandalus montagui         Northern prawn         R-O         R-O <td>Palaemon serratus</td> <td>Common prawn</td> <td>O-F</td> <td>R-F</td> <td>R-F</td>	Palaemon serratus	Common prawn	O-F	R-F	R-F
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Parasmittina trispinosa	crust		F	
Crisia sp	White claw sea moss	F-A		
Bugula flabellata	Spiral bryozoan	O-F	F	
Bugulla turbinata	Spiral bryozoan	R		R-O
Schizomavella linearis	crust	F		
Flustra foliacea	Hornwrack	O-C	R	0
Bicellariella ciliata	Bryozoan	R-F		0
Scrupocellaria scruposa	Bryozoan	F		
Encrusting bryozoan	crusts	F	O-C	R-C
Echinodermata	Starfish, urchins and brittlestars			
Asterias rubens	Common starfish	O-C	R-F	R-F
Crossaster papposus	Common sunstar	R-O		R-F
Henricia sp	Bloody henry	R		R-O
Ophiothrix fragilis	Common brittlestar	R		
Ophiura ophiura	Sand brittlestar	0	R	
Ophiura albida	Sand brittlestar		R	
Tunicata	Sea squirts			
Clavelina lepadiformis	Lightbulb sea squirt	R-C	R-F	
Diplosoma spongiforme	Sponge sea squirt	O-C	R-A	O-F
Diplosoma listerianum	Sea squirt	0 0	F	
Morchellium argus	Club sea squirt	O-F	R-F	0
Aplidium nordmani	Sea squirt		0	+
Didemnum maculosum	Colonial sea squirt	O-C	0-F	0
Aplidium turbinatum	Colonial sea squirt	0	01	
Molgula sp	Sea squirt	R-O		F
Botryllus schlosseri	Communal sea squirt	0	R-O	<del>'</del>
Botrylloides leachi	Communal sea squirt	Ŭ	0	
Perophora listeri	Sea squirt		0-F	
Ascidian	Solitary sandy	R	01	
Archidostoma aggregatum	Sea squirt	F		
Distaplia rosea	Communal sea squirt	R-O	R-C	
Polysincraton bilobatum	Communal sea squirt	F	O-A	
Lissoclinum perforatum	Communal sea squirt	'	0-F	+
Synocium pulmonaria	Sea squirt		R	+
Pycnoclavella stolonialis	Pinhead sea squirt	R-O	IX	
Stolonica socialis	Orange sea squirt	K O		R
Pisces	Fishes			I IX
Taurulus bubalis	Longspined sea scorpion	R-F	R-F	R-F
Anguilla anguilla	Common eel	IX-1	R	ICT
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Platichthes flesus	Flounder	R-F	R	R
Ammodytes sp	Sand eel	R-F	F	0
Pholis gunnellus	Butterfish	0	R-O	
Cyclopterus lumpus	Lumpsucker (juvenile)		R	+
Pomatoschistus sp	Sand goby	O-C	O-C	R-C
Trisopterus minutus	Poor cod	F F	0-0	11-0
Trisopterus luscus	Bib	0-F	0	+
Pomatoschistus pictus	1	0-r 0-F	R-F	R-O
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Labrus bergylta	Ballan wrasse	R-O	R	

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Dicentrarchus labrax	Sea bass	R-F	С	
Syngnathus rostratus	Pipefish	R	0	
Syngnathus acus	Greater pipefish	R-O	R	R
Gobiusculus flavescens	Two spot goby	O-C	O-C	F
Liparis sp	Sea snail	R		R
Liparis montagui	Montagues sea snail		R	
Agonus cataphractus	Pogge	R		
Pleuronectes platessa	Plaice	R-O	R	R
Lipophrys pholis	Shanny	R	R	
Callionymus reticulata	Reticulated dragonet	O-F		O-F
Crenilarus melops	Corkwing wrasse	0	O-F	F
Ciliata mustela	Five bearded rockling		R	•
Mullus surmuletus	Red mullet	R		
Scophthalmus rhombus	Brill	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	R	R
Buglossidium luteum	Sole	R	- IX	T T
Callionymus lyra	Common dragonet	R-C	R-F	O-F
Myxocephalus scorpius	Short spined sea scorpion	R-O	R	01
Others	Short spiried sea scorpion	IN-O	IX	
Phoca vitulina	Common seal	R		
Haliphysema tumanowiczi	Foramaniferan	0		
Halichoerus grypus	Grey seal			R
	Seaweeds			I N
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	Dotted peacock weed Pincer weed	0-C	0-F	Г
Ceramium sp		0-0	 П	
Chandria dayunhulla	Pincer weed	R-C	R-F	0
Chondria dasyphylla	Diamond cartilage weed			O R
Rhodophycota	Mixed red algae	R-A	C-A	K
Ulva linza	Gut weed	R-F	R-F	0.5
Gracilaria gracilis	Slender wart weed	0-C	R-A	0-F
Dictyota dichotoma	Brown fan weed	R-F	0-F	0
Cladophora rupestris	Common green branched weed	O-C	0-F	0-F
Polysiphonia elongata	Elongate siphon weed	F-C	R-C	R
Calliblepharis ciliata	Beautiful eyelash weed	O-F	O-C	0-F
Schottera nicaeensis	Shaded weed	F	O-F	0
Phyllophora pseudoceranoides	Stalked leaf bearer	0	0	
Bryopsis hypnoides	Mossy feather weed	0	R	
		0-C	R-O	
Bryopsis plumosa	Mossy feather weed Comb weed	0-C	F-A	R-C
Plocamium cartilaginum  Derbesia tenuissima			г-А	K-C
	Silky thread weed	0	D.F.	
Osmundea sp	Fern weed	R	R-F	-
Halurus equisetifolius	Sea horsetail	R-F	R-C	F
Pelvetia caniculata	Channel wrack	R	O F	
Chandra officianallis	Common coral weed	R	O-F	0.5
Chondrus crispus	Irish moss	0-C	R-C	O-F
Polyides rotundus	Discoid forkweed	F	R-C	
Ulva lactuca	Sea lettuce	O-F	R-F	
Cladostephus spongiosus	Hairy sand weed	O-F	O-C	0
Brongniartella byssoides	Brongniarts thread weed	F	0-0	F
Scinaia sp	Scinas weed	O-F	R-O	

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Fucus sp	Wrack	O-C		
Fucus vesiculosus	Bladderwrack		R	
Fucus serratus	Serrated wrack		R-C	
Heterosiphonia plumosa	Siphoned feather weed	O-F	R-F	O-F
Gelidium spinosum	Spiney straggle weed	0		
Rhodophycota	Red encrusting algae		O-C	
Corallinacea	Pink encrusting algae		F-A	O-F
Ahnfeltia plicata	Black scour weed		R-F	
Chaetomorpha linum	Flax brick weed		O-F	0
Chylocladia verticellata	Juicy whorl weed		O	
Plumaria plumosa	Soft feather weed		R-F	
Derbesia marina	Silky thread weed		0	
Drachiella heterocarpa	Callused drachiella		0	
Gastroclonium reflexum	Reflexed grape weed		O-F	
Cryptopleura ramosa	Fine-veined crinkle weed		0	
Nacaria wiggii	Naccaris hairy weed		O	
Grateloupia filicina	Grateloups fern weed		F	

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