

Events and Observations in 2018

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Why gather information?

Streamlining the process

Updating the SWME website

What can you tell us?

Why gather information?

- Changing patterns
- Bluefin tuna



Why gather information?

- Public awareness
- Marine Wildlife Licences
- Pair of short-snouted seahorse discovered off Babbacombe

News story

Public reminded of the rules around seahorses

A marine wildlife licence is required for activities which might disturb protected species, such as seahorses.

Published 24 July 2018

From: [Marine Management Organisation](#)



The Government is reminding people of the conservation rules protecting seahorses following [reports of a pair being discovered](#).

Both seahorse species found in UK waters – long snouted (*Hippocampus guttulatus*) and short snouted (*Hippocampus hippocampus*) – are protected

Why gather information?

- Public awareness
- Yealm bioblitz



Why gather information?

- Inform management
- Sustainable crawfish fishery

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Today, 4pm - 8pm, 'Surgery Session'
@DevonSevernIFCA offices, Brixham to share
your views on future Crawfish management in
our District. All ideas welcome to help us
design appropriate and viable management
measures of the fishery and stock: bit.ly/2JoDtJx #shellfish



11:02 PM - 13 Nov 2018

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Streamlining...

- Faster turnaround of SWME annual report
- SWME Conference 2020...
- ...reports on 2019

South West Marine Ecosystems Report 2017



Blue fin Tuna continued to be seen often in 2017. School of blue fin tuna – Tom Horton



Strandings of the Portuguese Man O'War *Physalia physalis* in summer were very common in 2017; these were on the Isles of Scilly, Thomas Porth.



Sightings of the humpback whale inshore off South Devon in the Spring for several weeks raised huge interest. Photographer SOMUJ



This sea slug *Nembrotha kribbi* was recorded for the first time on the north side of the English Channel in 2017; here at Portkennis. Image: Des Glover / Kencana Diving

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Streamlining...

- Collecting information 'live'
- Monthly observation log
- Starting point for editors

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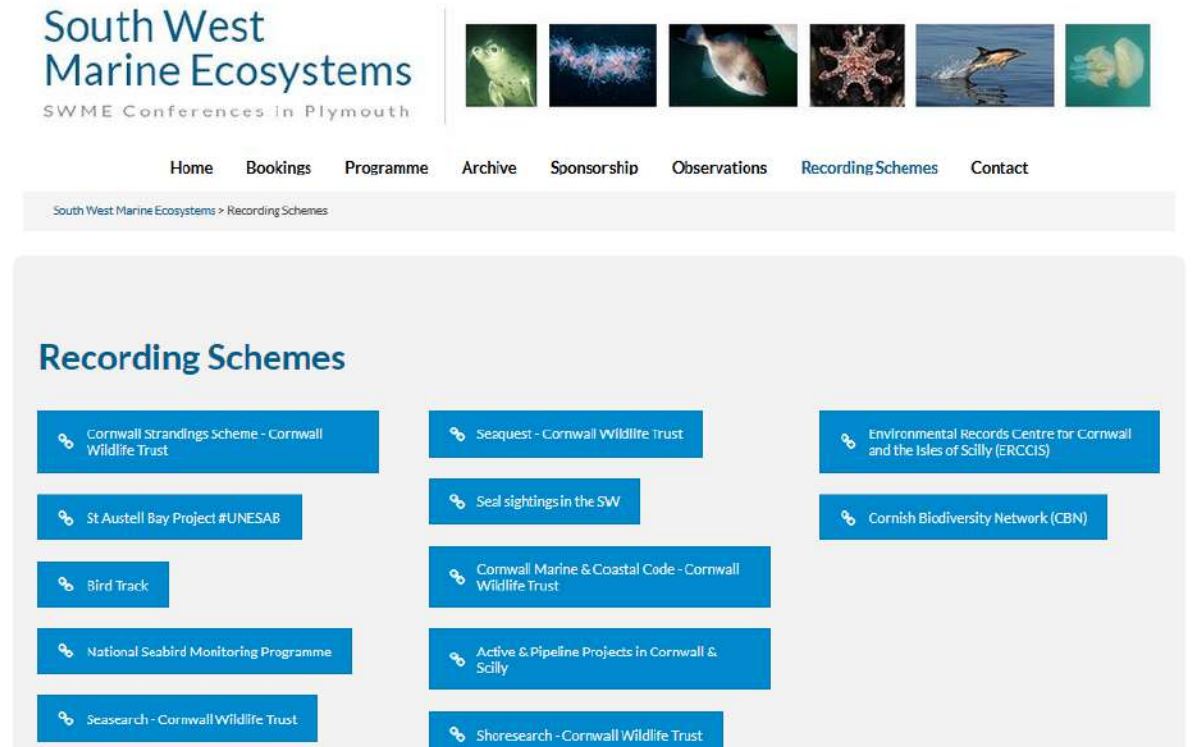
- Bob, Keith and Richard...
- ...so far
- Volunteers?

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- Already links to recording schemes
- Wider South-west?
- Complement with 'points of interest' recording?



The screenshot shows the website for South West Marine Ecosystems. The header includes the logo "South West Marine Ecosystems" and "SWME Conferences in Plymouth". A navigation menu contains links for Home, Bookings, Programme, Archive, Sponsorship, Observations, Recording Schemes, and Contact. Below the navigation is a breadcrumb trail: "South West Marine Ecosystems > Recording Schemes". The main content area is titled "Recording Schemes" and features a grid of 12 blue buttons, each with a magnifying glass icon and a link to a specific recording scheme:

- Cornwall Strandings Scheme - Cornwall Wildlife Trust
- St Austell Bay Project #UNESAB
- Bird Track
- National Seabird Monitoring Programme
- Seasearch - Cornwall Wildlife Trust
- Sequest - Cornwall Wildlife Trust
- Seal sightings in the SW
- Cornwall Marine & Coastal Code - Cornwall Wildlife Trust
- Active & Pipeline Projects in Cornwall & Scilly
- Shoresearch - Cornwall Wildlife Trust
- Environmental Records Centre for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (ERCCIS)
- Cornish Biodiversity Network (CBN)

SWME website

- Technical advice
- Volunteers?



"The computer says I need to upgrade my brain to be compatible with the new software."

What can you tell us?

- 2018 Events and Observations
- Forms
 - Conference information
 - Printed copies
- Over to you...

South West Marine Ecosystems 2019 April 12th Plymouth University

Events – Observations in 2018

What events – ecological and oceanographic in the south west stood out for you last year?

Unusual sightings, bird wrecks, seal mortality, the weather, a good or bad year for a particular species, pollution, or new regulations.

Please use the following **categories** at the start of what you write: **Weather - Oceanography (including plankton) – benthos – fish – birds – seals – cetaceans – Management issues.**

Your Name _____

Category _____ Observation _____

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