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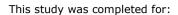
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1 INTRODUCTION

Scottish Sea Farms (SSF) are considering proposals to expand two fish farm sites in Scapa Flow; Bring Head and Toyness. These facilities have been in operation since 2001 and 2000 respectively (under the ownership of SSF since 2007). This report presents the results of a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) survey conducted on 28, 30 July and 12 August 2021 of an area encompassing the Toyness farm located off the island of Hoy in the north-western part of Scapa Flow, Orkney Islands (Figure 1.1).

To accommodate an increase in production SFF are proposing a reconfiguration and expansion of the farm, replacing the existing infrastructure with larger cages and a feed barge with a larger storage capacity (see Table 1.1 and Figure 1.2). The aim of the survey is to collect benthic habitat information to support an assessment of potential environmental impacts associated with the planned site expansion.

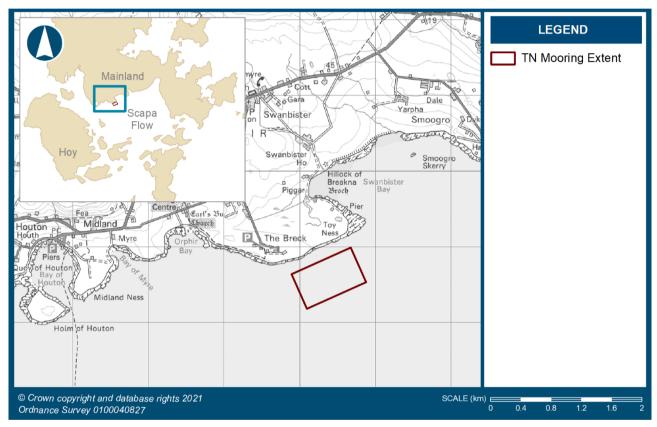


Figure 1.1 Location of Toyness fish farm



Table 1.1 Details of proposed site expansion at Toyness

| Existing configuration | Proposed expansion |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 10 x 80m cages in a 50m mooring grid | 12 x 120m cages in a 80m mooring grid |
| 200 tonne capacity feed barge | 420 tonne capacity feed barge |
| Surface area of 5,286m ² | Surface area of 14,065m ² |
| 1343 tonnes maximum biomass | 2500 tonnes maximum biomass |

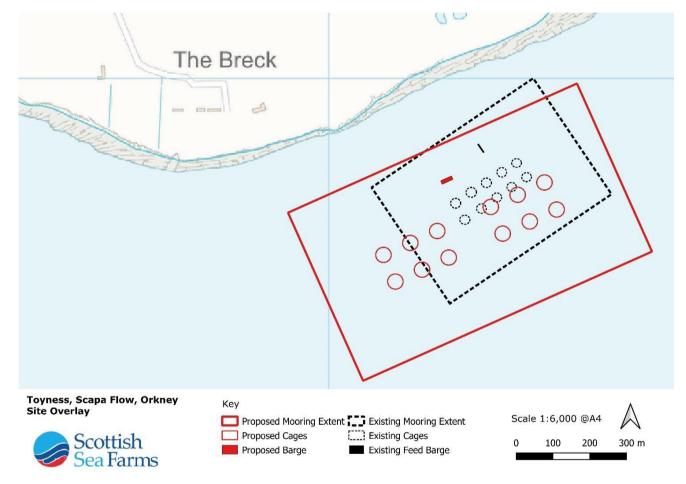


Figure 1.2 Location of proposed expansion of the Toyness site



2 SURVEY METHODOLOGY

2.1 SURVEY OPERATIONS

Specialist contractors RovingEye Enterprises Ltd conducted a ROV survey on behalf of SSF on 28, 30 July and 12 August 2021. Details of the equipment and personnel deployed are summarised in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1 Equipment and personnel summary

| Resource | Details |
|--------------------|--|
| Survey vessel | MV Advance |
| ROV specifications | Seaeye Falcon ROV fitted with high-definition and standard definition digital cameras to provide high quality footage for the identification of seabed flora and fauna. |
| Position fixing | Vessel GPS system and <i>EIVA Navipac</i> online navigation system. Easytrak USBL system for subsea ROV positioning. Vessel GPS system and EIVA Navipax online navigation system. |
| Survey personnel | Skipper – Umbilical man/deckhand – Umbilical m |
| Communications | Vessel VHF radio, mobile telephones. |

2.2 SURVEY DESIGN

The overall survey design was established by SSF prior to mobilisation. The ROV survey focused on the collection of footage along four transects, running parallel to the coast and covering the maximum predicted extent of deposition of the proposed expanded facility (Figure 2.1). The ROV was directed over the seabed at a suitable height to provide a general overview of the seabed characteristics. The transit of the ROV was paused to obtain still images of notable seabed features, habitats or species encountered along the survey transects. The location of the actual transects performed during the survey are shown in Figure 2.2.

2.3 VIDEO DATA INTERPRETATION

Video footage was used to describe seabed characteristics in terms of physical structure (i.e. main substrate, sediment composition) and species assemblages in the area. Where possible, species were identified to the highest taxonomic level and quantified using the Marine Nature Conservation Review (MNCR) SACFOR¹ abundance scale (Hiscock, 1996). Descriptions of physical and biological attributes of the seabed were compared to biotope complex and biotope classifications as listed in the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) Marine Habitat Classification for Britain and Ireland (JNCC, 2015). Observed habitats were noted for their conservation status, including whether they are a Priority Marine Feature (PMF) designated as nature conservation priorities in Scotland (Tyler-Walters et al., 2016).

¹ The SACFOR abundance scale: S = Superabundant, A = Abundant, C = Common, E = Frequent, E = Common, E = Common,



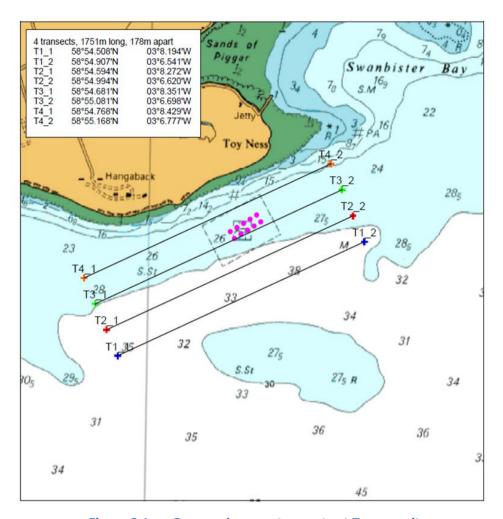


Figure 2.1 Proposed survey transects at Toyness site

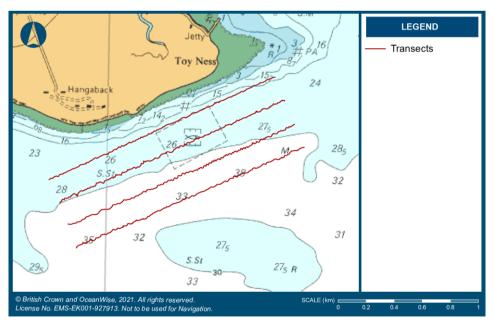


Figure 2.2 Actual survey transects at Toyness site



3 SURVEY OBSERVATIONS

The sediment characteristics were consistent throughout the Toyness survey area and dominated by muddy sands with very occasional rocky outcrops, sparsely scattered pebbles and gravel and patches of shell debris. In the sheltered, shallower waters present in the north of the survey area near the coast (depths of around 20 to 25m) the seabed was covered to varying extents by loosely attached red seaweed (most likely *Phyllophora crispa*). Water depths increased slightly with distance from the coast, to around 30 m along Transect 3 and between 35 to 40 m on Transects 1 and 2.

Crustaceans were the most frequently observed epibenthic fauna within the survey area, several crab species were observed; Harbour crab (*Liocarcinus depurator*), spider crabs (most notably the Scorpion spider crab (*Inachus dorsettensis*) which was frequently observed camouflaged in and around *Phyllophora crispa* patches) and hermit crabs (Paguridae). Echinoderms were also widely observed in the area with brittle stars (Ophiuroidea), urchins and starfish (*Asterias rubens* and *Luidia ciliaris*) present.

Live bivalves were mainly restricted to scallops (Pectinidae), which were regularly sighted in the survey area, although empty shells of other species were also observed (razor shells and clams). The most common gastropod recorded was the tower shell mollusc (*Turritella communis*) and a small number of whelks were observed. It should be noted that on some occasions the turritella shells observed may have been occupied by small hermit crabs rather than the original mollusc and it is not possible to conclusively determine the animal present from the video footage.

Evidence of burrowing infauna was also observed throughout the survey area. Much of the seabed was covered by polychaete burrows and mounds and a range of small burrowing anemones and/or polychaetes were also observed (the conspicuous Sand Mason worm, *Lanice conchilega*, was identified in some of the video footage). Slender sea pens (*Virgularia mirabilis*) were observed in the survey area, but numbers present were very low.

Encrusting fauna (mainly barnacles, keel worm (*Pomatoceros triqueter*) and hydroids were observed on the available hard substrate (including manmade structures such as fish farm moorings and lost fishing gear) and Plumose anemones were also recorded. Unidentified small demersal fish and flatfish and were occasionally observed throughout the survey area.

Transect 3 passed under the southwest corner of the Toyness fish farm cages. Evidence of organic waste (fish faeces/waste feed) originating from the facility, accompanied by the presence of small, scattered patches of white bacterial growth (Beggiatoa) and dense polychaete communities, was observed on the seabed within 60-70 m from the fish cages.

Footage capture points from the ROV survey are plotted in Figure 3.1, with corresponding seabed images presented in Figure 3.2 to Figure 3.5. Details of all images and a description of observations recorded, including SACFOR abundance estimates where possible, is presented in Appendix B.



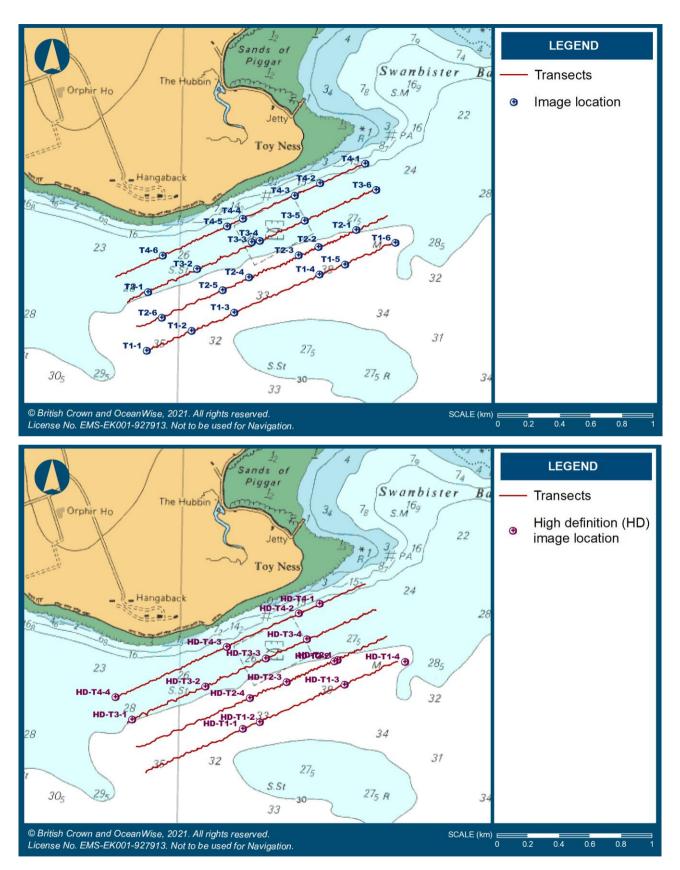
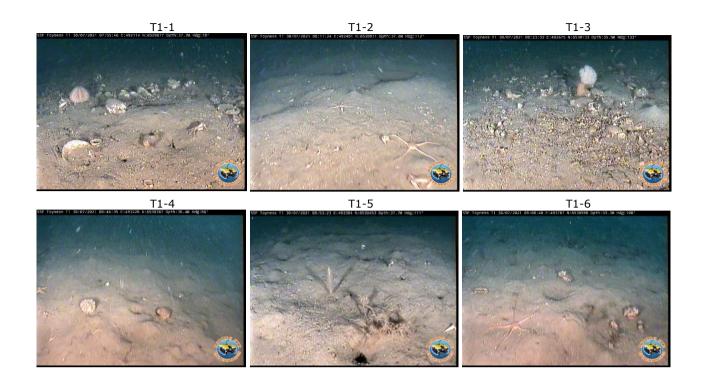


Figure 3.1 Standard and high-definition images, Toyness, July 2021

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High-definition images

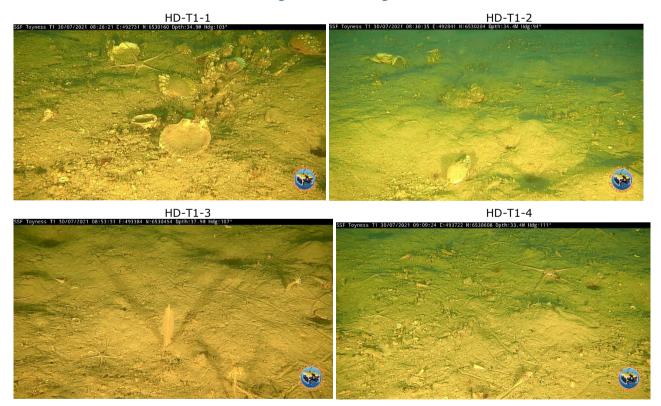
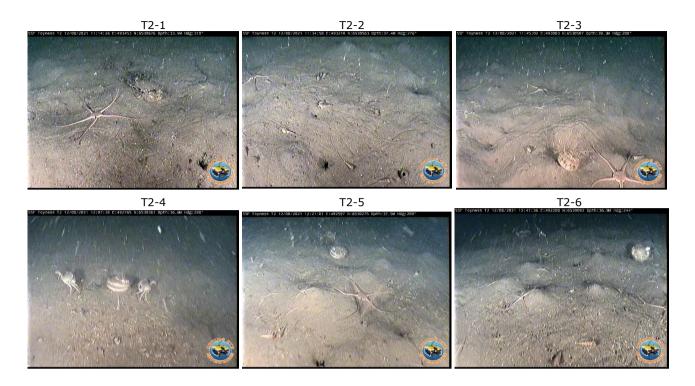


Figure 3.2 Seabed Images, Transect 1 (southwest-northeast), Toyness survey, July 2021



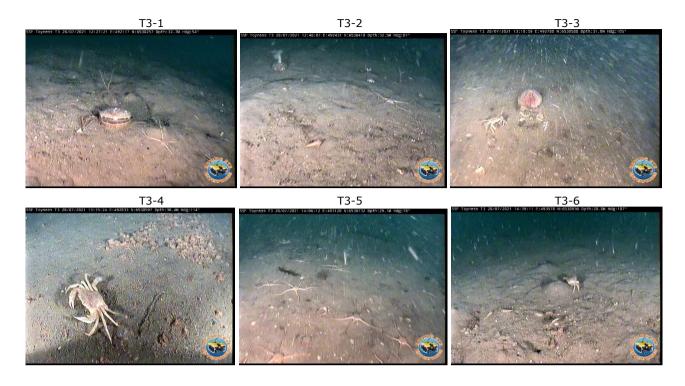


High-definition images



Figure 3.3 Seabed Images, Transect 2 (northeast-southwest), Toyness survey, August 2021





High-definition images

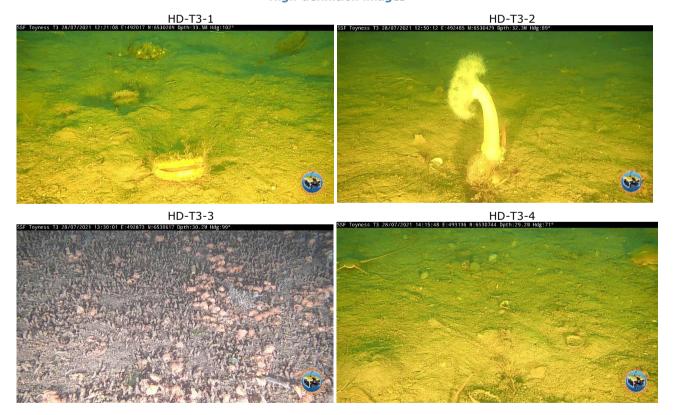
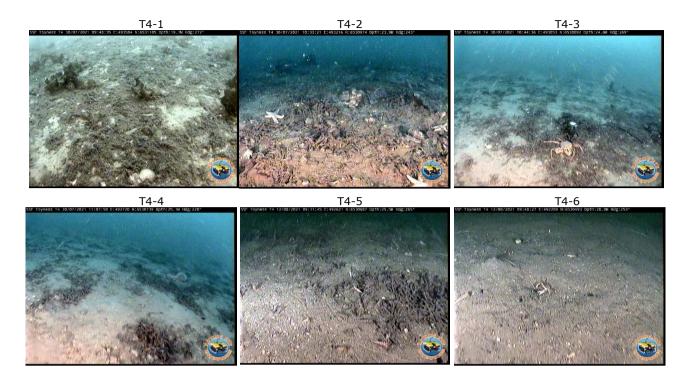


Figure 3.4 Seabed Images, Transect 3 (southwest-northeast), Toyness, July 2021





High-definition images

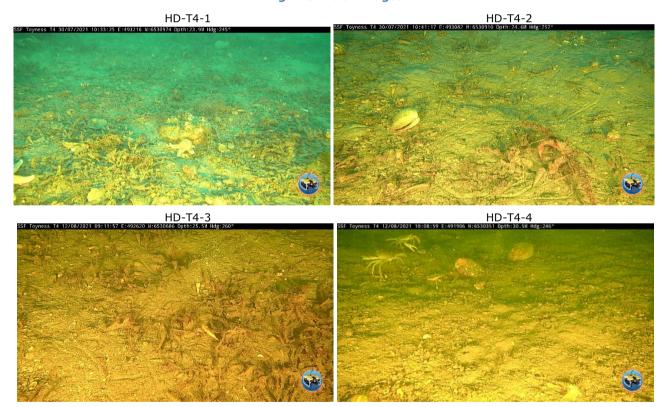


Figure 3.5 Seabed Images, Transect 4 (northeast-southwest), Toyness, July 2021



4 DESCRIPTION OF BIOTOPES AND CONSERVATION STATUS

4.1.1 Biotope classifications

The seabed habitats observed within the Toyness area in July 2021 displayed the characteristics of the following biotope types as described in the JNCC Marine Habitat Classification for Britain and Ireland (JNCC, 2015):

Loose-lying mats of Phyllophora crispa on infralittoral muddy sediment (SS.SMp.KSwSS.Pcri)

• The medium-fine muddy sands covered by loosely attached red seaweed observed in the shallow waters (approximately 20 to 25 m) close to the coast in the northern part of the survey area is representative of the SS.SMp.KSwSS.Pcri biotope complex. The epifauna observed in this biotope was similar to other parts of the survey area with echinoderms (starfish and urchins), crabs and scallops being the most commonly observed species. The scorpion spider crab (*Inachus dorsettensis*) was regularly observed camouflaged in and around patches of *Phyllophora crispa*.

Circalittoral muddy sand (SS.SSa.CMuSa)

• The medium-fine muddy sands that dominated from around 30 to 40 m and deeper may be characterised as the circalittoral muddy sand biotope complex (SS.SSa.CMuSa). Visible epifauna was relatively sparse in these areas but echinoderms (mainly brittle stars and starfish), crabs and scallops were the most commonly observed fauna.

Capitella capitata in enriched sublittoral muddy sediments (SS.SMu.ISaMu.Cap)

Some sediments within the footprint of the fish cages have been modified by waste deposits from aquaculture
activities and patches of sediment dominated by polychaete communities and may be characterised as the
SS.SMu.ISaMu.Cap biotope.

Figure 4.1 shows the distribution of indicative biotope types within the Toyness survey area. Within the footprint of the fish cages, the area of seabed habitat resembling the SS.SMu.ISaMu.Cap biotope is considered artificial due to modification of the sediment communities by organic waste deposits originating from the farm, and therefore is omitted from the figure.



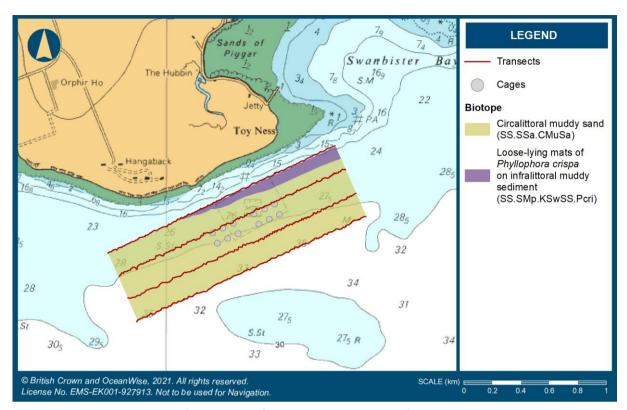


Figure 4.1 Biotope map, Toyness, July 2021

4.1.2 Conservation Status of habitats and species

The Toyness site is currently not within any Marine Protected Area designated for benthic habitats or species (Marine Scotland, 2021) and no Priority Marine Features (PMF - habitats and species designated as nature conservation priorities in Scotland) were observed. A small number of slender sea pens (*Virgularia mirabilis*) were recorded in the muddy sand areas. This species contributes to the SS.SMu.CFiMu.SpnMeg (sea pens and burrowing megafauna in circalittoral fine mud) PMF, but the habitat cannot be classified as this biotope due to the low numbers present and the absence of megafauna such as *Nephrops norvegicus*.



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APPENDIX A TRANSECT LOCATIONS

Table 5.1 Planned survey transects at the Toyness site

| Transect | Location WGS84 | | | | | | | | |
|----------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Sta | art | Er | nd | | | | | |
| | Easting | sting Northing | | Northing | | | | | |
| T1 | 58°54.508'N | 03°08.194'W | 58°54.907'N | 03°06.541'W | | | | | |
| T2 | 58°54.594'N | 03°08.272'W | 58°54.994'N | 03°06.620'W | | | | | |
| Т3 | 58°54.681'N | 03°08.351'W | 58°55.081'N | 03°06.696'W | | | | | |
| T4 | 58°54.768'N | 03°08.429'W | 58°55.168'N | 03°06.777'W | | | | | |

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Table 5.2 Approximate start-finish transects of the ROV survey, detailing corresponding video files

| Transect | Filenames | Location WGS84 | | | | | | | |
|----------|---|----------------|----------|-------|---------|----------|-------|--|--|
| | (Standard Def) | St | tart | Depth | Er | ıd | Depth | | |
| | | Easting | Northing | (m) | Easting | Northing | (m) | | |
| T1 | VIDEO_30-07-2021_07-51-05 VIDEO_30-07-2021_08-06-05 VIDEO_30-07-2021_08-21-05 VIDEO_30-07-2021_08-36-05 VIDEO_30-07-2021_08-51-05 | 492112 | 6529869 | 37.5 | 493723 | 6530608 | 33.4 | | |
| T2 | VIDEO_12-08-2021_10-56-50 VIDEO_12-08-2021_11-11-50 VIDEO_12-08-2021_11-26-50 VIDEO_12-08-2021_11-41-50 VIDEO_12-08-2021_11-56-51 VIDEO_12-08-2021_12-10-07 VIDEO_12-08-2021_12-11-32 VIDEO_12-08-2021_12-26-32 VIDEO_12-08-2021_12-41-32 | 493648 | 6530765 | 32.1 | 492060 | 6530027 | 39.0 | | |
| ТЗ | VIDEO_28-07-2021_12-14-17 VIDEO_28-07-2021_12-29-17 VIDEO_28-07-2021_12-44-17 VIDEO_28-07-2021_12-59-17 VIDEO_28-07-2021_13-23-00 VIDEO_28-07-2021_13-40-24 VIDEO_28-07-2021_13-58-32 VIDEO_28-07-2021_14-11-47 VIDEO_28-07-2021_14-26-47 | 491987 | 6530186 | 33.3 | 493576 | 6530939 | 28.0 | | |
| T4 | VIDEO_30-07-2021_09-44-13 VIDEO_30-07-2021_10-26-32 VIDEO_30-07-2021_10-41-32 VIDEO_30-07-2021_10-59-08 VIDEO_12-08-2021_08-39-07 VIDEO_12-08-2021_08-54-07 VIDEO_12-08-2021_09-09-07 VIDEO_12-08-2021_09-24-07 VIDEO_12-08-2021_09-39-07 VIDEO_12-08-2021_09-39-07 VIDEO_12-08-2021_09-54-07 | 493505 | 6531105 | 20.0 | 491907 | 6530350 | 30.5 | | |

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APPENDIX B SURVEY IMAGES/OBSERVATIONS LOG

Table 5.3 provides summary observations of substrate and biota observed in footage image captures (presented in Figure 3.2 to Figure 3.5). Descriptions of abundance, where possible, and the corresponding density or percentage cover are based on the SACFOR scale (Superabundant S; Abundant A; Common C; Frequent F; Occasional O; Rare R). Present (P) is used to describe biota observed in footage but where their abundance could not be reliably determined.

Table 5.3 Notes on observations of the RovingEye ROV survey

| Image ID | Easting (m E) | Northing (m N) | Depth (m) | Substrate | Biota observed | Estimated Abundance | Density / % |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| T1-1 | 492114 | 6529877 | 37.7 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand and shell debris | Urchin (Echinus esculentus) | 0 | 1-9/100 m ² |
| | | | | | Harbour crab (Liocarcinus depurator) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| T1-2 | 492401 | 6530011 | 37.6 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | С | 1-9/1 m ² |
| | | | | | Harbour crab (Liocarcinus depurator) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| T1-3 | 492675 | 6530133 | 35.5 | Medium-fine muddy | Plumose anemone | Р | - |
| | | | | sand and shell debris | Scallop | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| T1-4 | 493220 | 6530387 | 38.4 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Scallop | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Hermit crab (Paguridae) | 0 | 1-9/100 m ² |
| | | | | | Common Starfish (Asterias rubens) | 0 | 1-9/100 m ² |
| T1-5 | 493384 | 6530453 | 37.7 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Hydroid | Р | - |
| | | | | | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Slender sea pen (Virgularia mirabilis) | Р | - |
| | | | | | Sand Mason (Lanice conchilega) | Р | - |
| T1-6 | 493707 | 6530598 | 33.3 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Scallop | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |

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| Image | Easting | Northing | Depth | Substrate | Biota observed | Estimated | Density / % |
|---------|---------|----------|-------|-----------------------|--|-----------|-----------------------|
| ID | (m E) | (m N) | (m) | Substiate | biota observed | Abundance | cover |
| HD-T1-1 | 492731 | 6530160 | 34.9 | Medium-fine muddy | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | sand and shell debris | Hermit crab (<i>Paguridae</i>) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Tower shell mollusc (Turritella communis) | F | 1-9/1m ² |
| | | | | | Unidentified burrowed polychaete or | Р | - |
| | | | | | anemone | Р | - |
| | | | | | Encrusting fauna on shells, hard substrate | | |
| HD-T1-2 | 492841 | 6530204 | 34.4 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand and shell debris | Tower shell mollusc (Turritella communis) | F | 1-9/1 m ² |
| | | | | | Harbour crab (Liocarcinus depurator) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Unidentified burrowed polychaete or | | |
| | | | | | anemone | Р | - |
| | | | | | Whelk | Р | - |
| | | | | | Encrusting fauna on shells, hard substrate | Р | - |
| HD-T1-3 | 493384 | 6530454 | 37.9 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Tower shell mollusc (Turritella communis) | F | 1-9/1 m ² |
| | | | | | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Slender sea pen (Virgularia mirabilis) | Р | - |
| | | | | | Sand Mason (Lanice conchilega) | Р | - |
| HD-T1-4 | 493772 | 6530608 | 33.4 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Tower shell mollusc (Turritella communis) | F | 1-9/1 m ² |
| | | | | | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | С | 1-9/1 m ² |
| | | | | | Unidentified burrowed polychaete or | | |
| | | | | | anemone | Р | - |
| T2-1 | 493453 | 6530676 | 33.9 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand and shell debris | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| T2-2 | 493210 | 6530563 | 37.4 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Tower shell mollusc (Turritella communis) | F | 1-9/1 m ² |
| | | | | | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Unidentified polychaete tube | Р | - |



| Image | Easting | Northing | Depth | Substrate | Biota observed | Estimated | Density / % |
|---------|---------|----------|-------|-----------------------|--|-----------|-----------------------|
| ID | (m E) | (m N) | (m) | | | Abundance | cover |
| T2-3 | 493083 | 6530507 | 39.3 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Scallop | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | С | 1-9/1 m ² |
| | | | | | Unidentified polychaete tube | Р | - |
| T2-4 | 492765 | 6530361 | 36.6 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Harbour crab (Liocarcinus depurator) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Scallop | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| T2-5 | 492597 | 6530275 | 37.5 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Scallop | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | С | 1-9/1 m ² |
| | | | | | Tower shell mollusc (Turritella communis) | 0 | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Unidentified polychaete tube | Р | - |
| T2-6 | 492208 | 6530092 | 36.9 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Scallop | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | С | 1-9/1 m ² |
| | | | | | Tower shell mollusc (Turritella communis) | 0 | 1-9/10 m ² |
| HD-T2-1 | 493336 | 6530612 | 35.5 | Medium-fine muddy | Tower shell mollusc (Turritella communis) | F | 1-9/1 m ² |
| | | | | sand and shell debris | Harbour crab (Liocarcinus depurator) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Hermit Crab (Paguridae) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Scallop | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Unidentified burrowed polychaete or | | |
| | | | | | anemone | Р | - |
| | | | | | Encrusting fauna on shells, hard substrate | Р | - |
| HD-T2-2 | 493316 | 6530605 | 35.6 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | F | 1-9/10m ² |
| | | | | | Tower shell mollusc (Turritella communis) | F | 1-9/1 m ² |
| HD-T2-3 | 493011 | 6530465 | 40.0 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | F | 1-9/10m ² |
| | | | | | Urchin (Echinus esculentus) | Р | - |
| | | | | | Slender sea pen (Virgularia mirabilis) | Р | - |
| | | | | | Hermit Crab (Paguridae) | Р | - |



| Image | Easting | Northing | Depth | Cubatanta | Bisto sharrand | Estimated | Density / % |
|---------|---------|----------|-------|---------------------|---|-----------|------------------------|
| ID | (m E) | (m N) | (m) | Substrate | Biota observed | Abundance | cover |
| HD-T2-4 | 492774 | 6530358 | 37.2 | Medium-fine muddy | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | F | 1-9/10m ² |
| | | | | sand | Tower shell mollusc (Turritella communis) | F | 1-9/1 m ² |
| T3-1 | 492117 | 6530257 | 32.7 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Scallop | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| T3-2 | 492431 | 6530410 | 32.5 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | F | 1-9/10m ² |
| | | | | | Tower shell mollusc (Turritella communis) | F | 1-9/1 m ² |
| | | | | | Plumose anemone | Р | - |
| T3-3 | 492780 | 6530588 | 31.0 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Urchin (Echinus esculentus) | 0 | 1-9/100 m ² |
| | | | | | Harbour crab (Liocarcinus depurator) | 0 | 1-9/100 m ² |
| T3-4 | 492833 | 6530597 | 30.4 | Medium-fine muddy | Harbour crab (Liocarcinus depurator) | 0 | 1-9/100 m ² |
| | | | | sand with fish farm | | | |
| | | | | waste deposits | | | |
| T3-5 | 493120 | 6530732 | 29.1 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | С | 1-9/1m ² |
| T3-6 | 493578 | 6530936 | 28.0 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | F | 1-9/10m ² |
| | | | | | Tower shell mollusc (Turritella communis) | F | 1-9/1 m ² |
| | | | | | crab | Р | - |
| HD-T3-1 | 492017 | 6530209 | 33.5 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Scallop | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Hydroid | Р | - |
| HD-T3-2 | 492485 | 6530429 | 32.3 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand | Sand Mason (Lanice conchilega) | F | 1-9/1 m ² |
| | | | | | Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) | С | 1-9/1 m ² |
| | | | | | Unidentified burrowed polychaete or | | |
| | | | | | anemone | Р | - |
| | | | | | Plumose anemone | Р | - |

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| Image | Easting | Northing | Depth | Substrate | Biota observed | Estimated | Density / % |
|---------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|--|--|------------------|---|
| HD-T3-3 | (m E) 492873 | (m N) 6530617 | (m) 30.2 | Medium-fine muddy sand with fish farm waste deposits | Dense polychaete community | Abundance P | cover - |
| HD-T3-4 | 493136 | 6530744 | 29.2 | Medium-fine muddy sand | Polychaete burrows/mounds Brittle star (Ophiuroidea) Hermit crab (Paguridae) | P F P | - 1-9/10 m ² - |
| T4-1 | 493504 | 6531105 | 19.7 | Medium-fine muddy sand with red seaweed | Urchin (Echinus esculentus) | Р | - |
| T4-2 | 493216 | 6530974 | 23.9 | Medium-fine muddy sand with red seaweed | Scallop Common Starfish (Asterias rubens) | F F | 1-9/10 m ² 1-9/10 m ² |
| T4-3 | 493053 | 6530892 | 24.6 | Medium-fine muddy sand with red seaweed | Unidentified spider crab | Р | - |
| T4-4 | 492720 | 6530739 | 25.1 | Medium-fine muddy sand with red seaweed | Urchin (Echinus esculentus) | Р | - |
| T4-5 | 492621 | 6530687 | 25.5 | Medium-fine muddy sand with red seaweed | Tower shell mollusc (<i>Turritella communis</i>) Common Starfish (<i>Asterias rubens</i>) | P P | - |
| T4-6 | 492209 | 6530493 | 28 | Medium-fine muddy sand | Harbour crab (<i>Liocarcinus depurator</i>) | Р | - |
| HD-T4-1 | 493216 | 6530974 | 23.8 | Medium-fine muddy sand with red seaweed and shell debris | Common Starfish (<i>Asterias rubens</i>) Scallop Hermit Crab (Paguridae) Hydroid | F F F P | 1-9/10 m ² 1-9/10 m ² 1-9/10 m ² |
| HD-T4-2 | 493082 | 6530910 | 24.6 | Medium-fine muddy sand with red seaweed and shell debris | Scorpion Spider crab (<i>Inachus</i> dorsettensis) Tower shell mollusc (<i>Turritella communis</i>) Hermit Crab (Paguridae) | F F F | 1-9/10 m ² 1-9/1 m ² 1-9/10 m ² |
| HD-T4-3 | 492620 | 6530686 | 25.5 | Medium-fine muddy sand with red seaweed and shell debris | Tower shell mollusc (<i>Turritella communis</i>) | P | - |

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| Image ID | Easting (m E) | Northing (m N) | Depth (m) | Substrate | Biota observed | Estimated Abundance | Density / % cover |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| HD-T4-4 | 491906 | 6530351 | 30.5 | Medium-fine muddy | Polychaete burrows/mounds | Р | - |
| | | | | sand and shell debris | Harbour crab (Liocarcinus depurator) | F | 1-9/10 m ² |
| | | | | | Scallop | F | 1-9/10 m ² |

