

2014

Summary of Seasearch Surveys carried out in Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zone

Beachy Head West

Site centre location: ETRS89 N 50° 46' 17.831" E 0° 3' 48.658"; N 50° 46.297' E 0° 3.811'

Broad-scale habitats:

A1.2 moderate energy intertidal rock

Habitat FOCI Blue mussel beds 1,954m²

Littoral chalk communities 1.03km²

Subtidal chalk

The area to the west of Beachy Head contains one of the best regional examples of subtidal chalk platform and gullies with associated littoral chalk communities,

Splash Point, below Seaford Head

A single Seasearch survey was carried out on the 22nd September 2014; 15:47 hrs. for 50 minutes.

Ref. Seasearch SX14/009; Marine Recorder survey MRMCS004000002E; event MRMCS004000002DC.

Drift dive survey starting at: 50° 45.785' N, 00° 06.496' E; ending at: 50° 45.808 N, 00° 06.581' E

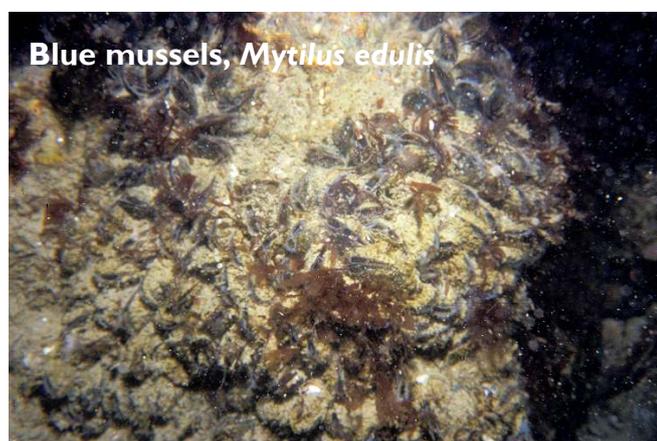
Two surveyors: Dr Gerald Legg, Chris Williams

A single form was completed.

Validated and input into Marine Recorder by Dr G. Legg.

Priority habitats/features/FOCI species recorded: Blue mussel, *Mytilus edulis*, beds, subtidal chalk, gullies, outcrops and boulders.

Video and stills taken.



Subtidal chalk gully with sediment



Chalk boulder



Habitat and species FOCI recommended for designation in this rMCZ and recorded:

Blue Mussels beds

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Subtidal chalk

images/video