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David Attenborough

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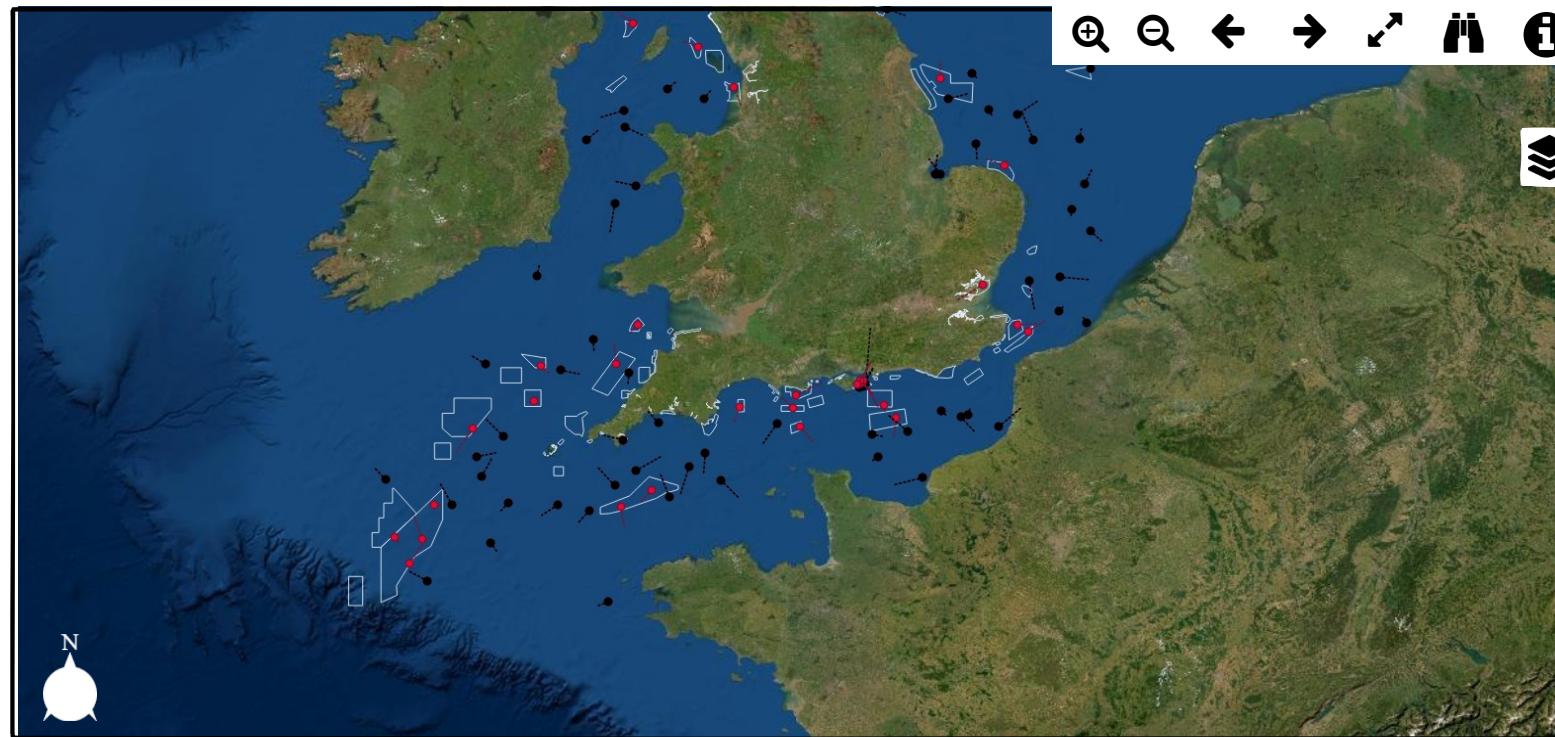
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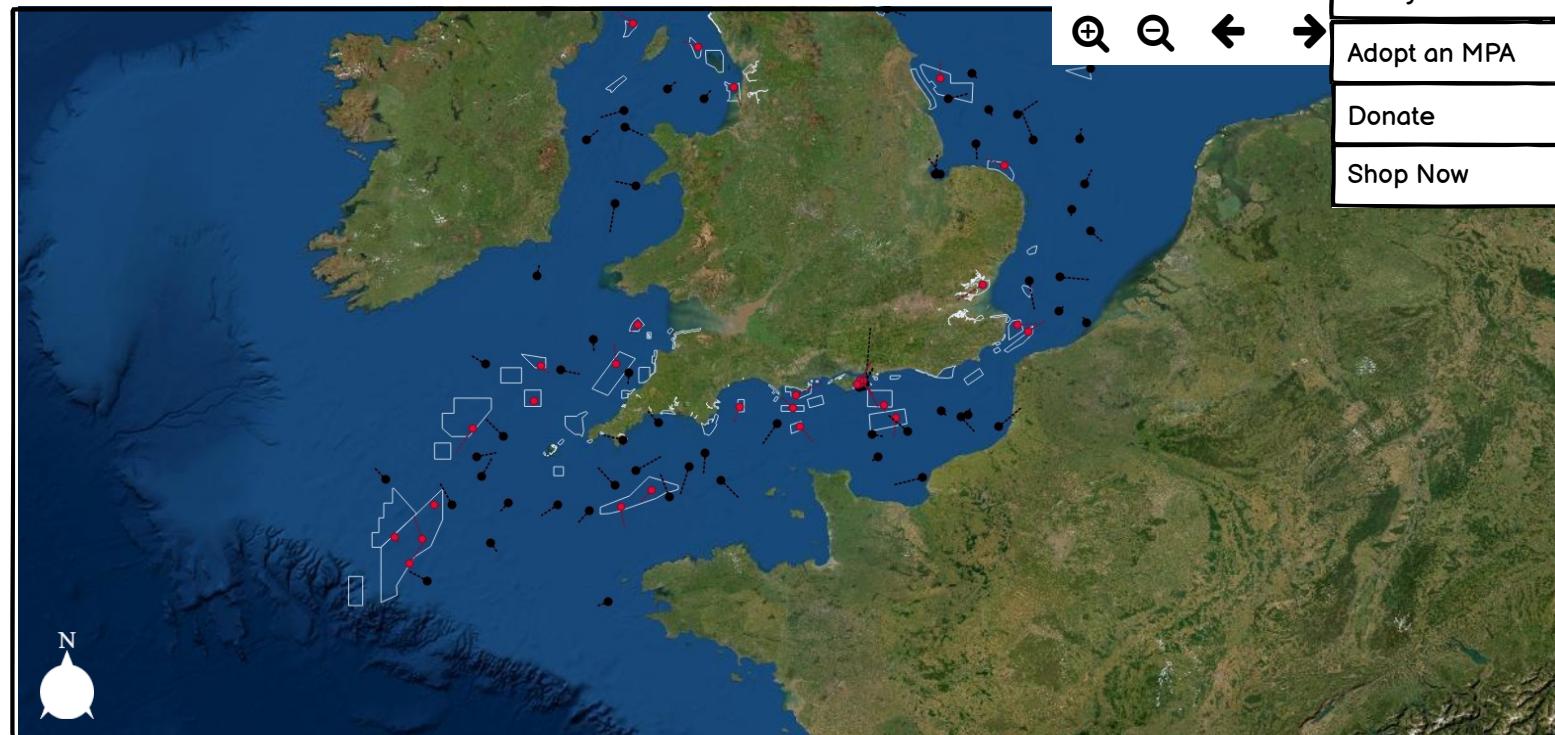
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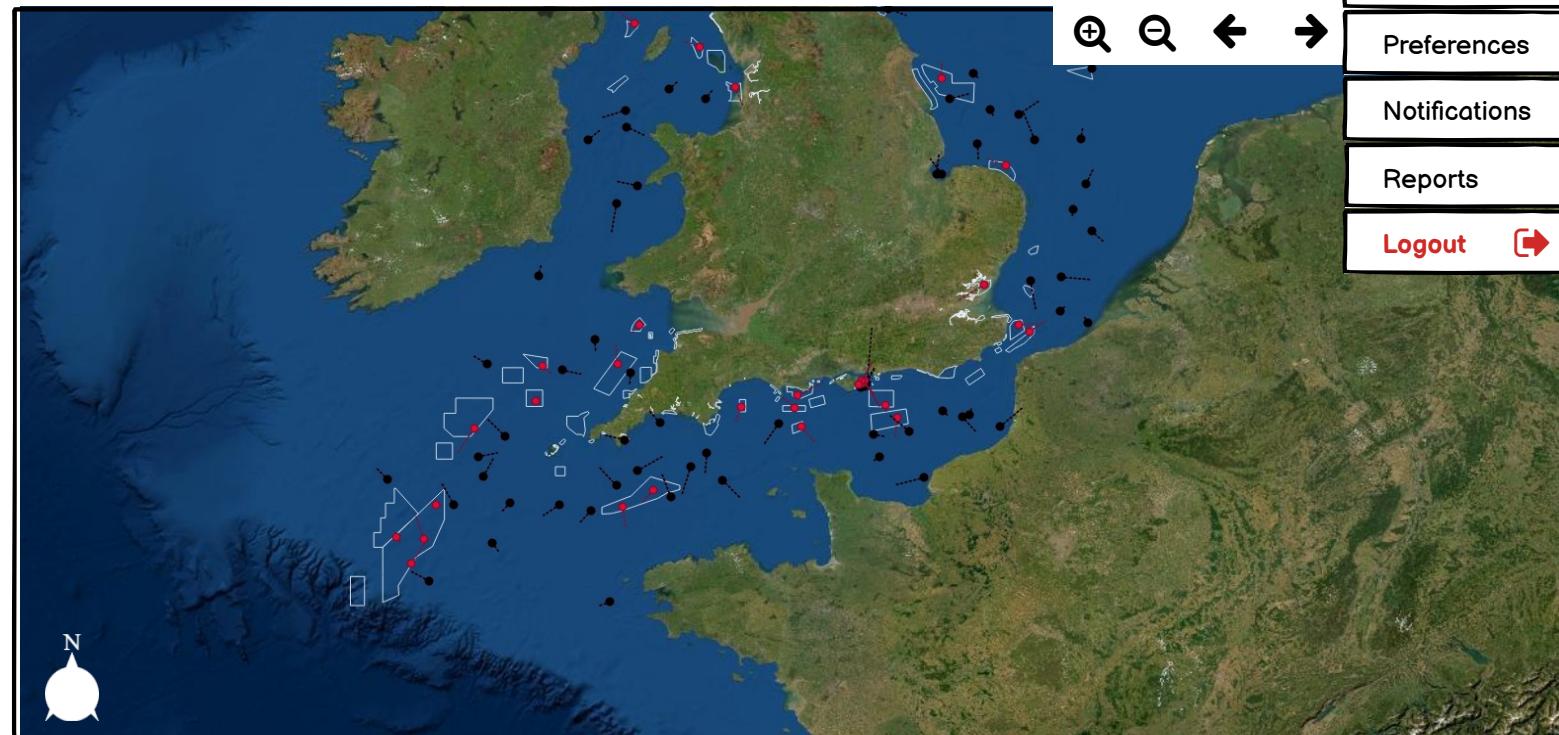
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Top Fishing Vessels

Time spent in MPAs

Vessel Name	Registered Owner	Week	Month	Quarter	Year
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Afrika	Jaczon Visserij Mij Afrika BV	3 hours	3 days 22 hours	5 days 8 hours	22 days 14 hours
Frank Bonefaas	North Atlantic Fishing Company	12 hours	4 days 0 hours	10 days 0 hours	11 days 4 hours
Maarartje Theadora	Parlevliet & Van Der Plas	5 hours	5 days 14 hours	12 days 3 hours	47 days 21 hours
Vladivostok 2000	DVS-R Pte Ltd	17 hours	7 days 23 hours	15 days 22 hours	39 days 8 hours
Annelies Ilena	Parlevliet & Van Der Plas	16 hours	7 days 4 hours	16 days 17 hours	26 days 19 hours
Komesho	Cornelis Vrolijk	20 hours	6 days 1 hours	18 days 10 hours	24 days 1 hours
Veronica II	Atlantic Dawn Ltd	18 hours	3 days 8 hours	14 days 14 hours	43 days 7 hours
Kirkella	UK Fisheries Limited	6 hours	5 days 10 hours	10 days 4 hours	43 days 2 hours
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Marine Protected Areas are meant to be protected against industrial scale exploitation, but they are not.

ConspiraSea is an information, engagement and lobbying platform that will be used by ordinary people to help protect and conserve Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).

We will build a simple ConspiraSea website to arm ordinary people with the data, information and tools they need to ask informed and searching questions of ocean stakeholders and allow them to be lobbied to:

- Protect (and better protect) MPAs by stopping industrial fishing activity.
- Conserve (or better conserve) MPAs.
- Credibility we are informed stakeholders deploying proven low-risk technology



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Marine Protected Areas

Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) involve the protective management of natural areas according to pre-defined management objectives. MPAs can be conserved for a number of reasons including economic resources, biodiversity conservation, and species protection. They are created by delineating zones with permitted and non-permitted uses within that zone.

It is vital to have in depth knowledge of the area so as to define ecological boundaries and set objectives for the MPA. It is also important to have the support of the public and established techniques for surveillance and monitoring of compliance. IUCN engages in advocating for the expansion of the MPA network through reliable science and by engaging with local stakeholders (IUCN, 2021).

Glossary

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For more information: <https://www.iucn.org/theme/marine-and-polar/our-work/marine-protected-areas>

Marine Conservation Zones

Marine Conservation Zones are areas that protect a range of nationally important, rare or threatened habitats and species.
For more information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/marine-conservation-zone-designations-in-england>

Satellite Automatic Identification System

The automatic identification system (AIS) is an automatic tracking system that uses transceivers on ships and is used by vessel traffic services (VTS). When satellites are used to detect AIS signatures, the term Satellite-AIS (S-AIS) is used. AIS information supplements marine radar, which continues to be the primary method of collision avoidance for water transport.[citation needed] Although technically and operationally distinct, the ADS-B system is analogous to AIS and performs a similar function for aircraft.
For more information: <https://globalfishingwatch.org/faqs/what-is-ais/>

News

MASTER AND OWNER ORDERED TO PAY OVER £102,000 FOR ILLEGAL MACKEREL CATCH

By Marine Management Organisation on Mar 10, 2015 05:00 am

On 6 March 2015 at Bodmin Magistrates courts the master and owner of the Dutch registered trawler Frank Bonefaas SCH-72 were each convicted following guilty pleas after being charged by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) with illegally retaining on board mackerel deemed to have been caught in the mackerel box. [...](#)

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SUSSEX UNDERWATER HABITAT SURVEY

By Fish Focus on Aug 26, 2021 05:00 am

Sussex underwater habitat survey University of Sussex staff and students have begun an in-depth study of underwater habitats off the Sussex coast as part of a Sir David Attenborough-backed project to restore some of the most biodiverse habitat in the world, and recover a vital carbon sink. Led by Dr Mika Peck and Dr Valentina Scarponi, the team [...](#)

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NORTHUMBERLAND TRAWLING BYLAW UPDATE

By Fish Focus on Aug 26, 2021 05:00 am

Northumberland trawling bylaw updated Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (NIFCA) have successfully amended a Trawling bylaw that will give greater protection to the marine environment in its district. Following a



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Mallorca marine reserve boosts wildlife as well as business, report finds

By The Guardian on Aug 17, 2021

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Assessing spillover from marine protected areas and its drivers: A meta-analytical approach

By Lorenzo et al. on June 14, 2020

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Master and owner ordered to pay over £102,000 for illegal mackerel catch

By Marine Management Organisation on Mar 10, 2015

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Ban supertrawlers from UK Marine Protected Areas

By Greenpeace on July 24, 2020

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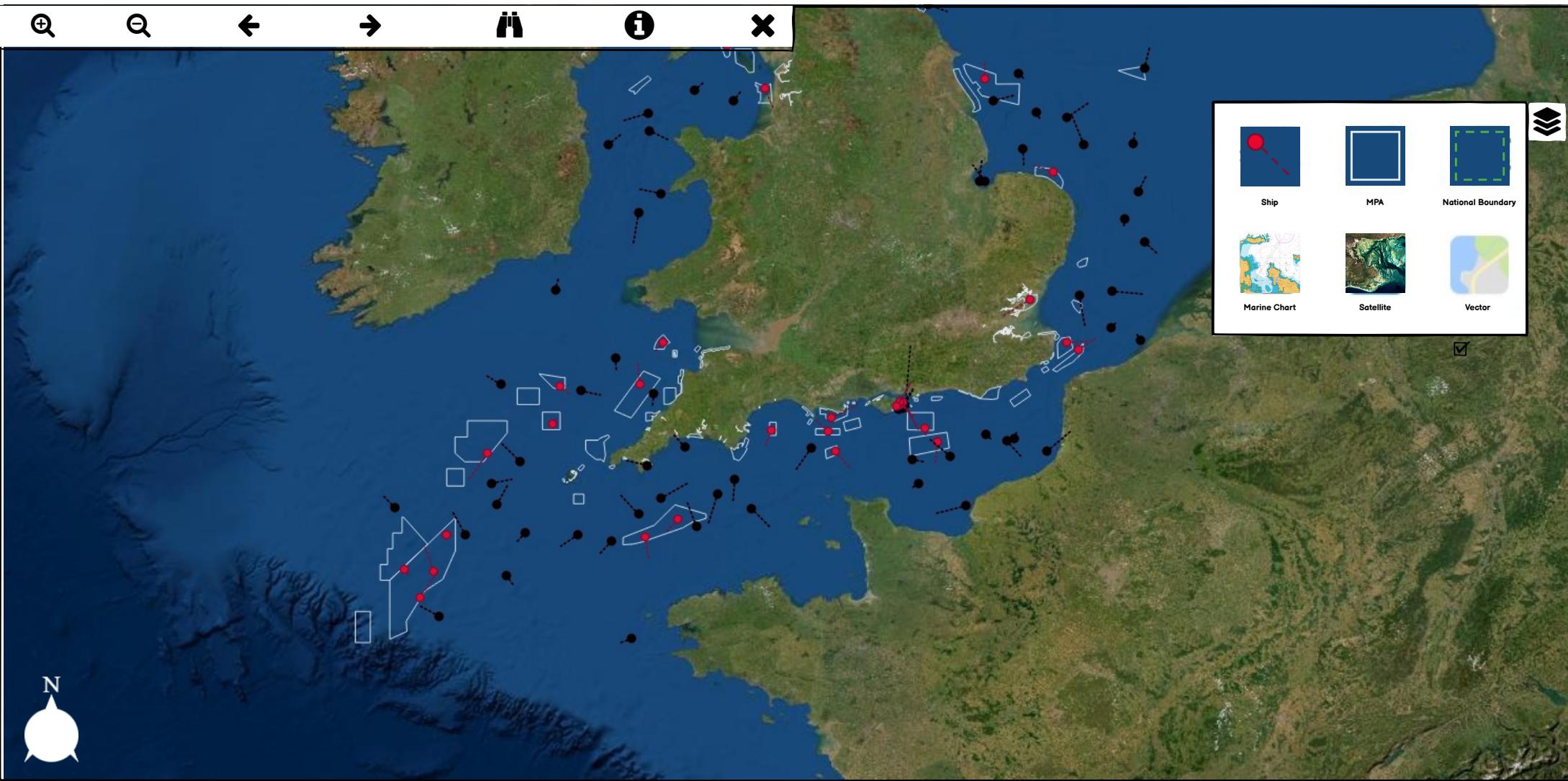


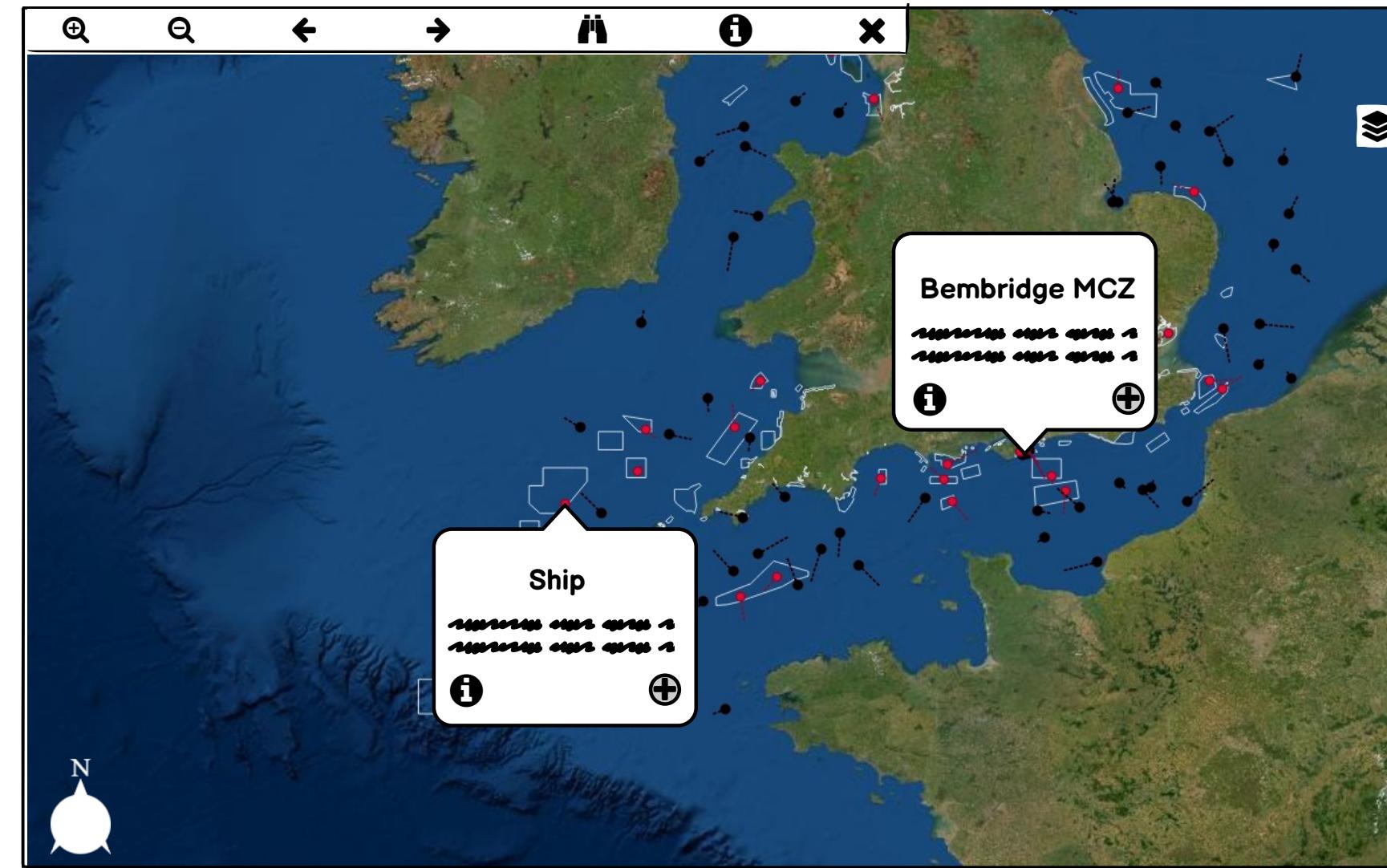
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Bembridge MCZ

Ship	Time in MPA
Margiris	5H
Willem Van Der	2H
Afrika	2H
Vladivostok 20	1H
Annelies Ilona	1H
Komesho	2H
Kirkella	1H
Atlas	2H
Odin	1H
Maarartje The	5H

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Ship Hierarchy Activity Leaderboard Get Involved



Great Britain

FRANK BONEFAAS

IMO Number 9074951

Vessel Name Frank Bonefaas

Ship Type Fishing Vessel

Registered Owner [North Atlantic
Fishing Company](#)

Company Number 00180110

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Bembridge MCZ

Status MCZ

Species [Short snouted seahorse,](#)
[stalked jellyfish, native](#)
[oyster](#)

Legislation Marine and Coastal Access
Act (2009)

OSPAR Status Designated

Responsible Agency Natural England (NE)

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Protected Species



Short snouted seahorse
(*Hippocampus hippocampus*)
The seahorse has a very distinctive shape with the head set at an angle to the body. The trunk of the body is short whilst the tail is tapering and prehensile. [Find out more](#)



A stalked jellyfish (*Calvadosia campanulata*)
Calvadosia campanulata has a funnel-shaped bell, which may grow to 4.5 cm in height. The colour is always uniform but varies between red, green or brown. [Find out more](#)

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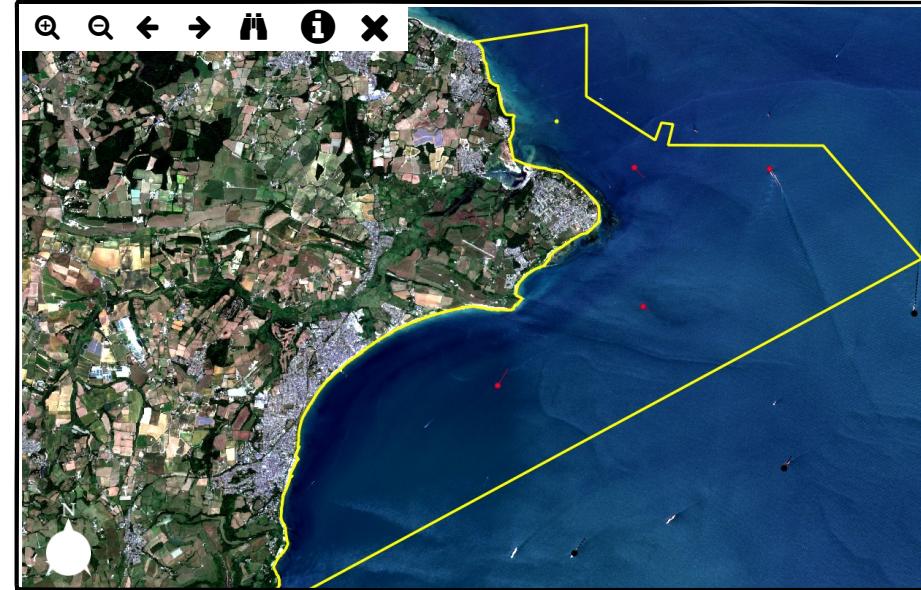
ToteBag £15



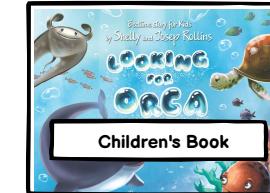
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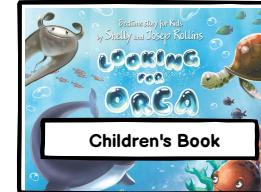
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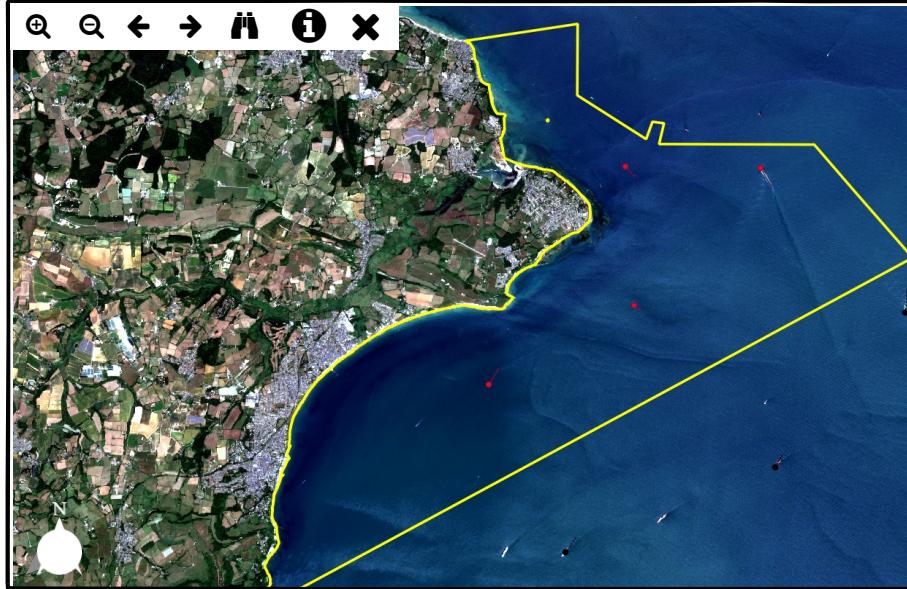
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Children's Book



Satellite Image



Adopt an MPA

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[Name of Member of House of Parliament]

House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

[Your address]

Dear Sir/Madam

COMPLAINT REGARDING [Insert complaint title in BOLD CAPS]

I am concerned that the UK Government is still allowing industrial-scale fishing to be undertaken in our Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).

These MPAs were declared to protect vulnerable marine species in these areas. I fail to see how industrial-scale extraction of fish with the associated issues of by-catch and bottom trawling can be construed as protecting the marine environment. If this sort of fishing is allowed, what exactly are we protecting MPAs against?

I would like to join many others in requesting that industrial-scale fishing in MPAs by super trawlers and associated factory ships is made illegal. As a first step in this regard, the findings of the Rt Hon Richard Benyon's [Review of Highly Protected Marine Areas](#) should be implemented in full.

I would appreciate your support on this matter and look forward to your response.

Many thanks for your time.

Yours Sincerely
[Your Name]