

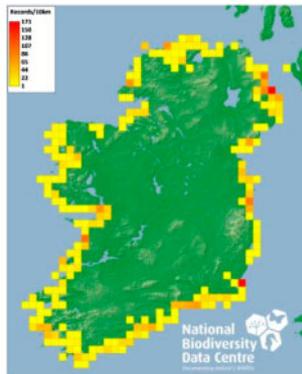
Explore Your Shore

Get involved with



www.exploreyourshore.ie

Explore Your Shore! has designed four intertidal biodiversity recording surveys to help you to start exploring and recording our coastal biodiversity. All you need to take part is a camera and a smart phone (or paper recording form). Read on to find a survey that you would like to take part in.



A 2019/2020 map showing validated records of our coastal biodiversity. This map is updated each year on www.exploreyourshore.ie

For further information on all surveys, please visit the *Explore Your Shore!* website.



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The Big Beach Biodiversity Survey

The Big Beach Biodiversity Survey is looking for volunteers to conduct a timed survey, recording bivalve shells and other flotsam cast up on the tide.

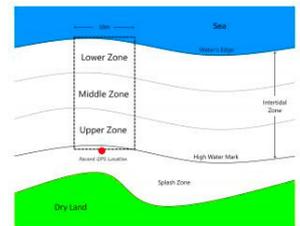
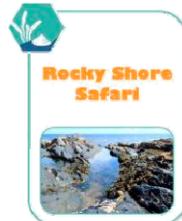
They are asking you to record both live and dead animals and plants found on the beach. The dead animals will have originated from the adjacent sea area and can provide a really useful indication of the diversity of life living beneath the waves just off the shore. Getting involved is easy and a *The Big Beach Biodiversity Survey* can be completed in as little as 30 minutes. All you need is a camera and a smart phone or paper recording sheet.



Rocky Shore Safari

The *Explore Your Shore! Rocky Shore Safari* records the distribution of intertidal seaweeds and marine animals around the Irish coast. They want YOU to enjoy an hour searching the rocky shore for our Big 30 tick list of rocky shore species (available on the website).

The idea is to survey the lower shore around low tide and make your way off the shore as the tide turns. Survey methods and safety considerations are available on the website.



Seashore Spotter

Seashore Spotter is the entry level survey designed to collect casual species records from

anyone who is out and about on our coastline. No matter what you are doing at the coast, you can always submit a marine species record via the online recording form or the app (but please include a photo!). Just record your details, your location and the species – please include a photo to help verify the what you saw.



Seashore Snapshots

The Seashore Snapshots Survey is looking for volunteers to take digital photographs of barnacle and limpet species on our rocky shores. You don't need any identification expertise – just know what a barnacle and a limpet look like (see the photos below!).

Getting involved is easy all you need is a camera and to download the printable Seashore Snapshots photo frames. Your photos will be stored and analysed by experts who will identify the species present and their density in terms of percentage cover.

