



Can be retained
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ANGEL SHARK

Squatina squatina

Gear	Creel, Trawl, Dredge
	Targeting prohibited
	Closed season not applicable
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	Catch limit not applicable
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	Record discards separately
	Discarding required
	Transhipping prohibited
	Selling prohibited

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BASKING SHARK

Cetorhinus maximus

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GREAT LANTERNSHARK

Etmopterus princeps

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BLACK SKATE

Dipturus nidarosiensis

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	Closed season not applicable
	Size limit not applicable Outside 6NM
	Catch limit not applicable
	Retention prohibited VIa, VIa, d, e, f & g
	Record discards separately
	Discarding permitted
	Transhipping prohibited
	Selling prohibited Except IVa-c

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BLONDE RAY

Raja brachyura

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SMALL-EYED RAY

Raja microcellata

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	Catch limit
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STARRY RAY

Amblyraja radiata

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	Closed season not applicable
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	Catch limit not applicable Except VIa, VIa, e, f, g
	Retention permitted except IVa-c & VIId
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	Transhipping prohibited
	Selling permitted except IVa-c

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UNDULATE RAY

Raja undulata

Gear	Trawl, Dredge
	Targeting prohibited except VIId & e, >15M no more than 25% SKA in IVb-c
	Closed season May - August
	Whole or gutted only Min 78cm, max 97cm in VIId & e
	Catch limit in VIId & e 200 kg per trip
	Retention permitted except VIa, VIa, f & g
	Record separately
	Discarding permitted
	Transhipping prohibited
	Selling permitted

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WHITE SKATE

Rostraja alba

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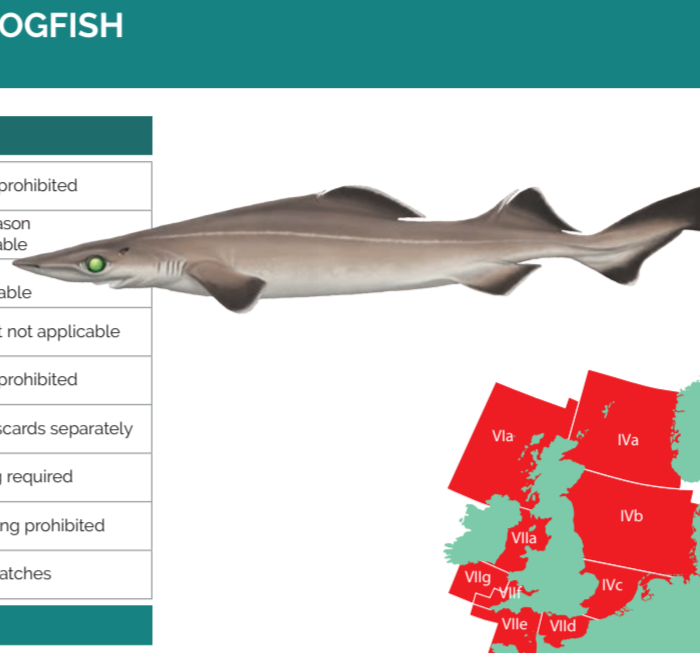


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BIRDBEAK DOGFISH

Deania calcea

Gear	Dredge
Targeting	Prohibited
Closed season	N/A
Size limit	N/A
Catch limit	N/A
Retaining	Prohibited
Record discards	Separately
Discarding	Required
Transshipping	Prohibited
Selling	No legal catches

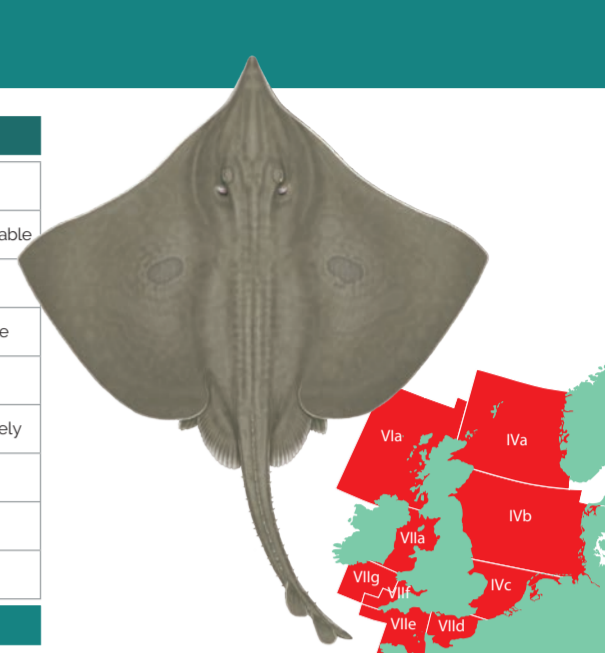


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BLUE SKATE

Dipturus batis

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Catch limit	N/A
Retaining	Prohibited
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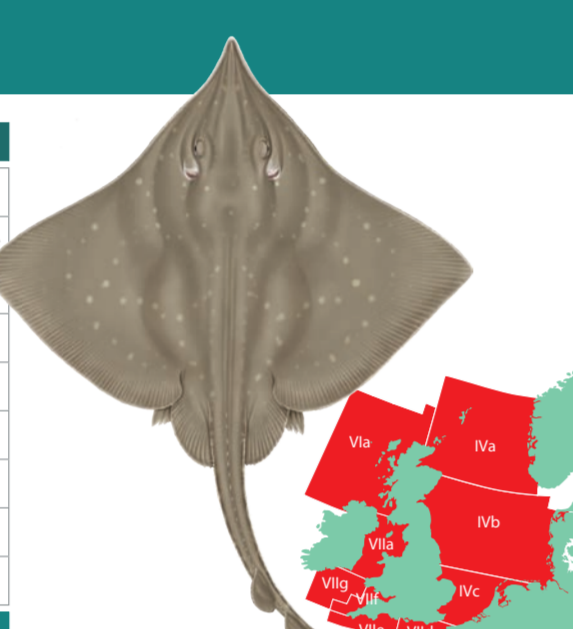


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FLAPPER SKATE

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Closed season	N/A
Size limit	N/A
Catch limit	N/A
Retaining	Prohibited
Record discards	Separately
Discarding	Required
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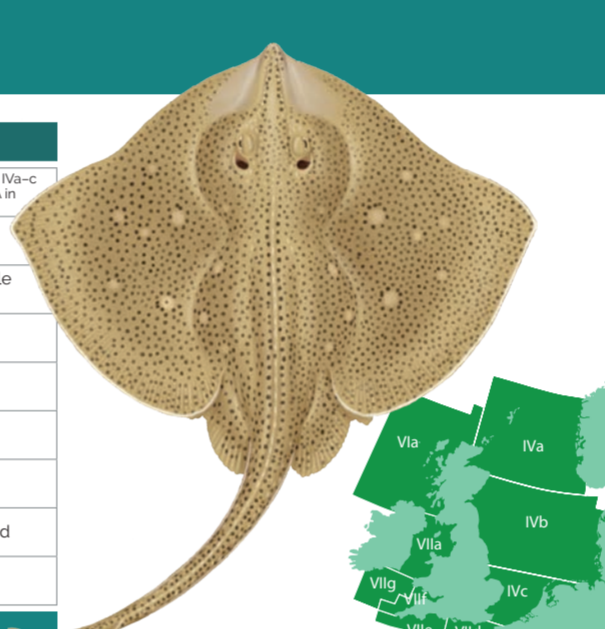


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Gear	Trawl, Dredge
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Closed season	N/A
Size limit	N/A
Catch limit	Restricted
Retaining	Permitted
Record discards	Separately
Discarding	Permitted
Transshipping	Prohibited
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Raja undulata

Gear	Trawl, Dredge
Targeting	Prohibited except VId & e, >15M no more than 25% SKA in IVa-c
Closed season	May - August
Size limit	Whole or gutted only, Min 78cm, max 97cm in VId & e
Catch limit	200 kg per trip in VId & e
Retaining	Permitted except VId, VIda, f & g
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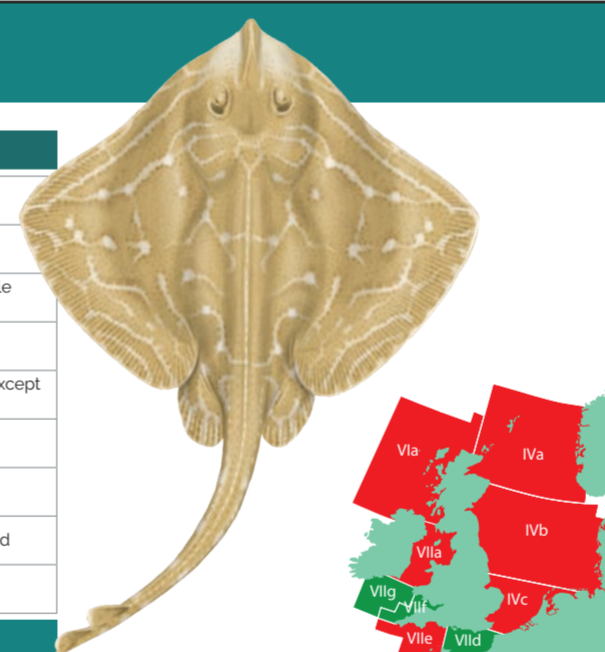


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Catch limit	Restricted
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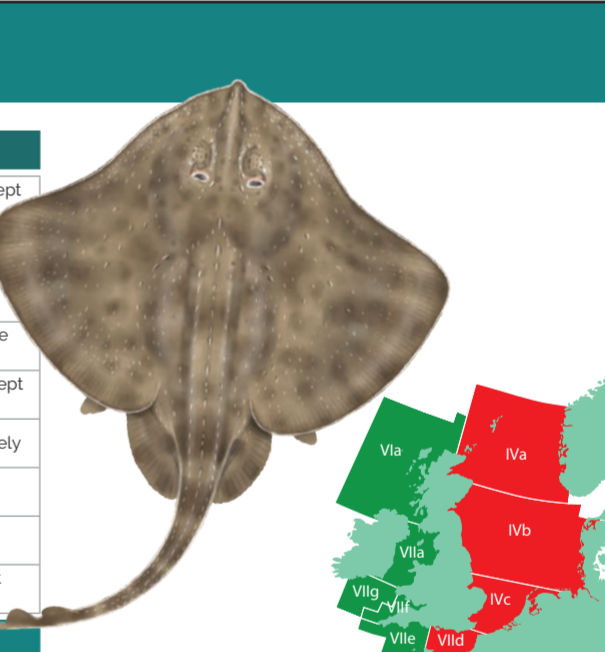


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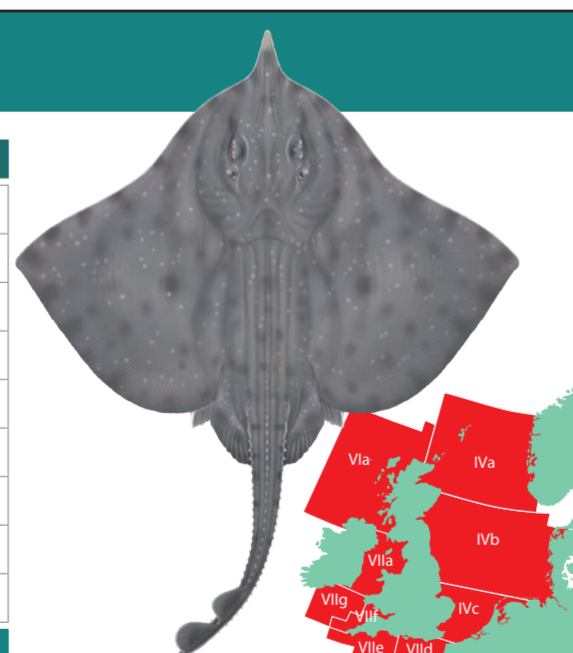


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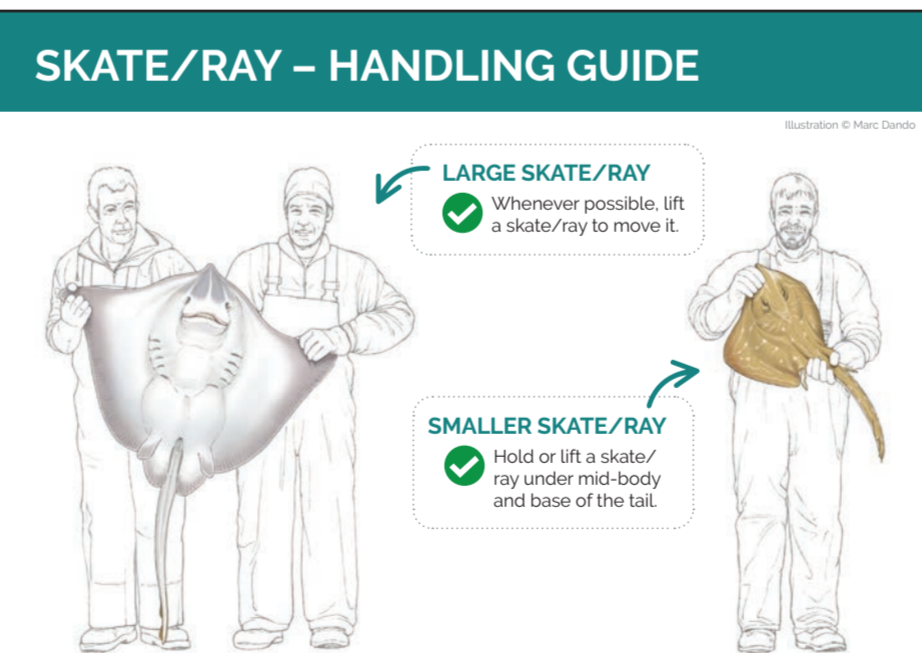
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SKATE/RAY – HANDLING GUIDE



LARGE SKATE/RAY
Whenever possible, lift a skate/ray to move it.

SMALLER SKATE/RAY
Hold or lift a skate/ray under mid-body and base of the tail.

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S.H.A.R.K – BEST PRACTICE

- S SORT IMMEDIATELY**
Remove catches from your gear as soon as possible.
- H HANDLE CAREFULLY**
Pick up and move animals with care.
- A AVOID WASTE**
Return unwanted animals immediately and alive.
- R RECORD DISCARDS**
Record your discards. Help build up knowledge.
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Fish within appropriate catch limits.

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Arachnanthus sarsi

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Distribution	Irish north coast, Scottish west coast & Hebrides.
Common features	2 rings of banded tentacles. Tentacles of inner ring shorter & curve inwards. Pear-shaped body column.
Size	Diameter including tentacles: < 200mm.

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FAN MUSSEL

Atrina fragilis

Gear	Creel, Dredge, Trawl
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Distribution	Uncommon along west & southwest England, Shetland Isles & Orkney.
Common features	Large triangular-shaped bivalve. Yellowish to dark-brown with blackish patches.
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HEART COCKLE

Glossus humanus

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NORTHERN FEATHER STAR

Leptometra celtica

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Common features	10 branching feathery arms. Arms banded red & white.
Size	Arm length 70–150mm.

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PINK SEA FINGERS

Alcyonium hibernicum

Gear	Creel, Dredge, Trawl
Habitat	1–30m. Overhanging rock.
Distribution	Hotspots: Isle of Man, west Scotland & Cornwall.
Common features	Translucent pink & white bodies. Finger-like projections.
Size	30mm when fully extended.

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WHITE CLUSTER ANEMONE

Parazoanthus anguicomus

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Common features	Polyps white or pink with 33–44 tentacles each.
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OCEAN QUAHOG

Arctica islandica

Gear	Dredge, Trawl
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Common features	Thin central stem with 2 opposite rows of white or cream polyp arms.
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MINKE WHALE

Balaenoptera acutorostrata

2 metres

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Fast swimmer. Group size 1-3
Habitat	Coastal & continental shelf.
Season	Common May–October.
Common features	Distinct white band on front flippers. Curved dorsal fin near tail. Pointed snout (nose).

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HUMPBACK WHALE

Megaptera novaeangliae

2 metres

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Distinctive, tall blow (~3m high). Tail visible before diving. Group size 1-15.
Habitat	Coastal & continental shelf.
Season	Uncommon, but present all year.
Common features	Head & flippers have "knobby" appearance, with many lumps & bumps. Flippers up to 5m long.

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HARBOUR PORPOISE

Phocoena phocoena

1 metre

Gear	Creel, Trawl
Behaviour	Shy around boats. Group size 1-5.
Habitat	Coastal & inshore.
Season	Common all year. Hotspot: Moray Firth, Inner Hebrides.
Common features	Blunt head & dark-grey stocky body. Triangular dorsal fin central on back.

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BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN

Tursiops truncatus

1 metre

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Active & confident near boats. Group size 1-25.
Habitat	Coastal & continental shelf.
Season	Common all year. Hotspots: Moray Firth, Cardigan Bay.
Common features	Large curved dorsal fin. Short, distinct beak. Large, robust body.

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NORTHERN BOTTLENOSE WHALE

Hyperoodon ampullatus

2 metres

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Often resting at surface. May approach boats. Group size 4-20.
Habitat	Offshore, deep water.
Season	Uncommon. Hotspots: September in Scotland, Irish Sea.
Common features	Colour varies dark grey to brown. Melon-shaped forehead. Small protruding beak.

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RISSO'S DOLPHIN

Grampus griseus

1 metre

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Active & may approach boats. Group size 3-50.
Habitat	Continental shelf & deeper waters.
Season	All year. More common inshore May–October.
Common features	Grey body, adults have white scars. Blunt melon-like head, no beak.

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SHORT-BEAKED COMMON DOLPHIN

Delphinus delphis

1 metre

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Fast, highly active swimmers. Likely to approach boats. Group size 2-300.
Habitat	Coastal & continental shelf.
Season	All year. Most common May–October.
Common features	Cream/yellow to grey 'hourglass' pattern on side. Prominent, grey beak & grey flippers.

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WHITE-BEAKED DOLPHIN

Lagenorhynchus albirostris

1 metre

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Acrobatic swimmers, sometimes with other species. May approach boats. Group size: 2-230.
Habitat	Continental shelf.
Season	All year. Most common May–October.
Common features	Large, robust body. Black/grey/white colouration variable. Large, black curved dorsal fin & flippers.

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KILLER WHALE

Orcinus orca

2 metres

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Confident, may approach boats. Hunts close to shore. Group size: 2-15.
Habitat	Coastal & continental shelf.
Season	Rare. Most common May–September in Scotland.
Common features	Distinctive black & white markings. Large dorsal fin up to 1.8m high. Males: Tall & straight. Females: Smaller & curved.

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GREY SEAL

Halichoerus grypus

1 metre

Gear	Creel, Trawl
Behaviour	Resting onshore between tides or hunting at sea.
Habitat	Coastal & inshore.
Season	All year. Females pup onshore August–January.
Common features	Long, straight nose. Larger than Harbour/Common Seal. Grey-brown-white fur with few, large spots.

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HARBOUR/Common SEAL

Phoca vitulina

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Gear	Creel, Trawl
Behaviour	Resting onshore between tides or hunting at sea.
Habitat	Coastal & inshore.
Season	All year. Rarer than Grey Seal. Females pup onshore June–July.
Common features	Rounded head, V-shaped nostrils. Grey, cream or brown fur with dark spots.

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LEATHERBACK TURTLE

Dermochelys coriacea

1 metre

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Solitary. Rests at surface after deep dives.
Habitat	Pelagic.
Season	Rare but seen May–September.
Common features	Black shell with white spots. Ridged & leathery shell rather than hard. Underbelly & chin white to pink.

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Map key

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MINKE WHALE
Balaenoptera acutorostrata

2 metres

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Fast swimmer. Group size 1-3
Habitat	Coastal & continental shelf.
Season	Common May-October.
Common features	Distinct white band on front flippers. Curved dorsal fin near tail. Pointed snout (nose).

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HUMPBACK WHALE
Megaptera novaeangliae

2 metres

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Distinctive, tall blow (~3m high). Tail visible before diving. Group size 1-15.
Habitat	Coastal & continental shelf.
Season	Uncommon, but present all year.
Common features	Head & flippers have "knobbly" appearance, with many lumps & bumps. Flippers up to 5m long.

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HARBOUR PORPOISE
Phocoena phocoena

1 metre

Gear	Creel, Trawl
Behaviour	Shy around boats. Group size 1-5.
Habitat	Coastal & inshore.
Season	Common all year. Hotspot: Moray Firth, Inner Hebrides.
Common features	Blunt head & dark-grey stocky body. Triangular dorsal fin central on back.

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BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN
Tursiops truncatus

1 metre

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Active & confident near boats. Group size 1-25.
Habitat	Coastal & continental shelf.
Season	Common all year. Hotspots: Moray Firth, Cardigan Bay.
Common features	Large curved dorsal fin. Short, distinct beak. Large, robust body.

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NORTHERN BOTTLENOSE WHALE
Hyperoodon ampullatus

2 metres

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Often resting at surface. May approach boats. Group size 4-20.
Habitat	Offshore, deep water.
Season	Uncommon. Hotspots: September in Scotland, Irish Sea.
Common features	Colour varies dark grey to brown. Melon-shaped forehead. Small protruding beak.

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RISSO'S DOLPHIN
Grampus griseus

1 metre

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Active & may approach boats. Group size 3-50.
Habitat	Continental shelf & deeper waters.
Season	All year. More common inshore May-October.
Common features	Grey body, adults have white scars. Blunt melon-like head, no beak.

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SHORT-BEAKED COMMON DOLPHIN
Delphinus delphis

1 metre

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Fast, highly active swimmers. Likely to approach boats. Group size 2-300.
Habitat	Coastal & continental shelf.
Season	All year. Most common May-October.
Common features	Cream/yellow to grey 'hourglass' pattern on side. Prominent, grey beak & grey flippers.

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WHITE-BEAKED DOLPHIN
Lagenorhynchus albirostris

1 metre

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Acrobatic swimmers, sometimes with other species. May approach boats. Group size: 2-230.
Habitat	Continental shelf.
Season	All year. Most common May-October.
Common features	Large, robust body. Black/grey/white colouration variable. Large, black curved dorsal fin & flippers.

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KILLER WHALE
Orcinus orca

2 metres

Gear	Creel
Behaviour	Confident, may approach boats. Hunts close to shore. Group size: 2-15.
Habitat	Coastal & continental shelf.
Season	Rare. Most common May-September in Scotland.
Common features	Distinctive black & white markings. Large dorsal fin up to 1.8m high. Males: Tall & straight. Females: Smaller & curved.

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GREY SEAL
Halichoerus grypus

1 metre

Gear	Creel, Trawl
Behaviour	Resting onshore between tides or hunting at sea.
Habitat	Coastal & inshore.
Season	All year. Females pup onshore August-January.
Common features	Long, straight nose. Larger than Harbour/Common Seal. Grey-brown-white fur with few, large spots.

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HARBOUR/Common SEAL
Phoca vitulina

1 metre

Gear	Creel, Trawl
Behaviour	Resting onshore between tides or hunting at sea.
Habitat	Coastal & inshore.
Season	All year. Rarer than Grey Seal. Females pup onshore June-July.
Common features	Rounded head, V-shaped nostrils. Grey, cream or brown fur with dark spots.

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