



Reducing and Mitigating Erosion and Disturbance Impacts affecting the Seabed

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## **Seagrass Restoration Phase 1**

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## **Objectives and Scope**

- Protect and reduce recreational pressures to England's most important and at risk intertidal/subtidal seagrass/maerl beds thus moving 5 SACs towards Favourable condition.
  - Key actions: Targeted training of boaters and trainers, changing stakeholder behaviour
- Demonstrate large scale successful restoration and management techniques.
  - Key actions: Use of advanced mooring systems, voluntary codes, managing access <u>and seagrass restoration</u>
- Promote awareness and inspire better care by recreational users. Use relevant stakeholders networks and public at local, national and trans-national levels to maximise the longevity and sustainability of the project actions.
  - Key actions: Education, communication & networking











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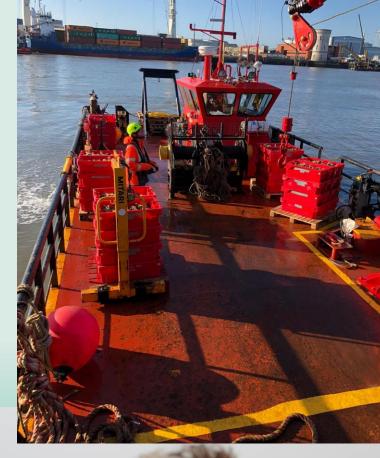






## Deployment







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- Monitoring
  - Dives
  - Underwater Video

- Installation of marker buoys?
- Do it all again up to a grand total of 4ha



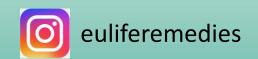
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