

Somerset's Brilliant Coast

Cliffs
Sand
Shingle
Salt marsh

Somerset's coast is 75k



All photographs Nigel Phillips



Highest tidal range in Europe – Up to 15 metres
Minehead beach spring tide.



Lots of sediment in suspension – Always very muddy and no viz!
Berrow beach, February.





This mud gives us great wintering birds – Dunlin at Berrow



Sanderlings at Berrow.

**The mud can make it a little hard to engage with the public!
Watchet beach.**



St Audries Bay

SWT has been a running a marine awareness campaign since 2011



Minehead, spring tide.





Dendronotus frondosus



Common Squat Lobster



Common Sun Star



Common Brittlestar



Cuttlefish eggs



Oaten Pipes and Honeycombe Worm

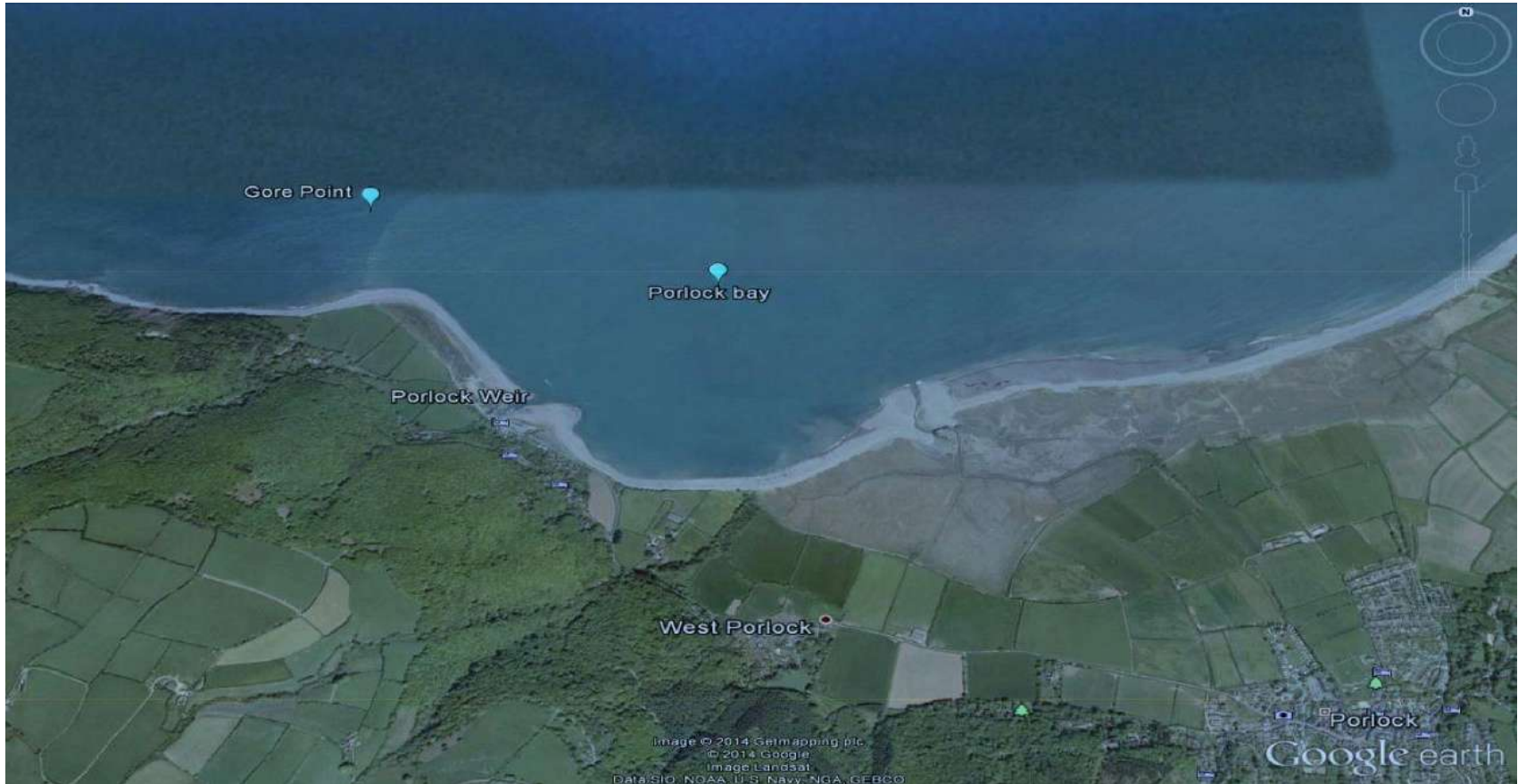
Hurlstone Point, spring tide.





Common Sea Urchin

We have only ever had two dive surveys! Both in Porlock Bay. One in 1978 with a team led by Dr Keith Hiscock. One in 2014 with a team led by Dominic Flint and funded by the Wildlife Trusts (RSWT).





Dominic Flint



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Bex Sandercock

St Audries Bay, April 2017





Glaucus Pimplet – *Anthopleura thalia*



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Watchet



Watchet, spring tide - boulder beds and Bryozoans.







Schizomavella linearis – Pink Mat

Hurlstone Point







Gore Point - Porlock Bay Kelp forest

