

# **Marine Nature Conservation Review**

Sector 13

# **Sealochs in west Scotland**

# Area summaries

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# Loch a' Chumhainn

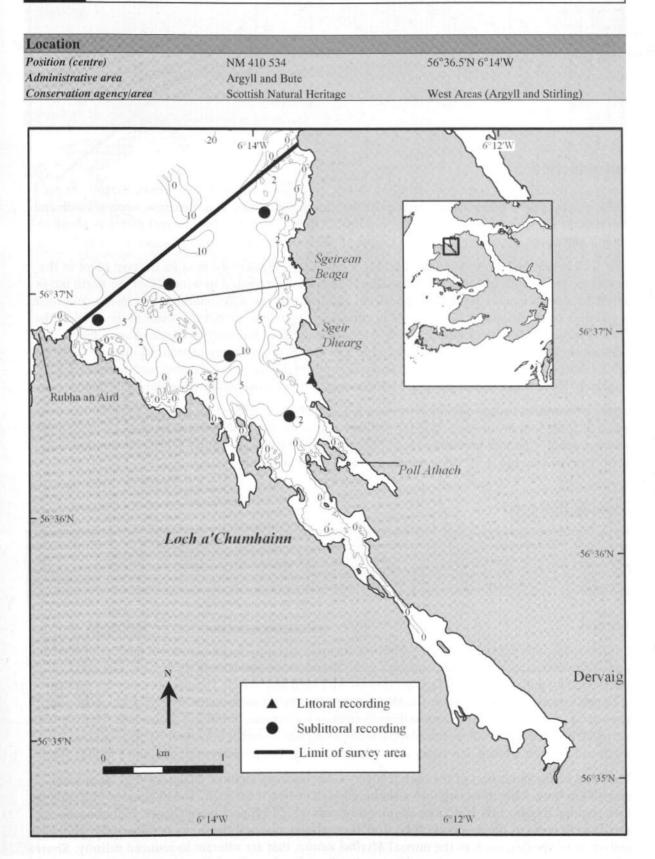


Figure 18.1 Main features of the area, showing sites surveyed. © Crown copyright. All rights reserved. JNCC {100038718}. © Crown and SeaZone Solutions Limited. All rights reserved. {PGA042006.003}.

Physical features	
Physiographic type	Open sealoch
Length of coast	22.19 km
Length of inlet	4.2 km
Area of inlet	3.9 km <sup>2</sup> (HW); 2.9 km <sup>2</sup> (LW)
Bathymetry	14 m (max)
Wave exposure	Moderately exposed to northerly winds at mouth; extremely sheltered at southern end
Tidal streams	1 knot at mouth of loch
Tidal range	Springs: 3.8 m; neaps: 1.4 m (Sound of Ulva)
Salinity	Outer basin fully marine; southern end influenced by freshwater inflow

# Introduction

Loch a' Chumhainn is a shallow cut lying in low ground on the north-west coast of Mull. At only 4.2 km in length, it is one of the smaller of the Scottish sealochs. It is a narrow, open sealoch and has neither sills nor basins, although it is constricted by a very narrow channel part way along its length and opens up beyond this. The village of Dervaig lies at the head of this inner area.

The loch is generally very shallow reaching a maximum depth of 14 m at its deepest point in the entrance. The mouth of Loch a' Chumhainn is moderately exposed to winds from the north but is afforded a certain amount of protection from easterlies by the Ardnamurchan Peninsula, and from westerlies by the island of Coll. The loch entrance is fully marine but the water at the head of the loch is influenced by freshwater inflow. The shores are predominantly rock and have a fairly gradual inclination, and there are wider sand and gravel shores at the approach to the narrows, while shingle fringes the inner basin. There is sublittoral rock at the entrance and sediments here consist of sand, shell and maerl-gravel. Finer sublittoral sediments occur in the inner loch.

Areas of woodland surround much of Loch a' Chumhainn and there are meadows on the low-lying ground to the east of the loch. Whale- and seal-watching trips are operated by 'Sea Life Surveys' out of Loch a' Chumhainn during the summer months. Mull is a popular sailing destination and there is an anchorage in the loch which provides some shelter.

# Marine biology

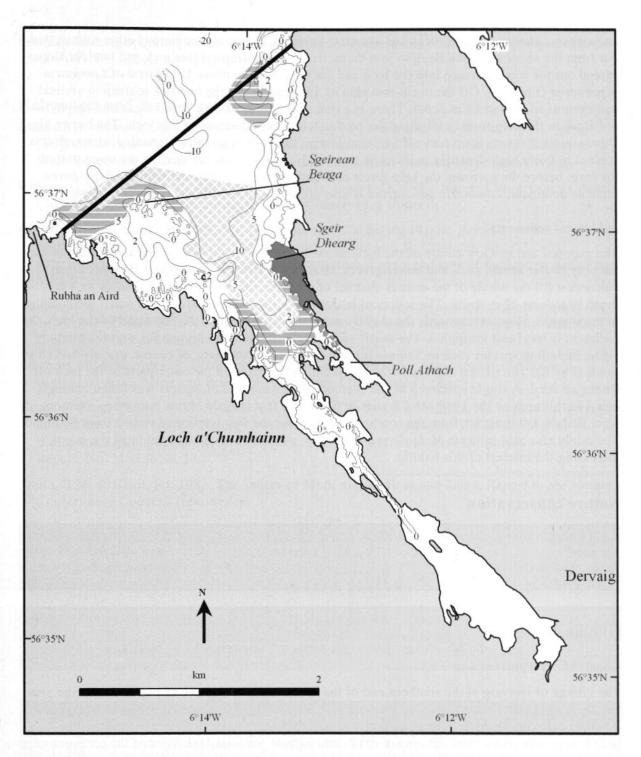
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Littoral	Recording (epibiota)	1	June 1983	Smith & Gault (1983)	
Sublittoral	Recording (epibiota)	5	August 1989	Davies (1990)	

#### Littoral

Shores in the outer part of Loch a' Chumhainn are predominantly rocky with small patches of sand and gravel. There is a beautiful, wide, irregular rocky platform at Sgeir Dhearg on the east side. This is intersected by gullies and small lagoons floored with sand and gravel. The steeper rocks are riddled with crevices and holes which provide shelter for edible crabs *Cancer pagurus* and lobsters *Homarus gammarus*. A wide variety of algae and small animals are present, but shores in this loch have not been surveyed in sufficient detail to describe the biotopes present. A small inlet, Poll Athach, lying at the south end of Sgeir Dhearg, has rocky sides blanketed with *Ascophyllum nodosum*, and a muddy floor.

The head of the outer part of the loch leads to a very narrow, shallow channel about 60 m wide and 400 m long. This opens up into a sheltered lagoon-like inner loch. The channel is bordered by low, stepped basalt cliffs and large angular boulders which support fucoid algae, including *Fucus serratus*. In spite of the moderate tidal flow through the channel, the fauna is rather poor and restricted to species, such as the mussel *Mytilus edulis*, that are tolerant to reduced salinity. Shores within the inner loch consist of mud and boulders, with a poor fauna resulting from the lowered salinity prevailing in this upper end of the loch.

18. Loch a' Chumhainn



**Figure 18.2** Indicative distribution of the main biotopes in the area (based on data from survey sites shown in Figure 18.1, cited literature and additional field observations). © Crown copyright. All rights reserved. JNCC {100038718}. © Crown and SeaZone Solutions Limited. All rights reserved. {PGA042006.003}.

# Sublittoral

#### Sublittoral rock

Loch a' Chumhainn is shallow throughout its length, with gently sloping sides. There are no steep sublittoral rocky areas and no circalittoral rock. On the southern side of the loch entrance there is

an extensive shallow area of rocks and skerries, Sgeirean Beaga, and numerous other rocks extend out from the shore at Rubha Beag to join them. Irregular infralittoral, bedrock and boulder slopes extend out for some distance into the loch and are covered by a dense kelp forest of *Laminaria hyperborea* (Lhyp.Ft). Off the north-east side of Sgeirean Beaga the bedrock is steep to vertical and extends to around 13 m depth. There is a rich understorey of foliose red algae and epiphytic red algae in the kelp forest, reflecting the moderately exposed nature of this loch. The brown alga *Desmarestia dresnayi* is present off Sgeirean Beaga; this alga is not often recorded, although it is present in fairly high densities in lochs on the Argyll mainland. At the head of the outer part of the loch, before the narrows, the kelp forest is slightly more sheltered and while *L. hyperborea* remains dominant, *Laminaria saccharina* is also present in reasonable amounts (LhypLsac.Ft).

#### Sublittoral sediments

The exposed and shallow nature of the loch means that there are no soft sediments within the loch, but only coarse sands, shell and maerl-gravel. Mixtures of live and dead maerl *Phymatolithon calcareum* fill the whole of the central channel of the loch, extending from as shallow as 4 m depth to at least 12 m depth. The sediment is thrown up into waves and the live maerl lies mainly in the troughs. However, towards the slightly more sheltered head of the outer part of the loch, the sediment is level and unrippled. The maerl and gravel provide a substratum for a wide variety of algae, including species such as *Scinaia turgida* that are characteristic of coarse, gravely and stony sands (Phy.R). The richest algal growths are found on the maerl in the outer parts of the loch off Rubha an Aird. A single specimen of the anemone *Halcampoides elongatus* was found amongst maerl in this area by the 1989 MNCR survey. There are few records of this burrowing anemone from Britain and most are from the south-west. This was the first confirmed record from Scotland. The rarely recorded tunicate *Molgula oculata* is also present in abundance amongst the maerl, increasing the interest of this habitat.

#### Nature conservation

Conservation sites				
Site name	Status	Location	Main features	
Central, South and West Mull	RSA		Includes west shore of loch	
Argyll Islands	ESA		Includes area surrounding loch	

# **Human influences**

#### Coastal developments and uses

The village of Dervaig at the southern end of the loch is the main centre of population in the area and there are houses scattered along the loch side. The village has a number of guest houses and hotels to cater for tourists. A local authority sewer discharges untreated sewage to below the loch's mean low water mark. There are tracks and narrow roads on both sides of the loch, one of which leads to the 'Sea Life Surveys' Centre which has an exhibition on whales and operates boat trips to the Treshnish Isles from a nearby jetty.

There is a saltmarsh at the head of the loch where stock-grazing occurs. Areas of woodland surround much of Loch a' Chumhainn and there are meadows on the low-lying ground to the east of the loch.

#### Marine developments and uses

Despite Loch a' Chumhainn's small size, it supports a certain amount of marine activity. Whaleand seal-watching trips are operated out of the loch, usually during the summer months. For visiting yachts there is an anchorage in the middle of the loch offering a fair amount of shelter. A shellfish farming operation in the narrows, potting for lobsters and winkle picking, represents the mariculture and fishing activities of the loch.

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#### Sites surveyed

Survey 26: 1989 UMBSM Mull sealochs survey (Davies 1990). Survey 85: 1983 Smith Mull littoral survey (Smith & Gault 1983; Bishop 1984).

Site	Place	Grid reference	Latitude/longitude	Biotopes recorded
23	Sgeir Dhearg, Loch a' Chumhainn,	NM 408 546	56°36.7'N 06°13.4'W	LS, LR
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Sublittoral sites					
Survey	Site	Place	Grid reference	Latitude/longitude	Biotopes recorded
26	12	NW of Dun Leathan, Loch a' Chumhainn, Mull	NM 405 560	56°37.4'N 06°13.8'W	Lhyp.Ft
26	13	NW of Sgeir Dhearg, Loch a' Chumhainn, Mull	NM 402 548	56°36.7'N 06°14.0'W	Phy.R
26	14	W of Quinish House, Loch a' Chumhainn, Mull	NM 407 543	56°36.5'N 06°13.5'W	Phy.R, LhypLsac.Ft
26	15	N of Sgeirean Beaga, Loch a' Chumhainn, Mull	NM 397 554	56°37.0'N 06°14.6'W	Phy.R, Lhyp.Ft
26	16	E of Port na Ba', Loch a' Chumhainn, Mull	NM 391 551	56°36.9'N 06°15.1'W	Phy.R, Lhyp.Ft

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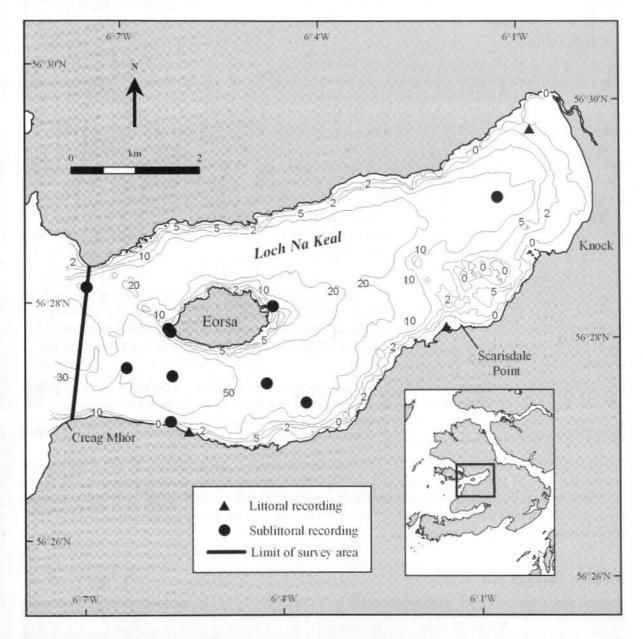
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# Loch na Keal

Location				
Position (centre)	NM 500 380	56°28'N 6°05'W		
Administrative area	Argyll and Bute			
Conservation agency/area	Scottish Natural Heritage	West Areas (Argyll and Stirling)		



**Figure 19.1** Main features of the area, showing sites surveyed. © Crown copyright. All rights reserved. JNCC {100038718}. © Crown and SeaZone Solutions Limited. All rights reserved. {PGA042006.003}.

Physical features	
Physiographic type	Fjord with one sill
Length of coast	31.5 km
Length of inlet	3.8 km
Area of inlet	4.1 km <sup>2</sup> (HW); 2.6 km <sup>2</sup> (LW)
Bathymetry	124.0 m (max)
Wave exposure	Moderately exposed at mouth and at head of loch
Tidal streams	1 knot at mouth
Tidal range	Springs: 3.8 m; neaps: 1.4 m (Sound of Ulva)
Salinity	Fully marine

# Introduction

Loch na Keal, one of the major sealochs in the basalt lavas of the west coast of Mull, originated as a heavily glaciated fjord. It is located to the south of Loch Tuath and the island of Ulva and faces due west, but its entrance gains some protection from the Ross of Mull and the island of Ulva and so is moderately exposed to wave action. The head of Loch Tuath joins Loch na Keal through the narrow Sound of Ulva, and this is the only very sheltered area in the loch. Ben More, the highest mountain on Mull, lies just to the south of the loch and the whole of this southern coast is steep and mountainous. There are lower hills on the northern side, while at the head of the loch there is a lower area formed by a large raised beach. The River Ba enters the sea here across a wide, muddy shingle shore. The majority of the other shores in the loch consist of steep bedrock and boulder, with sand beaches on Inch Kenneth and the adjacent mainland. Steep bedrock at the entrance continues underwater to a depth of at least 45 m. The loch is floored with soft mud which extends from the loch head to outside the entrance.

Loch na Keal extends to a maximum depth of 124 m. It has a single sill, located at the entrance, reaching a depth of 50 m. The depth of the sill, combined with the exposed location of the loch on the open west coast, may reduce seasonal stratification inside the main basin. The loch is fully marine and its very small catchment area means that the head is unlikely to become brackish. Tidal streams within the loch are negligible, although there is a flow of about 1 knot around the entrance area and through the Sound of Ulva.

The loch contains a wide range of biotopes and species characteristic of west coast fjords. These include the anemone *Protanthea simplex*, brachiopods, red dead man's fingers *Alcyonium glomeratum* and the sea-fan *Swiftia pallida* on circalittoral bedrock and beds of sea-pens *Funiculina quadrangularis* on the deep mud.

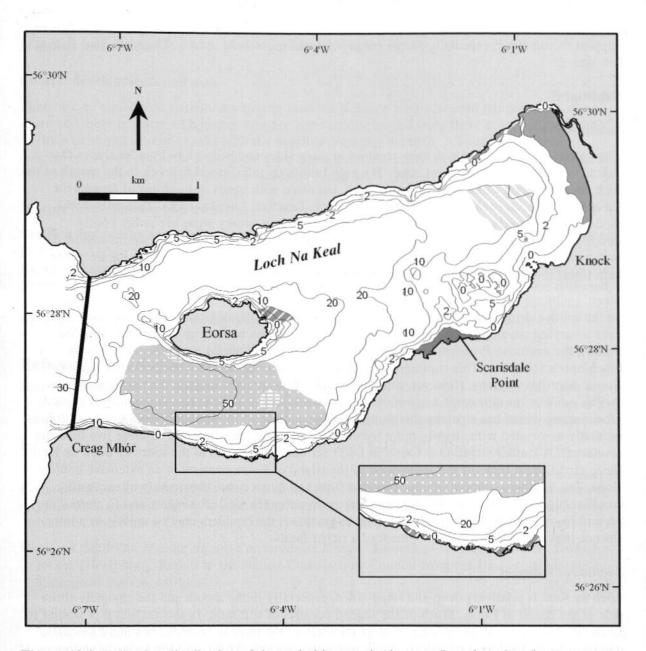
Given its proximity to Oban and the Sound of Mull, there is surprisingly little human activity around the loch. A road fringes most of the shore, along which there is scattered housing. There are fish farms on the loch and potting for Norway lobster *Nephrops norvegicus* and other crustacea takes place. There is some forestry at the head of the loch but the surrounding land is predominantly used for rough grazing.

#### Marine biology

Marine biological surveys					
	Survey methods	No. of sites	Date(s) of survey	Source	
Littoral	Recording (epibiota)	3	June 1983	Smith & Gault (1983)	
Sublittoral	Recording (epibiota)	6	August 1989	Davies (1990)	
	Recording (epibiota)	4	June 1983	Bishop (1984)	

#### Littoral

Loch na Keal was formed as a result of glaciation and consequently is deep and relatively steepsided. The shores in the entrance and around the island of Eorsa are mainly steep bedrock and



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boulders, which are either moderately exposed or sheltered. There are no very sheltered shores. The south side of the loch entrance at Creag Mhór consists of 200 m high cliffs. At the eastern end of these cliffs, about 2 km into the loch, the boulder shore is backed by low basalt cliffs. The remainder of the southern shore of the loch consists mainly of cobble beaches with irregular, low rocky outcrops and patches of sediment. Where small rivers flow into the loch, such as at Scarisdale Point, small outwash fans of cobbles and gravel are formed on which mussels *Mytilus edulis* grow.

At the head of the loch there is a wide expanse of gravel and mixed sediment flats backed by a cobble and gravel ridge of glacial origin. The River Ba flows down from Loch Ba at the southern end of these flats. However, it does not enter the loch here but is diverted north by the cobble ridge and eventually flows over the north end of the littoral flats in two wide channels. The gravel flats within the sphere of influence of the freshwater river have a reduced flora and fauna and

support fucoid algae, especially *Fucus ceranoides* and mussels *M. edulis*. There are sand-flats at low water.

#### Sublittoral

#### Sublittoral rock

The glacial origins of this loch have resulted in steep sides and bedrock or boulder slopes that extend well into the circalittoral zone. The kelp forests on infralittoral bedrock in the mouth of the loch consist mainly of *Laminaria hyperborea*, but often with bands or mixtures of *Laminaria saccharina* and *Saccorhiza polyschides* (LhypLsac, LsacSac, LhypLsac.Pk). This reflects the moderately exposed to sheltered nature of these sites. Understorey algae are rather poorly developed, especially where the substratum is a boulder slope, such as on the south-west of the island of Eorsa. Rocky sites further into the loch have not been surveyed and the nature of the kelp forest towards the head of the loch is not known.

Steep, sheltered circalittoral rock, consisting of bedrock cliffs and very large boulders, is present on the south side of the entrance beneath the steep littoral cliffs of Creag Mhór. The rock faces have a varying coverage of encrusting algae and frequent patches of cup corals *Caryophyllia smithii*, the anemone *Protanthea simplex*, the peacock worm *Sabella penicillus* and various brachiopods (NeoPro). This community is typical of steep sheltered circalittoral rock in many fjordic Scottish sealochs. However, other frequent species present include the northern sea-fan *Swiftia pallida*, the soft coral *Alcyonium digitatum* and patches of the less common soft coral *A. glomeratum*, which has a patchy distribution on the west coast of Scotland (ErSSwi). *S. pallida* is normally associated with slightly more water movement and the admixture of these two biotopes is unusual. A similar situation is found in Loch Scridain, which lies to the south of Loch na Keal. Steep circalittoral rock off the south-west of the island of Eorsa consists of an extensive boulder slope. The boulders support an impoverished flora and fauna consisting mainly of encrusting coralline algae, and the tube worm *Pomatoceros triqueter* (FaAlC). *P. simplex* and *C. smithii* are present in some areas (NeoPro); however, it appears that the boulders may be mobile in winter storms, thus restricting the development of a richer fauna.

#### Sublittoral sediment

Loch na Keal is relatively deep and steep-sided, especially in the mouth and the channels either side of the island of Eorsa. Much of the seabed consists of soft mud. In this respect it is similar to Loch Scridain and both lochs support large numbers of the large deep-water sea-pen *Funiculina quadrangularis* (SpMeg.Fun). In the shallower water towards the head of the loch, the sediment becomes much coarser due to the moderately exposed nature of the loch. Here a plain of firm muddy sand predominates at depths between 12 and 14 m. The sediment supports a limited fauna, including the opisthobranch mollusc *Philine aperta*, burrowing anemones *Cerianthus lloydii* and clumps of the ascidian *Ascidiella aspersa* (VirOph). In shallow water above 10 m depth, on the east side of the island of Eorsa, this sediment is dominated by brown algae, mainly *L. saccharina*, *Chorda filum* and *Asperococcus* sp. (LsacX). This biotope is likely to be widespread around the shallow edges of the loch. However, only a few sites have been surveyed and the boundaries of the various sediment types cannot yet be drawn with any confidence.

#### Nature conservation

Conservation sites			
Site name	Status	Location	Main features
Gribun shore and cliffs	SSSI, GCR	NM 456 355	Geological, botanical
Scarisdale	SSSI, GCR	NM 530 370	Geological
Loch Na Keal	NSA	NM 500 380	Entire area surrounding loch
Argyll Islands	ESA		Includes area surrounding loch

# Human influences

### Coastal developments and uses

There are no significant settlements around Loch na Keal but a narrow road fringes most of the shore and there is scattered housing. Sewage is either discharged from these houses directly into the loch or stored in septic tanks with the overflow entering the loch. A land-based fishing concern is located at Knock at the loch head. Some domestic refuse is dumped from the roadside directly into deep water from the loch side near Creag Mhór (NM 475 365).

# Marine developments and uses

Shellfish and salmon Salmo salar farming takes place in Loch na Keal and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has granted discharge consents for the fish cages, the land-based unit at Knock and nearby shellfish holding premises. Lobster pots are set around the loch and creeling for *Nephrops norvegicus* takes place. Winkles *Littorina littorea* and oysters *Ostrea edulis* are collected from the shores. There are anchorages at various points around the loch, which is popular with visiting yachts. Some scuba-diving takes place on the deep cliff faces at the loch entrance.

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Survey 26: 1989 UMBSM Mull sealochs survey (Davies 1990). Survey 48: 1983 UCS Mull sublittoral survey (Smith & Gault 1983; Bishop 1984). Survey 85: 1983 Smith Mull littoral survey (Smith & Gault 1983; Bishop 1984).

Survey	Site	Place	Grid reference	Latitude/longitude	Biotopes recorded
85	6	Head, Loch na Keal, Mull	NM 531 408	56°29.7'N 06°00.7'W	SLR
85	15	Creag Mhór, Loch na Keal, Mull	NM 477 361	56°27.0'N 06°05.6'W	SLR
85	16	Scarisdale Point, Loch na Keal, Mull	NM 518 377	56°28.0'N 06°01.8'W	Rkp, MLR, Pcer

Sublittoral sites					
Survey	Site	Place	Grid reference	Latitude/longitude	Biotopes recorded
26	32	SW of Eorsa, Loch na Keal, Mull	NM 475 377	56°27.8'N 06°05.9'W	SpMeg.Fun, FaAlC, Lsac.T
26	35	SE of Eorsa, Loch na Keal, Mull	NM 490 369	56°27.4'N 06°04.4'W	SpMeg.Fun
26	36	Beneath E end of Creag Mhór, Loch na Keal, Mull	NM 475 363	56°27.0'N 06°05.8'W	SpMeg, ErSSwi, LhypLsac.Pk
26	38	E of Eorsa, Loch na Keal, Mull	NM 491 381	56°28.0'N 06°04.4'W	FaMx, LsacX
26	39	SE of Sgeir a' Charraigein, Loch na Keal, Mull	NM 462 384	56°28.1'N 06°07.2'W	VirOph, NeoPro
26	40	N of Rubha Aird nan Eisrein, Loch na Keal, Mull	NM 526 398	56°29.1'N 06°01.1'W	VirOph
48	41	Eorsa, Loch na Keal, Mull	NM 474 377	56°27.8'N 06°06.0'W	NeoPro, LsacSac
48	42	S channel cliffs, Loch na Keal, Mull	NM 468 371	56°27.5'N 06°06.6'W	ErSSwi
48	43	Derryguaig Beach, Loch na Keal, Mull	NM 496 366	56°27.3'N 06°03.8'W	AmenCio, SpMeg
48	44	S channel cliffs, Loch na Keal, Mull	NM 475 370	56°27.4'N 06°05.9'W	VirOph.HAs, NeoPro Oph

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20. Loch Scridain

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Loch Scridain

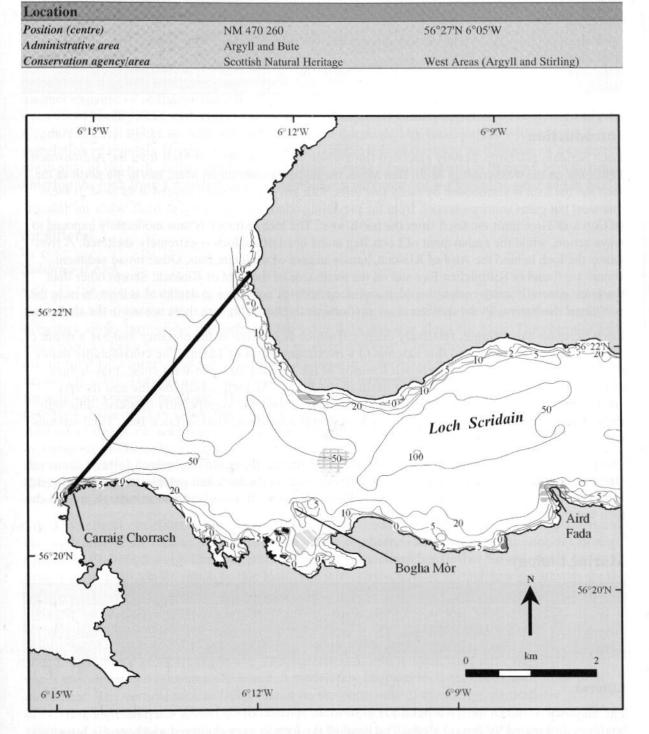


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Physical features	
Physiographic type	Fjord with one sill
Length of coast	47.99 km
Length of inlet	12 km
Area of inlet	28.5 km <sup>2</sup> (HW); 25.3 km <sup>2</sup> (LW)
Bathymetry	121.0 m (max)
Wave exposure	Moderately exposed at mouth; increasing shelter towards the head
Tidal streams	Negligible
Tidal range	Springs: 3.5 m; neaps: 1.5 m (Iona)
Salinity	Fully marine

# Introduction

Loch Scridain is a large, heavily glaciated fjord which divides the Ross of Mull from the Ardmeanach Peninsula on the west coast of Mull. Ben More, the highest mountain on Mull, lies to the north of the loch but the loch is surrounded by fairly low hills, with low-lying marshy ground at its head. It faces due west but gains some protection from the prevailing winds from the Ross of Mull, while the islands of Coll and Tiree limit the fetch from the north-west. The loch entrance is thus moderately exposed to wave action, while the embayment of Loch Beg at the head of the loch is extremely sheltered. A river enters the loch behind the Aird of Kinloch, across an area of sediment flats. Other broad sediment shores are found in Kilfinichen Bay and on the south side of the Aird of Kinloch. Shores other than these are generally steep rock or boulder, and steep bedrock continues to depths of at least 36 m in the sublittoral. Sediments in the sublittoral are predominantly mud, although there is sand in the shallows.

Loch Scridain has a single, relatively deep, sill which is situated at the entrance and has a depth of 53 m. The loch basin behind this extends to a maximum depth of 121 m. The considerable depth of the sill, combined with the exposed location of the loch on the open west coast, may reduce seasonal stratification inside the main basin of the fjord. The loch is fully marine and its very small catchment area means that the head is unlikely to become significantly brackish, although there may well be localised estuarine conditions on the sediment flats in Loch Beg. Tidal streams within the loch are negligible.

The population in this area is sparse, with houses scattered along the road which follows the south shore of the loch. There are salmon and shellfish farms on the loch and potting for Norway lobster *Nephrops norvegicus* and crabs takes place. There are areas of woodland and saltmarsh around the loch but most of the hinterland is used for rough grazing.

Marine biological surveys				
	Survey methods	No. of sites	Date(s) of survey	Source
Littoral	Recording (epibiota)	5	June 1983	Smith & Gault (1983)
Sublittoral	Recording (epibiota)	12	August 1989	Davies (1990)

### Marine biology

#### Littoral

The majority of the shoreline around Loch Scridain consists of sheltered, steep bedrock and boulders dominated by fucoid algae. The head of the loch is very sheltered and here the biomass of fucoids is high. Rocky shores in the mouth of the loch are moderately exposed, as are west-facing shores further into the loch. While general information is available on these rocky shores, site-specific biotope information is generally lacking. A native oyster bed of *Ostrea edulis* is present on the pebbly lower shore at Killunaig on the south side of the loch, east of a chain of islets and intertidal rocks that extends into the loch.

There are three sedimentary intertidal bays within the loch. At the head of the loch a large river, the Coladoir, empties into the semi-enclosed Loch Beg on the north side of the Aird of Kinloch. It

passes first through a large tract of saltmarsh and then onto a muddy gravel flat, where it forms a large, shallow, low-salinity pool. It then winds through an expanse of low, intertidal rocky ridges which restrict the flow of the tides from Loch Beg through a complex series of channels. The gravel flats support an impoverished fauna of Fucus vesiculosus and Mytilus edulis. To the west of the rocks, where the river channel joins Loch Beg, there is an expanse of muddy sand with the lugworm Arenicola marina, cockles Cerastoderma edule and the bivalves Macoma balthica and Mya arenaria (PCer). There are also large patches of the loose-lying form of Ascophyllum nodosum ecad mackaii (AscX.mac). The interest of this whole area lies in the changes in community structure with changing salinities. On the south side of the Aird of Kinloch there is another expanse of sediment flats, An Sailean. This bay faces westward down the loch and consists of muddy sand with gravel and boulders. It supports similar populations of A. marina and C. edule (PCer). Rocks on both sides of the bay are dominated by fucoid algae with a large population of mussels Mytilus edulis (Asc.VS). Tràigh Mhór at the head of Kilfinichen Bay on the north side of the loch, is the only other sedimentary shore of any size and is bisected by a stream entering the loch from a wooded glen. It has not been surveyed but is charted as sand and is likely to support estuarine communities similar to those at the loch head.

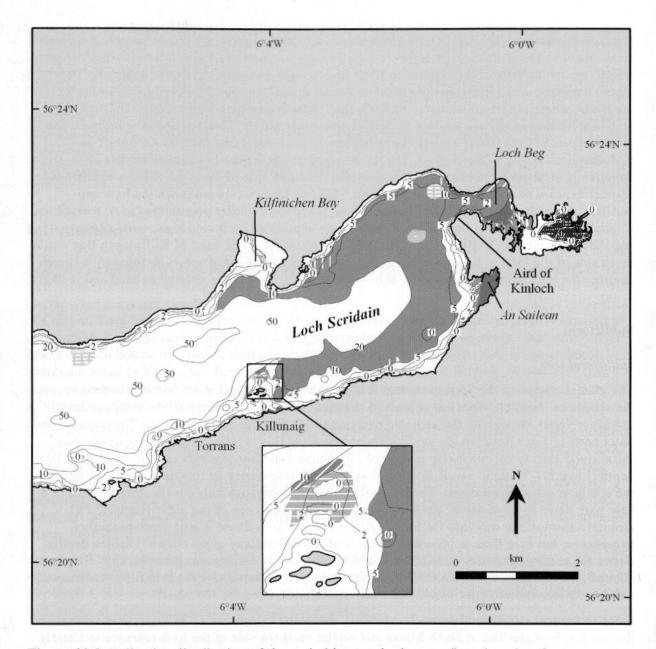
#### Sublittoral

#### Sublittoral rock

The glacial origins of this loch mean that it is fairly steep-sided and steep bedrock continues into the sublittoral from the shores to at least 35 m depth. However, the depth of the rock/sediment boundary varies throughout the loch and decreases with distance along the loch. The entrance and outer parts of Loch Scridain are moderately exposed and this is reflected in the presence of an infralittoral kelp forest consisting mainly of *Laminaria hyperborea* which extends to at least 10 m depth (Lhyp.Ft). There is a well-developed kelp forest understorey of foliose red algae at sites on the southern entrance headland. There is sufficient sublittoral rock here for the development of a kelp park down to 22 m depth, but with only a sparse understorey of red algae (LhypGz.Pk). Around a third of the way into the loch at Aird Fada, the kelp forest is still predominantly *L. hyperborea*, but here there is poor development of the understorey algae even at shallow depths, due to the grazing activities of brittlestars and smothering by featherstars *Antedon* spp. (LhypGz.Ft). Beyond this point conditions become more sheltered and the kelp forest consists of *Laminaria saccharina* with *Chorda filum* and a poor understorey of red algae.

Steep to vertical circalittoral bedrock extending below the kelp forest to 36 m depth is present on the north side of the loch at Dubh Eilean and on the southern side of the loch entrance at Carraig Chorrach. Charted contour lines suggest this habitat is localised but further survey would be necessary to ascertain its extent in this loch. The most characteristic animal species present are the anthozoans *Protanthea simplex* and *Caryophyllia smithii*, the brachiopods *Terebratulina retusa* and *Neocrania anomala* and the tubeworms *Sabella pavonina* and *Pomatoceros triqueter* (NeoPro). Steep sheltered circalittoral bedrock with this type of community is typical of deep fjordic sealochs, but in Loch Scridain the northern sea-fan *Swiftia pallida* is also present at these sites in reasonable numbers (ErSSwi). This species is normally associated with slightly more water movement and is commonly found at moderately exposed loch entrances with some tidal movement. The vertical rock at Dubh Eilean on the north side of the loch is particularly interesting as it supports a number of other species rarely recorded from the shallow Scottish sublittoral. These include the sponges *Axinella polypoides, Phakellia ventilabrum* and *Hymeraphia stellifera* and the anthozoans *Alcyonium glomeratum* and *Parerythropodium coralloides*.

Level, silty circalittoral bedrock and boulders outcrop from sediment in the outer part of the loch, both in the centre at around 30 m depth and in the sheltered area to the south of Bogha Mòr at 15–20 m depth. This habitat may be fairly widespread as other areas of rock away from the loch edges are indicated on the chart. These areas support an impoverished fauna of silt-tolerant species, including the cup coral *C. smithii* and the tunicate *Ascidia mentula* as well as encrusting



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algae and bryozoans (FaAIC). The anemone *Hormathia coronata*, which is only sporadically recorded from Scottish sealochs, is also present in this habitat in Loch Scridain. The outcrop in the loch centre (site 50 of Davies 1990) showed some similarities with the sheltered vertical rock described above, as it also supported low numbers of *S. pallida* and *P. simplex*. Very sheltered silty bedrock also outcrops from the mud in the upper parts of the loch, at around 14 to 16 m depth. Where sufficient light is available there is an algal cover, mainly of *Trailliella* sp. The sponge *Suberites domuncula*, the anemone *Metridium senile* and the hydroid *Nemertesia antennina* are frequent (AmenCio.Met). Again the extent of such outcrops in the upper loch is not known.

#### Sublittoral sediment

Due to the depth and relatively sheltered nature of Loch Scridain, mud is the predominant sublittoral sediment. Coarser sediments are confined to shallow water along the edges and coarse sand is only

present in shallow water at the mouth of the loch. Soft mud extends the entire length of the loch and is populated by sea-pens and burrowed by crustaceans. The large sea-pen Funiculina quadrangularis, characteristic of deep, sheltered sealochs, is present in large numbers (SpMeg.Fun). It has been recorded from the mouth of the loch and right at the head of the loch where, in extreme shelter, it extends up to 18 m depth, and it is therefore probably common throughout the loch. This species was recorded as common in Loch Scridain and the nearby Loch na Keal as long ago as 1890, by a Scottish Fishery Board trawling expedition (Smith 1891). In the upper loch, soft mud extends into the infralittoral, to as shallow as 2 m at some sites. In the shallower areas the mud surface may have a cover of flocculent algae, while a little deeper the sea-pen Virgularia mirabilis and the opisthobranch mollusc Philine aperta are common (PhiVir). In the middle and outer reaches of the loch, firm sandy and shelly sediment is present below the rock slope at around 20 m depth. These coarser circalittoral sediments vary in the epifauna they support but common species include V. mirabilis, the sand mason worm Lanice conchilega, brittlestars Ophiura ophiura and Amphiura chiajei and the scallop Pecten maximus (VirOph, VirOph.HAs). At Killunaig a series of rocky islets extends from the shore for around a kilometre into the loch. Here and at some other outer and middle sites, such coarse sediments extend into the infralittoral and are colonised by filamentous algae (LsacX).

# Nature conservation

Conservation sites			
Site name	Status	Location	Main features
Ardmeanach	SAC, SSSI	NM 440 290	Geological, botanical
Coladoir Bog	SSSI	NM 537 301 NM 550 297 NM 549 289	
Ardtun (3 sites)	GCR	NM 390 230	Geological
Burg	NTS site	NM 417 275	Headland, cliffs and beach
Central, South and West Mull	RSA		Includes area surrounding loch
Argyll Islands	ESA	and the second second	Includes area surrounding loch

# Human influences

#### Coastal developments and uses

The population in this area is sparse. Houses are scattered along the road to Fionnphort, which follows the south shore of the loch, with fewer houses along the road and tracks on the northern shore. Sewage is either discharged directly from these premises into the loch or held in septic tanks with overflow into the loch.

Tracts of woodland abut the loch around the loch head, and saltmarsh around Loch Beg is grazed. The low hills of the hinterland are used primarily for rough grazing.

#### Marine developments and uses

Mariculture is a strong feature of Loch Scridain, with salmon Salmo salar, mussel Mytilus sp. and scallop Pecten sp. farming all in evidence. The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has granted a discharge consent for the land-based mariculture unit at Torrans, mid-way along the southern shore. Pots are laid for Norway lobsters Nephrops norvegicus on the deep mud and for crabs and lobsters around the rocky inshore areas. Winkles Littorina littorea and native oysters Ostrea edulis are collected from the shores. There is a sea salmon fishery in this area and salmon nets are set in Loch Scridain.

Anchorages are available at various points around the loch, which is popular with visiting yachts.

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Littoral sites					
Survey	Site	Place	Grid reference	Latitude/longitude	Biotopes recorded
85	9	An Leth-onn, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 535 285	56°23.0'N 05°59.6'W	FX, AscX.mac, PCer
85	10	An Sailein, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 526 278	56°22.6'N 06°00.4'W	Pcer, Asc.VS
85	11	Rubh Aird nan Carnal, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 523 278	56°22.7'N 06°00.7'W	MLR
85	12	Eilean an Fheoir, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 490 258	56°21.5'N 06°03.8'W	SLR, Ost
85	28	Eilean Oighrige, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 449 251	56°21.0'N 06°07.7'W	Rkp, MLR

Sublittoral sites					
Survey	Site	Place	Grid reference	Latitude/longitude	Biotopes recorded
26	44	S of Garadh na Sroine, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 411 262	56°21.4'N 06°11.5'W	CGS, LhypLsac.Ft, LsacX
26	45	E of Bogha Paisart, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 375 249	56°20.6'N 06°14.9'W	ErSSwi, VirOph, Lhyp.Ft LhypGz.Pk

Sublit	Sublittoral sites – continued					
Survey	Site	Place	Grid reference	Latitude/longitude	Biotopes recorded	
26	46	SW of Dubh Eilean, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 462 267	56°21.8'N 06°06.5'W	SpMeg.Fun	
26	47	W of Ardchrishnish, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 411 240	56°20.2'N 06°11.3'W	VirOph, FaAlC	
26	48	Dubh Eilean, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 463 269	56°21.9'N 06°06.5'W	AmenCio, Lsac.Ft, NeoPro, ErSSwi	
26	49	N Sgeir Alltachd, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 490 265	56°21.8'N 06°03.8'W	LsacX, Lsac.Ft	
26	50	Mid-loch NE of Bogha Mòr, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 414 252	56°20.9'N 06°11.1'W	SpMeg.Fun, ErSSwi	
26	51	Aird Fada, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 447 249	56°20.8'N 06°07.9'W	VirOph.HAs, LhypGz.Ft, LhypGz.Pk	
26	52	W of Pennyghael, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 511 266	56°21.9'N 06°01.8'W	AmenCio, CMU, PhiVir	
26	53	NW of mouth, Loch Beag, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 520 294	56°23.5'N 06°01.1'W	SpMeg.Fun	
26	54	W of Lub na Cloiche Duibhe, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 516 288	56°23.1'N 06°01.4'W	SpMeg	
26	55	NE of Eilean na h-Ordaigh, Loch Scridain, Mull	NM 501 284	56°22.9'N 06°02.9'W	PhiVir	

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21. Loch na Lathaich



# Loch na Lathaich

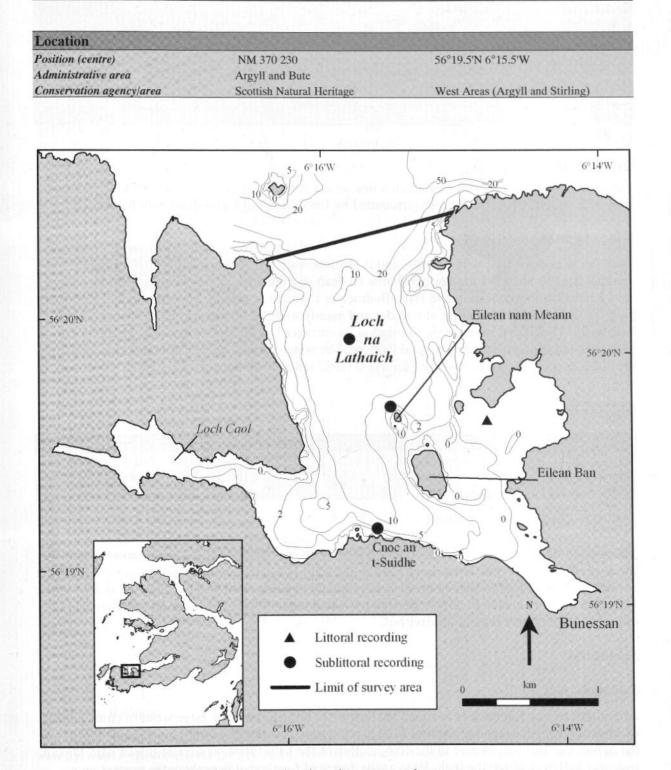


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Physical features	
Physiographic type	Open sealoch
Length of coast	17.09 km
Length of inlet	3.8 km
Area of inlet	4.1 km <sup>2</sup> (HW); 2.6 km <sup>2</sup> (LW)
Bathymetry	20.0 m (max)
Wave exposure	Moderately exposed at mouth; extremely sheltered further inland
Tidal streams	Negligible
Tidal range	Springs: 3.7 m; neaps: 1.2 m (Bunessan)
Salinity	Fully marine

# Introduction

The small, north-facing Loch na Lathaich lies on the northern shore of the Ross of Mull to the west of Loch Scridain. The loch is surrounded by low-lying rough grassland with patches of woodland, and the village of Bunessan is located at its head. Bunessan has a small harbour which is used by fishing boats and yachts.

The loch is an open one, with no sills, and is shallow, with a maximum depth of 20 m in the entrance area. It shallows gradually towards its head and the three embayments around its shores have extensive intertidal sediment flats. Bedrock is confined to the entrance shores and sublittoral, with the inner shores consisting of boulder and muddy shingle. Muddy mixed sediments floor the loch basin. The loch is moderately exposed at its entrance but the inner areas are extremely sheltered and form an effective natural harbour. The water is fully marine, although there may be localised estuarine conditions on the sediment flats, and tidal streams are negligible.

# Marine biology

Marine biological surveys					
Carlos Carlos	Survey methods	No. of sites	Date(s) of survey	Source	
Littoral	Recording (epibiota)	1	June 1983	Smith & Gault (1983)	
Sublittoral	Recording (epibiota)	3	August 1989	Davies (1990)	

#### Littoral

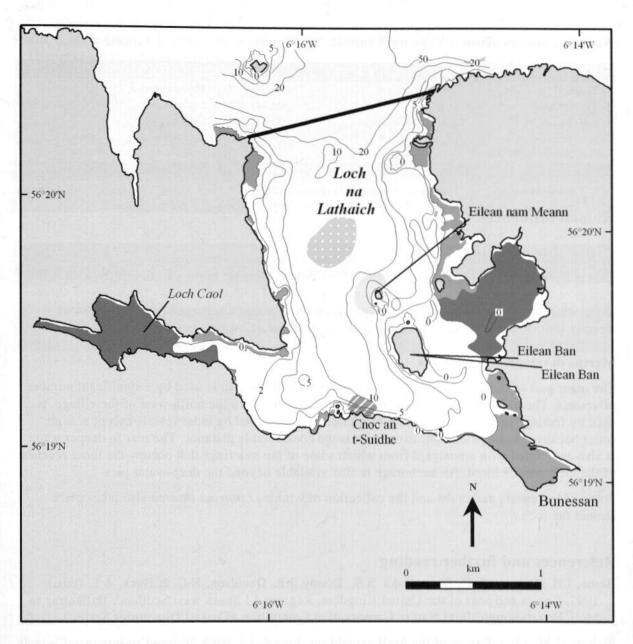
Information on the shores of this loch is lacking. There are extensive areas of sediment flats in three small, sheltered side arms: Loch Caol at the south-western end, at Bunessan in the south-east corner and behind Eilean Ban on the east side. Boulder shores at the head of the loch near Bunessan are very sheltered and dominated by fucoid algae. Rocky shores at the entrance and on either side of the loch remain unsurveyed.

#### Sublittoral

#### Sublittoral rock

Although Loch na Lathaich is an open, shallow loch, it opens onto the large western embayment of Mull and so gains some protection from wave action. It is therefore only moderately exposed at the mouth and this is reflected in the composition of the kelp forest, as seen at Eilean nam Meann, just over half-way along the loch. Here a silty forest of *Laminaria hyperborea* is present on a gently sloping boulder and cobble plain down to 8 m depth (Lhyp). *Laminaria saccharina* is also present but does not predominate and there is a reasonably diverse understorey of foliose algae. No further rocky areas have been surveyed but the rock sediment boundary is likely to at 10 m depth or less throughout the loch.

21. Loch na Lathaich



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#### Sublittoral sediment

Sediments within the loch have not been studied in detail. However, they appear to be mainly muddy, mixed sediments. At the sheltered head of the loch, at Cnoc an t-Suidhe, muddy sediment is present in shallow water at around 5 m depth. The mud surface is bound by the filamentous red alga *Trailliella* sp. and there is a heavy cover of the brown alga *Asperococcus turneri* (LsacX). Sediment in the middle of the loch at around 20 m depth consists of sandy mud with sea-pens *Virgularia mirabilis* and some Norway lobster *Nephrops norvegicus* (SpMeg). These sediments are intermediate between very sheltered, soft, deep mud with sea-pens and shallower muds with algal mats. The opisthobranch mollusc *Philine aperta*, normally characteristic of shallow, organically enriched muds, is common on these deeper sediments.

# Nature conservation

Conservation sites						
Site name	Status	Location	Main features			
Ardtun leaf beds	SSSI	NM 379 248	Geological			
Ardtun (3 sites)	GCR	NM 390 230	Geological			
Cnoc an t-Suidhe	GCR	NM 370 215	Geological			
Central, South and West Mull	RSA		Includes area surrounding loch			
Argyll Islands	ESA		Includes area surrounding loch			

# **Human influences**

#### Coastal developments and uses

This is a sparsely populated part of Mull and the only settlement in the vicinity of the loch is the village of Bunessan in the south-east corner. The road to Fionnphort follows the southern shore, along which there are other scattered houses. Sewage is either discharged from these houses directly into the loch or stored in septic tanks with the overflow entering the loch.

#### Marine developments and uses

The inner part of the loch acts as a natural harbour and Bunessan is used by a significant number of vessels. There are two piers at Bunessan and one of these, to the north-west of the village, is used by fishing vessels. The second pier cannot be approached by most vessels except at high water because shoals extend out from it for some considerable distance. The pier in deeper water is also associated with a boatyard from which some of the moorings that occupy the inner reaches of the loch may be hired. An anchorage is also available beyond the deep-water pier.

Potting for lobsters and crabs and the collection of winkles *Littorina littorea* also takes place around the loch.

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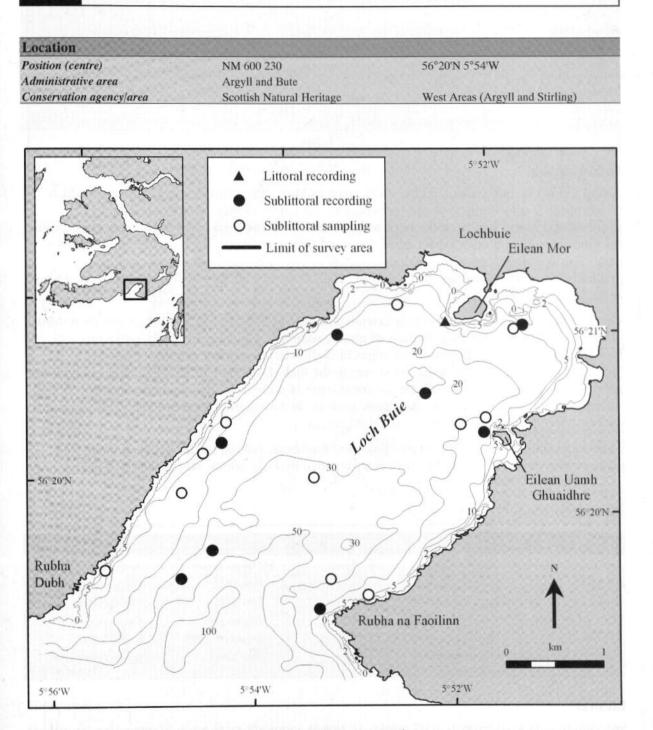
Littoral sites					
Survey	Site	Place	Grid reference	Latitude/longitude	Biotopes recorded
85	27	Bunessan, Loch na Lathaich, Mull	NM 376 232	56°19.7'N 06°14.6'W	F

Sublittoral sites					
Survey	Site	Place	Grid reference	Latitude/longitude	Biotopes recorded
26	56	NW Eilean nam Meann, Loch na Lathaich, Mull	NM 369 233	56°19.7'N 06°15.4'W	К
26	57	Mid-loch, Loch na Lathaich, Mull	NM 366 238	56°19.9'N 06°15.7'W	SpMeg, PhiVir
26	58	N of Cnoc an t-Suidhe, Loch na Lathaich, Mull	NM 368 224	56°19.2'N 06°15.4'W	LsacX

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Loch Buie



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Physical features	
Physiographic type	Open sealoch
Length of coast	19.31 km
Length of inlet	4.4 km
Area of inlet	11.6 km <sup>2</sup> (HW); 10.6 km <sup>2</sup> (LW)
Bathymetry	105.0 m (max)
Wave exposure	Moderate exposure at loch entrance; more sheltered further in
Tidal streams	Negligible
Tidal range	Springs: 3.5 m; neaps: 1.3 m (Carsaig Bay)
Salinity	Fully marine

# Introduction

Loch Buie is the only sealoch on the south coast of Mull. It is a fully marine, open loch which trends north-east to south-west and faces directly into the prevailing winds. The islands of Colonsay, Islay and Jura limit the fetch to some extent but the entrance is exposed to wave action. Its wide entrance and open aspect mean that conditions are no better than sheltered even at the head. This is a deep loch with a maximum depth of 105 m in the entrance area, shallowing gradually towards a sandy beach at the head. The village of Lochbuie is situated on a raised beach at the head of the loch.

The loch is fringed by bedrock which extends into the sublittoral to a depth of a least 20 m. Most of the central floor of the loch consists of muddy sediment and there are sandy sediments with pebble, cobble and gravel towards the edges in shallower water. Sand and gravel beaches at the loch head represent the only sediment shores in the loch. Loch Buie differs from other sealochs around Mull in that a range of mixed sediment types is present, shallow enough to support algae. Animals characteristic of coarse sediments, such as the holothurian *Neopentadactyla mixta* and the brittlestar *Amphiura securigera*, are also present.

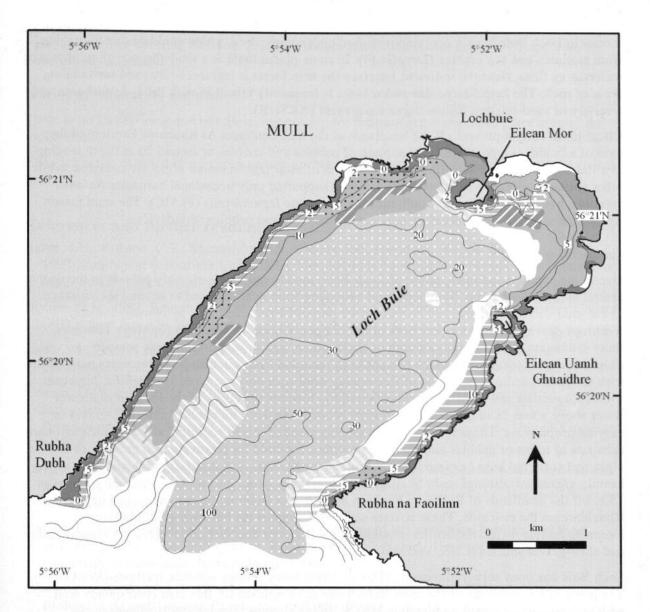
There is a small village with scattered houses at Lochbuie. Potting for lobsters and crabs takes place around the rocky areas. The loch is surrounded by hills, which support herds of deer.

# **Marine biology**

Marine biological surveys				
	Survey methods	No. of sites	Date(s) of survey	Source
Littoral	Recording (epibiota)	1	June 1983	Smith & Gault (1983)
Sublittoral	Recording (remote)	11	June 1998	Davies (1999)
	Recording (epibiota)	7	August 1989	Davies (1990)
	Recording (epibiota)	1	September 1983	Buehr (1984)
	Infaunal sampling (grabs)	6	June 1998	Davies (1999)

#### Littoral

The shoreline in Loch Buie is almost entirely rocky, with mixed sand and boulder shores at the head. The shores have not been surveyed, with the exception of the head of the loch. Shores here are described by Smith (1983) as flat *Tellina* sands and cobble shores backed by storm beaches with boulders up to 1 m across. The tidal islet of Eilean Mor extends around 500 m into the loch from the head of the loch. The seaward end is composed of irregular rock and is exposed to wave action. The majority of the other rocky shores within the loch are also likely to be exposed or moderately exposed to wave action, but no details are available of biotopes present.



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### Sublittoral

#### Sublittoral rock

Sublittoral rock extends down from the rocky shores to at least 20 m depth within the entrance to the loch. However, the rocky slopes shelve gradually and generally meet sediment between 7 and 12 m depth further into the loch. There is no sharp interface with the sediment and silty bedrock outcrops also occur well away from the sides of the loch in sediment areas. The extent of these outcrops is not known. In the centre of the loch, to the north-west of Eilean Uamh Ghuaidhre (site 8 in Davies 1990) such outcrops have an impoverished fauna and are dominated by brittlestars *Ophiothrix fragilis* (FaAIC).

The infralittoral rock around the edges of the loch supports forests of *Laminaria hyperborea*. Due to the exposed nature of the loch, these extend right to the head of the loch. However, unlike the exposed lochs on the north-west and west of Mull where foliose algae are abundant, the kelp

forests in Loch Buie have a very impoverished understorey flora, which could be due to grazing from molluscs and sea urchins (LhypGz.Ft). In some places there is a total absence of epiphytes or understorey flora. Near the sediment interface the kelp forest is influenced by sand surrounding areas of rock. The kelp *Saccorhiza polyschides* is frequently mixed in with the *L. hyperborea* and a variety of sand-tolerant foliose algae are present (XKScrR).

Circalittoral rock is present off the headlands at the loch entrance. At Rubha na Faoilinn at the base of a boulder slope, there is a flat plain of pebbles and cobbles at around 20 m depth leading to a flat bedrock area. Encrusting algae and the brittlestar *Ophiocomina nigra* are common, while other epifauna appear to be sparse. The bedrock supported only occasional barnacles *Balanus crenatus*, hydroids and the light-bulb tunicate *Clavelina lepadiformis* (FaAlC). The sand mason worm *Lanice conchilega* pushes up between the cobbles and pebbles (PomByC).

#### Sublittoral sediment

Due to the exposed and open nature of Loch Buie, muddy sediments are only present in the deeper central areas, below about 20 m depth and extending from near the head to beyond the entrance. These mud and fine muddy sand sediments are burrowed and excavated by Norway lobster Nephrops norvegicus and support beds of the sea-pen Virgularia mirabilis (SpMeg). However, these sediments are not muddy enough or sheltered enough to support the large sea-pen Funiculina quadrangularis, which has not been recorded from Loch Buie. In the outer parts of the loch the deeper sediments consist of fine muddy sand with only scattered V. mirabilis, lugworm Arenicola marina and no N. norvegicus (VirOph). Towards the edges of the loch, in shallower water above about 15 m depth, the sediments become sandier with pebbles and shell-gravel in varying proportions. These level or gently sloping areas of mixed sediment all have sufficient hard substrata in terms of pebbles and shells to provide a foothold for relatively rich growths of foliose algae and scattered kelp Laminaria saccharina (LsacX). This is in contrast to the situation on the heavily grazed infralitoral rock. Shell-gravel, sometimes swept into waves, is present as deep as 15 m off the headlands of Rubha na Faoilinn and Rhubha Dubh in the entrance and Eilean Uamh Ghuaidhre on the east side. These coarser sediments support the burrowing holothurian Neopentadactyla mixta, the brittlestar Amphiura securigera and various bivalves, all typical gravel and shell-gravel species (CGS, Ven.Neo).

Loch Buie has been surveyed recently (Davies 1999) using remote acoustic methods (*RoxAnn*<sup>TM</sup>). The predicted distribution of the most likely biotope complexes for this area corresponds well with the biotopes recorded on previous MNCR diving surveys (Davies 1990). However, the sediments within this loch are quite variable, especially in the entrance and around the edges, and the mapped distribution of these sediments is only approximate.

#### Nature conservation

Conservation sites				
Site name	Status	Location	Main features	
Argyll islands	ESA		Includes area surrounding loch	
West coast of loch	SSSI	NM 590 240 NM 450 193	Biological	
Central, South and West Mull	RSA		Includes area surrounding loch	

# **Human** influences

#### Coastal developments and uses

The village of Lochbuie with scattered housing is located on a raised beach at the head of the loch. Sewage is either discharged from these houses directly into the loch or stored in septic tanks

with the overflow entering the loch. A narrow single-track road comes into the village from the direction of Craignure.

#### Marine developments and uses

There is no fish farming in Loch Buie, but potting for lobsters and crabs takes place around the rocky areas.

The loch is too exposed to provide a secure anchorage but passing yachts almost certainly visit the loch.

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Survey 812: 1996-1998 SNH Firth of Lorn remote sublittoral survey.

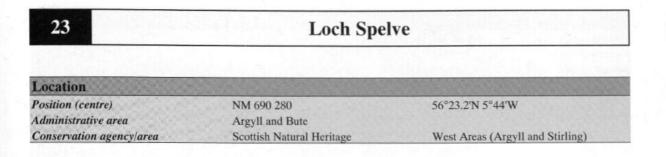
Littoral sites					
Survey	Site	Place	Grid reference	Latitude/longitude	Biotopes recorded
85	17	Eilean Mòr, Loch Buie, Mull	NM 608 242	56°21.0'N 05°52.3'W	Cor, LS, LR

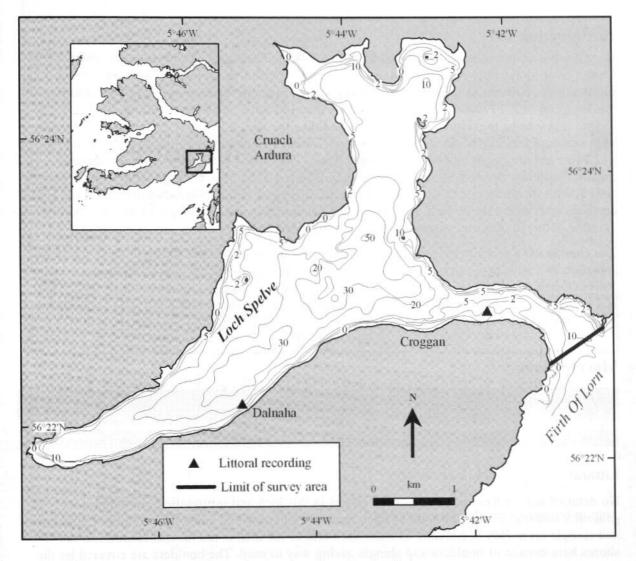
Sublittoral sites					
Survey	Site	Place	Grid reference	Latitude/longitude	Biotopes recorded
26	1	SW of loch, Loch Buie, Mull	NM 584 219	56°19.6'N 05°54.5'W	VirOph, VirOph.HAs
26	2	W of Rubha na Faoilinn, Loch Buie, Mull	NM 595 213	56°19.3'N 05°53.4'W	PomByC, FaAlC, Lhyp.Ft, Lhyp.Pk
26	3	Middle of W side, Loch Buie, Mull	NM 585 230	56°20.2'N 05°54.4'W	LsacX
26	4	Point SW of Rubha na h-Airde Glaise, Loch Buie, Mull	NM 597 241	56°20.8'N 05°53.3'W	Ldig.Ldig, Lhyp.Ft, XKScrR, LsacX
26	5	NW of Eilean Uamh Ghuaidhre, Loch Buie, Mull	NM 612 231	56°20.4'N 05°51.8'W	Ven.Neo
26	7	S of Moie Castle, head of loch, Loch Buie, Mull	NM 616 242	56°21.0'N 05°51.5'W	LsacX, LhypGz.Ft
26	8	Middle of upper loch, Loch Buie, Mull	NM 606 235	56°20.5'N 05°52.4'W	SpMeg, FaAlC
47	4	'Meldon', Loch Buie, Mull	NM 580 216	56°19.5'N 05°54.8'W	
812	285	Loch Buie, Firth of Lorn	NM 573 217	56°19.5'N 05°55.5'W	CGS
812	286	Loch Buie, Firth of Lorn	NM 580 224	56°19.9'N 05°54.8'W	FaMS
812	287	Loch Buie, Firth of Lorn	NM 583 228	56°20.2'N 05°54.6'W	XKScrR
812	288	Loch Buie, Firth of Lorn	NM 585 232	56°20.3'N 05°54.4'W	FaMS
812	289	Loch Buie, Firth of Lorn	NM 603 244	56°21.0'N 05°52.7'W	FaMS
812	290	Loch Buie, Firth of Lorn	NM 615 241	56°20.9'N 05°51.5'W	FaAIC, XKSerR, LhypGz.Pk
812	291	Loch Buie, Firth of Lorn	NM 612 232	56°20.4'N 05°51.8'W	Oph
812	292	Loch Buie, Firth of Lorn	NM 609 231	56°20.4'N 05°52.1'W	SpMeg
812	293	Loch Buie, Firth of Lorn	NM 594 226	56°20.1'N 05°53.5'W	SpMeg
812	294	Loch Buie, Firth of Lorn	NM 596 216	56°19.5'N 05°53.3'W	CGS
812	295	Loch Buie, Firth of Lorn	NM 600 214	56°19,4'N 05°52.9'W	FaS, XKScrR

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23. Loch Spelve





**Figure 23.1** Main features of the area, showing sites surveyed. © Crown copyright. All rights reserved. JNCC {100038718}. © Crown and SeaZone Solutions Limited. All rights reserved. {PGA042006.003}.

Physical features	
Physiographic type	Fjord with one sill
Length of coast	27.55 km
Length of inlet	7.7 km
Area of inlet	9.9 km <sup>2</sup> (HW); 8.8 km <sup>2</sup> (LW)
Bathymetry	58.0 m (max)
Wave exposure	Very sheltered to extremely sheltered
Tidal streams	1-2 knots through entrance channel; negligible in inner basin
Tidal range	Springs: 3.3 m; neaps: 1.1 m (Oban)
Salinity	Fully marine; salinity may be variable near mouth of River Lusse

# Introduction

Loch Spelve on the south-east coast of Mull is a T-shaped loch that possesses rocks which stem from a large and deeply eroded volcano of the tertiary period. A narrow and very shallow channel running perpendicular to the inner basin forms the entrance to the loch and opens out into the northern end of the Firth of Lorn. This channel is a sill with a mean depth of 3 m; the basin behind it reaches a maximum depth of 58 m and thus the loch is subject to summer stratification with seasonal flushing of the deep basin water. Current speeds through the entrance channel reach 1–2 knots but are negligible within the inner basin. The loch is surrounded by hills, which, together with the direction of the entrance channel, means that it is very sheltered from wave action, with its northern end extremely sheltered. It is fully saline, although salinities at the northern end, where the River Lusse enters the loch across a muddy shingle beach, are likely to be variable. Other shores are narrow, consisting predominantly of boulders and cobbles.

The combination of sheltered conditions, deep water and the loch's proximity to Oban led to its selection as a site for studies into the effects of fish farming on the environment (Brown *et al.* 1987; Gowen *et al.* 1988). A number of salmon and mussel farms are situated on the loch. There is a small amount of woodland around the loch edges and the surrounding hillsides are used for rough grazing and support herds of red deer.

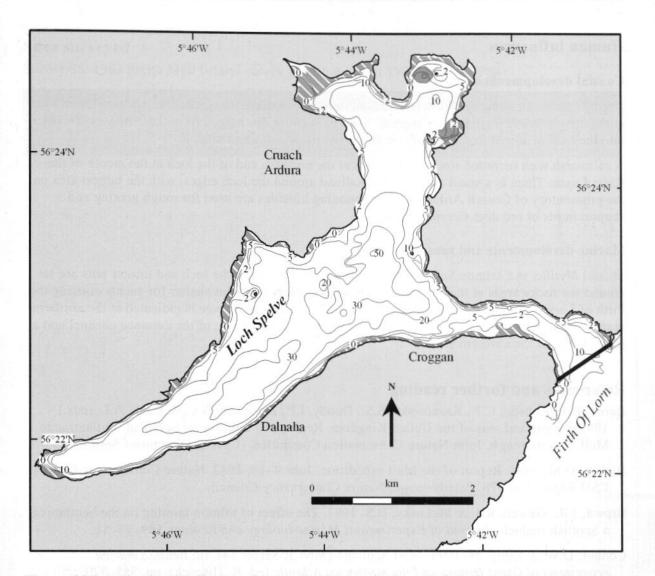
# **Marine biology**

Marine biolo	ogical surveys			
	Survey methods	No. of sites	Date(s) of survey	Source
Littoral	Recording (epibiota)	2	June 1983	Smith & Gault (1983)

#### Littoral

No detailed survey has been made of the shores in this loch and information on biotopes is generally lacking. Shores throughout Loch Spelve are narrow and composed mainly of boulders and shingle on muddy sediments. The northern arm of the loch is the most sheltered and the shores here consist of boulders and shingle giving way to mud. The boulders are covered by the eggwrack *Ascophyllum nodosum*. The Lussa River enters at the north-west corner and brackish conditions are likely to prevail over the shore at this point. The south-east shores near Dalnaha are slightly less sheltered and the boulders in this area have a heavy cover of fucoids, but are not completely blanketed by them (F). At low water the boulders give way to gravel with a *Venerupis* community (VsenMtru).

The shores on the south side of the narrow entrance channel consist of steep rocks or cobble banks re-worked from fluvio-glacial deposits (SLR). The lower shore consists of boulders on gravel and sand-flats (LMX). The flora and fauna are rather poor and there are no species-rich under-boulder communities. The north shore of the channel is rockier but has not been surveyed.



**Figure 23.2** Indicative distribution of the main biotopes in the area (based on data from survey sites shown in Figure 23.1, cited literature and additional field observations). © Crown copyright. All rights reserved. JNCC {100038718}. © Crown and SeaZone Solutions Limited. All rights reserved. {PGA042006.003}.

#### Sublittoral

There have been no sublittoral surveys in this loch. The admiralty chart indicates a seabed of mud, sand and shingle, with rock and shingle in the current-exposed entrance channel.

# **Nature conservation**

Conservation sites				
Site name	Status	Location	Main features	
Ardura-Auchnacraig	SSSI	NM 705 290	Geological, biological	
Loch Spelve-Auchnacraig	GCR	NM 737 301	Geological, biological	
Argyll Islands	ESA		Includes area surrounding loch	

# **Human influences**

#### Coastal developments and uses

Narrow roads run along the western and south-eastern shores of the loch, with scattered housing along the roads and a village at Croggan. Sewage is either discharged from these houses directly into the loch or stored in septic tanks with the overflow entering the loch.

A saltmarsh with recorded stock grazing lies at the northern end of the loch at the mouth of the River Lusse. There is a small amount of woodland around the loch edges, with the largest area on the promontory of Cruach Ardura. The surrounding hillsides are used for rough grazing and support herds of red deer *Cervus elaphus*.

#### Marine developments and uses

Mussel *Mytilus* and salmon *Salmo salar* farms are dotted around the loch and lobster pots are set around the rocky areas at the entrance. Loch Spelve offers excellent shelter for yachts cruising the Firth of Lorn, although the entrance is very shallow, and an anchorage is indicated at the northern branch of the loch. There is a pier at Croggan on the southern shore of the entrance channel and a jetty on one of the northern shores.

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# Sites surveyed

Survey 85: 1983 Smith Mull littoral survey (Smith & Gault 1983, Bishop 1984).

Littoral sites					
Survey	Site	Place	Grid reference	Latitude/longitude	Biotopes recorded
85	18	Lean Mòr, Loch Spelve, Mull	NM 684 264	56°22.4'N 05°44.9'W	F, VsenMtru
85	19	Narrows, Loch Spelve, Mull	NM 715 275	56°23.1'N 05°42.1'W	LMX, SLR

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24. Loch Don

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Loch Don

Location		
Position (centre)	NM 740 315	56°25.3'N 5°39.8'W
Administrative area	Argyll and Bute	
Conservation agency/area	Scottish Natural Heritage	West Areas (Argyll and Stirling)

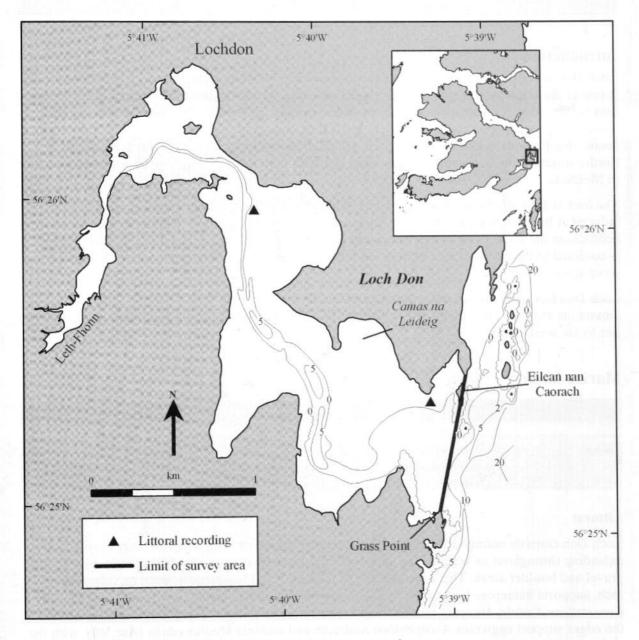


Figure 24.1 Main features of the area, showing sites surveyed. © Crown copyright. All rights reserved. JNCC {100038718}. © Crown and SeaZone Solutions Limited. All rights reserved. {PGA042006.003}.

Physical features	
Physiographic type	Fjord with two sills
Length of coast	13.22 km
Length of inlet	3.4 km
Area of inlet	2 km <sup>2</sup> (HW); 0.4 km <sup>2</sup> (LW)
Bathymetry	8.0 m (max)
Wave exposure	Very sheltered to extremely sheltered
Tidal streams	Negligible
Tidal range	Springs: 3.3 m; neaps: 1.1 m (Oban)
Salinity	Entrance fully marine; basin of Leth-fhonn probably brackish. Overall salinity reduction of 0.6 ppt

## Introduction

Loch Don is situated south of the entrance to the Sound of Mull on the island's south-east coast. It is one of the shallowest sealochs in Scotland, with a maximum depth of only 8 m, and 80% of its area is intertidal. A channel runs down the centre of the loch from the brackish lagoon of Leth-Fhonn in the north-west corner, and there are two shallow sills and basins along this channel. This means that the loch is classified as a fjord, although its shallow profile is highly unusual for a fjordic structure. In fact it shares many characteristics with Loch Gruinart on Islay and Kentra Bay in Moidart.

The loch is fully marine with a very short flushing time, although it is likely that salinities are reduced at the loch head in periods of high rainfall. There are stretches of shingle, boulder and bedrock on the shore, with muddy sediments forming the majority of the intertidal flats; bedrock is confined to the entrance area in both the littoral and sublittoral. The loch is very sheltered from wave action.

Loch Don lies in an area of low ground, reflected its shallow profile, and there is some saltmarsh around the fringes. The village of Lochdon is located at the loch head and a coniferous plantation lies to the west of this.

### Marine biology

Marine biolo	gical surveys			
	Survey methods	No. of sites	Date(s) of survey	Source
Littoral	Recording (epibiota)	1	June 1983	Smith & Gault (1983)
	Infaunal sampling (digging)	1	June 1983	Smith & Gault (1983)

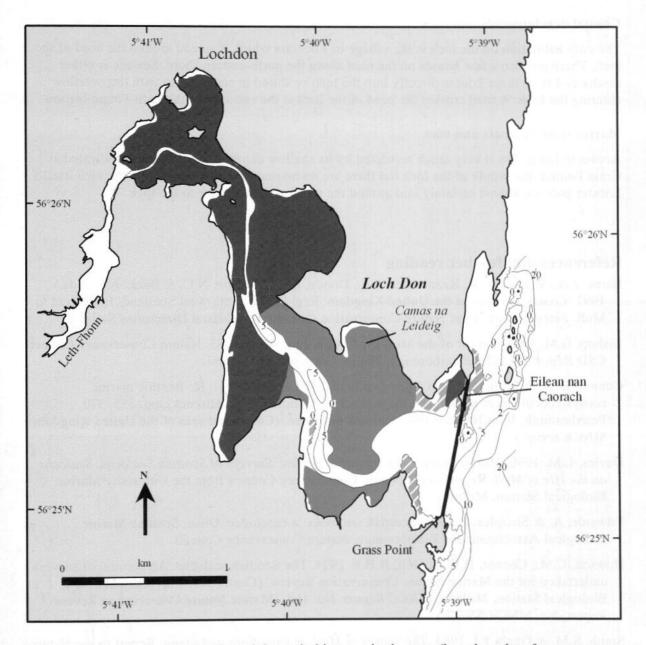
#### Littoral

Loch Don consists mainly of littoral mud and muddy sand-flats with a narrow river channel extending throughout its length. The upper and middle areas consist of soft mud-flats with some gravel and boulder areas. The large expanse of mud in the middle area, on the east side of the loch, supports numerous lugworms *Arenicola marina* and sparse bivalves including cockles *Cerastoderma edule, Macoma balthica* and *Scrobicularia plana* (HedScr). Boulder areas around the edges support eggwrack *Ascophyllum nodosum* and mussels *Mytilus edulis* (Asc.VS), with the ragworm *Nereis diversicolor* among the boulders where there is more gravel. Eelgrass *Zostera* sp. may be present near low water but this has not been confirmed. The outer basin, Camas na Leideig, is slightly more exposed and the sediment flats are composed of firm, sandy mud and boulders with a sparse *Arenicola/Cerastoderma* community.

Shores on the north and south sides of the loch entrance are rocky. The headland on the north side and the area around the nearby tidal islet, Eilean nan Caorach, form fairly steep-sided ridges running north-south. These are heavily blanketed by fucoid algae, with an understorey of red algae on the lower shore (F). Between Eilean nan Caorach and the mainland there are patches of mud with the spire shell *Hydrobia ulvae* and the sacoglossan *Limapontia depressa* grazing on the surface (LMU).

### Sublittoral

The sublittoral area of this loch is very limited and has not been surveyed. The entrance area is very shallow, less than 2 m deep, and is charted as sand. The river channel about half-way along the loch reaches 8 m depth and the entire channel is likely to consist of mud.



**Figure 24.2** Indicative distribution of the main biotopes in the area (based on data from survey sites shown in Figure 24.1, cited literature and additional field observations). © Crown copyright. All rights reserved. JNCC {100038718}. © Crown and SeaZone Solutions Limited. All rights reserved. {PGA042006.003}.

### Nature conservation

Conservation sites			
Site name	Status	Location	Main features
Argyll Islands	ESA		Includes area surrounding loch

### **Human influences**

#### **Coastal developments and uses**

The only habitation on the loch is the village of Lochdon which is spread around the head of the loch. There are also a few houses on the road along the north-eastern shore. Sewage is either discharged from these houses directly into the loch or stored in septic tanks with the overflow entering the loch. A road crosses the head of the loch at the entrance to the Leth-Fhonn lagoon.

#### Marine developments and uses

Access to Loch Don is very much restricted by its shallow depth. An anchorage is indicated at Grass Point at the mouth of the loch but there are no marine developments inside the loch itself. Lobster pots are almost certainly laid around the rocks at the entrance to the loch.

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# Sites surveyed

Survey 85: 1983 Smith Mull littoral survey (Smith & Gault 1983, Bishop 1984).

Littor Survey	Site	Place	Grid reference	Latitude/longitude	Biotopes recorded
85	7	Loch Don, Mull	NM 736 328	56°26.0'N 05°40.3'W	HedScr, Znol, Asc.VS
85	8	Eilean nan Caorach, Loch Don, Mull	NM 747 316	56°25.4'N 05°39.2'W	F, LMU, Ldig

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# Appendix A

# **Biotopes classification**

A hierarchical classification of the biotopes recorded in MNCR Sector 13 (West Scotland) during the surveys given in Table 1, together with their higher types, is given below. The biotopes listed are derived from the MNCR national biotope classification version 97.06 (Connor *et al.* 1997a, b). Records of biotopes noted in the text but not shown here come from additional published sources cited in the individual area summaries. Species nomenclature follows Howson & Picton (1997).

Higher code Biotope code Biotope

LR		LITTORAL ROCK (and other hard substrata)
LR.L		Lichens or algal crusts
LR.L	YG	Yellow and grey lichens on supralittoral rock
LR.L	Pra	Prasiola stipitata on nitrate-enriched supralittoral or littoral fringe rock
LR.L	Ver	Verrucaria maura on littoral fringe rock
LR.L	Ver.B	Verrucaria maura and sparse barnacles on exposed littoral fringe rock
LR.L	Ver.Ver	Verrucaria maura on moderately exposed to very sheltered upper littoral fringe rock
ELR		Exposed littoral rock (MUSSEL/BARNACLE SHORES)
ELR.MB		Mytilus (mussels) and barnacles
ELR.MB	MytB	Mytilus edulis and barnacles on very exposed eulittoral rock
ELR.MB	BPat	Barnacles and <i>Patella</i> spp. on exposed or moderately exposed, or vertical sheltered, eulittoral rock
ELR.MB	BPat.Cht	Chthamalus spp. on exposed upper culittoral rock
ELR.MB	BPat.Lic	Barnacles and Lichina pygmaea on steep exposed upper eulittoral rock
ELR.MB	BPat.Fvesl	Barnacles, Patella spp. and Fucus vesiculosus f. linearis on exposed eulittoral rock
ELR.MB	BPat.Sem	Semibalanus balanoides on exposed or moderately exposed, or vertical sheltered, eulittoral rock
MLR		Moderately exposed littoral rock (BARNACLE/FUCOID SHORES)
MLR.BF		Barnacles and fucoids (moderately exposed shores)
MLR.BF	PelB	Pelvetia canaliculata and barnacles on moderately exposed littoral fringe rock
MLR.BF	FvesB	<i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> and barnacle mosaics on moderately exposed mid-eulittoral rock
MLR.BF	Fser.R	<i>Fucus serratus</i> and red seaweeds on moderately exposed lower eulittoral rock

Higher code	Biotope code	Biotope
MLR.BF	Fser.Fser	Dense Fucus serratus on moderately exposed to very sheltered lower eulittoral rock
MLR.BF	Fser.Fser.Bo	<i>Fucus serratus</i> and under-boulder fauna on lower culittoral boulders
MLR.MF		Mytilus (mussels) and fucoids (moderately exposed shores)
MLR.MF	MytFves	Mytilus edulis and Fucus vesiculosus on moderately exposed mid-eulittoral rock
SLR		Sheltered littoral rock (FUCOID SHORES)
SLR.F		Dense fucoids (stable rock)
SLR.F	Pel	Pelvetia canaliculata on sheltered littoral fringe rock
SLR.F	Fspi	<i>Fucus spiralis</i> on moderately exposed to very sheltered upper eulittoral rock
SLR.F	Fves	Fucus vesiculosus on sheltered mid-eulittoral rock
SLR.F	Asc	Ascophyllum nodosum on very sheltered mid-eulittoral rock
SLR.F	Asc.Asc	Ascophyllum nodosum on full salinity mid-culittoral rock
SLR.F	Asc.T	Ascophyllum nodosum, sponges and ascidians on tide-swept mid- culittoral rock
SLR.F	Asc.VS	Ascophyllum nodosum and Fucus vesiculosus on variable-salinity mid- eulittoral rock
SLR.F	Fserr	Fucus serratus on sheltered lower eulittoral rock
SLR.F	Fserr.T	<i>Fucus serratus</i> , sponges and ascidians on tide-swept lower eulittoral rock
SLR.F	Fserr.VS	Fucus serratus and large Mytilus edulis on variable-salinity lower eulittoral rock
SLR.F	Fcer	Fucus ceranoides on reduced-salinity eulittoral rock
SLR.FX		Fucoids, barnacles or ephemeral seaweeds (mixed substrata)
SLR.FX	BLit	Barnacles and <i>Littorina littorea</i> on unstable eulittoral mixed substrata
SLR.FX	FvesX	Fucus vesiculosus on mid-eulittoral mixed substrata
SLR.FX	AscX	Ascophyllum nodosum on mid-eulittoral mixed substrata
SLR.FX	AscX.mac	Ascophyllum nodosum ecad. mackaii beds on extremely sheltered mid- eulittoral mixed substrata
SLR.FX	FserX	Fucus serratus on lower eulittoral mixed substrata
SLR.FX	FserX.T	Fucus serratus with sponges, ascidians and red seaweeds on tide-swept lower culittoral mixed substrata
SLR.FX	EphX	Ephemeral green and red seaweeds on variable-salinity or disturbed eulittoral mixed substrata
SLR.FX	FcerX	Fucus ceranoides on reduced-salinity eulittoral mixed substrata

Higher code	Biotope code	Biotope
SLR.MX		Mytilus (mussel) beds (mixed substrata)
SLR.MX	MytX	Mytilus edulis beds on eulittoral mixed substrata
		Littoral rock (other)
LR.Rkp		Rockpools
LR.Rkp	G	Green seaweeds ( <i>Enteromorpha</i> spp. and <i>Cladophora</i> spp.) in upper shore rockpools
LR.Rkp	Cor	Corallina officinalis and coralline crusts in shallow eulittoral rockpools
LR.Rkp	SwSed	Seaweeds in sediment (sand or gravel)-floored eulittoral rockpools
LR.Ov		Overhangs and caves
LR.Ov	SR	Sponges and shade-tolerant red seaweeds on overhanging lower eulittoral bedrock
LR.Ov	SByAs	Sponges, bryozoans and ascidians on deeply overhanging lower shore bedrock
LS		LITTORAL SEDIMENTS
LGS		Littoral gravels and sands
LGS.Sh		Shingle (pebble) and gravel shores
LGS.Sh	BarSh	Barren shingle or gravel shores
LGS.S		Sand shores
LGS.S	AP	Burrowing amphipods and polychaetes in clean sand shores
LGS.S	AP.P	Burrowing amphipods and polychaetes (often with Arenicola marina) in clean sand shores
LGS.S	Lan	Dense Lanice conchilega in tide-swept lower shore sand
LGS.Est		Estuarine coarse sediment shores
LGS.Est	OI	Oligochaetes in reduced or low-salinity gravel or coarse sand shores
LMS		Littoral muddy sands
LMS.MS		Muddy sand shores
LMS.MS	Pcer	Polychaetes and <i>Cerastoderma edule</i> in fine sand and muddy sand shores
LMS.MS	MacAre	Macoma balthica and Arenicola marina in muddy sand shores

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LMS.MS	MacAre.Mare	Arenicola marina, Macoma balthica and Mya arenaria in muddy sand shores
LMS.Zos		Littoral Zostera (seagrass) beds
LMS.Zos	Znol	Zostera noltii beds in upper to mid-shore muddy sand
LMU		Littoral muds
LMU.Sm		Saltmarsh
LMU.Sm		Saltmarsh (mid-upper)
LMU.Sm		Saltmarsh (low-mid)
LMU.Sm	NVC SM13	Puccinellia maritima
LMU.Sm	NVC SM13	Sub-communities of Puccinellia maritima saltmatsh with Limonium vulgare and Armeria maritima; Puccinellia maritima with Glaux maritima co-dominant in species-poor vegetation; Puccinellia maritima with Plantago maritima and/or Armeria maritima
LMU.SMu		Sandy mud shores
LMU.SMu	HedMac	Hediste diversicolor and Macoma balthica in sandy mud shores
LMU.SMu	HedMac.Are	Hediste diversicolor, Macoma balthica and Arenicola marina in muddy sand or sandy mud shores
LMU.SMu	HedMac.Pyg	Hediste diversicolor, Macoma balthica and Pygospio elegans in sandy mud shrores
LMU.SMu	HedMac.Mare	Hediste diversicolor, Macoma balthica and Mya arenaria in sandy mud shores
LMU.Mu		Soft mud shores
	HedScr	Hediste diversicolor and Scrobicularia plana in reduced- salinity mud shores
	HedOl	Hediste diversicolor and oligochaetes in low-salinity mud shores
LMX		Littoral mixed sediments
LMX	MytFab	Mytilus edulis and Fabricia sabella in poorly sorted muddy sand or muddy gravel shores
IR		INFRALITTORAL ROCK (and other hard substrata)
EIR		Exposed infralittoral rock
EIR.KFaR		Kelp with cushion fauna, foliose red seaweeds or coralline crusts (exposed rock)
EIR.KFaR	Ala	Alaria esculenta on sublittoral fringe bedrock

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EIR.KFaR	Ala.Ldig	Alaria esculenta and Laminaria digitata on exposed sublittoral fringe bedrock
EIR.KFaR	LhypR.Ft	Laminaria hyperborea forest with dense foliose red seaweeds on exposed upper infralittoral rock
EIR.KFaR	LsacSac	Laminaria saccharina and/or Saccorhiza polyschides on exposed infralittoral rock
EIR.KFaR	FoR	Foliose red seaweeds on exposed or moderately exposed lower infralittoral rock
EIR.SG		Robust faunal cushions and crusts (surge gullies & caves)
EIR.SG	SCAn	Sponge crusts and anemones on wave-surged vertical infralittoral rock
EIR.SG	SCAs	Sponge crusts and colonial ascidians on wave-surged vertical infralittoral rock
EIR.SG	SCAs.DenCla	Dendrodoa grossularia and Clathrina coriacea on wave-surged vertical infralittoral rock
MIR		Moderately exposed infralittoral rock
MIR.KR		Kelp with red seaweeds (moderately exposed rock)
MIR.KR	Ldig	<i>Laminaria digitata</i> on moderately exposed or tide-swept sublittoral fringe rock
MIR.KR	Ldig.Ldig	Laminaria digitata on moderately exposed sublittoral fringe rock
MIR.KR	Ldig,Ldig.Bo	Laminaria digitata and under-boulder fauna on sublittoral fringe boulders
MIR.KR	Ldig.T	Laminaria digitata ascidians and bryozoans on tide-swept sublittoral fringe rock
MIR.KR	Lhyp	Laminaria hyperborea and foliose red seaweeds on moderately exposed infralittoral rock
MIR.KR	Lhyp.Ft	Laminaria hyperborea forest and foliose red seaweeds on moderately exposed upper infralittoral rock
MIR.KR	Lhyp.Pk	Laminaria hyperborea park and foliose red seaweeds on moderately exposed lower infralittoral rock
MIR.KR	Lhyp.TFt	Laminaria hyperborea forest foliose red seaweeds and a diverse fauna on tide-swept upper infralittoral rock
MIR.KR	Lhyp.TPk	Laminaria hyperborea park with hydroids, bryozoans and sponges on tide-swept lower infralittoral rock
MIR.GzK		Grazed kelp with algal crusts
MIR.GzK	LhypGz	Grazed Laminaria hyperborea with coralline crusts on infralittoral rock
MIR.GzK	LhypGz.Ft	Grazed Laminaria hyperborea forest with coralline crusts on upper infralittoral rock
MIR.GzK	LhypGz.Pk	Grazed Laminaria hyperborea park with coralline crusts on lower infralittoral rock

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MIR.SedK		Sand or gravel-affected or disturbed kelp and seaweed communities
MIR.SedK	LsacChoR	Laminaria saccharina, Chorda filum and dense red seaweeds on shallow unstable infralittoral boulders and cobbles
MIR.SedK	XKScrR	Mixed kelps with scour-tolerant and opportunistic foliose red seaweeds on scoured or sand-covered infralittoral rock
MIR.SedK	EphR	Ephemeral red seaweeds and kelps on tide-swept mobile infralittoral cobbles
MIR.SedK	HalXK	Halidrys siliquosa and mixed kelps on tide-swept infralittoral rock with coarse sediment
SIR		Sheltered infralittoral rock
SIR.K		Silted kelp (stable rock)
SIR.K	LhypLsac	Mixed Laminaria hyperborea and Laminaria saccharina on sheltered infralittoral rock
SIR.K	LhypLsac.Ft	Mixed Laminaria hyperborea and Laminaria saccharina forest on sheltered upper infralittoral rock
SIR.K	LhypLsac.Pk	Mixed Laminaria hyperborea and Laminaria saccharina park on sheltered lower infralittoral rock
SIR.K	Lsac	Laminaria saccharina on very sheltered infralittoral rock
SIR.K	Lsac.Ldig	Laminaria saccharina and Laminaria digitata on sheltered sublittoral fringe rock
SIR.K	Lsac.Ft	Laminaria saccharina forest on very sheltered upper infralittoral rock
SIR.K	Lsac.Pk	Laminaria saccharina park on very sheltered lower infralittoral rock
SIR.K	Lsac.Cod	Sparse Laminaria saccharina with Codium spp. and sparse red scaweeds on heavily silted very sheltered infralittoral rock
SIR.K	EchBriCC	Echinus, brittlestars and coralline crusts on grazed lower infralittoral rock
SIR.K	LsacRS	Laminaria saccharina on reduced or low-salinity infralittoral rock
SIR.K	LsacRS.Psa	Laminaria saccharina and Psammechinus miliaris on reduced-salinity grazed infralittoral rock
SIR.K	LsacRS.Phy	Laminaria saccharina with Phyllophora spp. and filamentous green seaweeds on reduced or low-salinity infralittoral rock
SIR.K	Lsac.T	Laminaria saccharina, foliose red seaweeds, sponges & ascidians on tide-swept infralitoral rock
SIR.EstFa		Estuarine faunal communities (shallow rock/mixed substrata)
SIR.EstFa	MytT	Mytilus edulis beds on reduced-salinity tide-swept infralittoral rock

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SIR.Lag		Submerged fucoids, green and red seaweeds (lagoonal rock)
SIR.Lag	FchoG	Mixed fucoids, <i>Chorda filum</i> and green seaweeds on reduced-salinity infralittoral rock
SIR.Lag	PolFur	Polyides rotundus and/or Furcellaria lumbricalis on reduced- salinity infralittoral rock
		Infralittoral rock (other)
IR.FaSwV		Fauna and seaweeds (shallow vertical rock)
IR.FaSwV	AlcByH	Alcyonium digitatum and a bryozoan, hydroid and ascidian turf on moderately exposed vertical infralittoral rock
CR		CIRCALITTORAL ROCK (and other hard substrata)
ECR		Exposed circalittoral rock
ECR.EFa		Faunal crusts or short turfs (wave-exposed rock)
ECR.EFa	PomByC	<i>Pomatoceros triqueter, Balanus crenatus</i> and bryozoan crusts on mobile circalittoral cobbles and pebbles
ECR.Alc		Alcyonium-dominated communities (tide-swept/vertical)
ECR:Alc	AlcTub	Alcyonium digitatum with dense Tubularia indivisa and anemones on strongly tide-swept circalittoral rock
ECR.Alc	AlcC	Alcyonium digitatum, Pomatoceros triqueter, algal and bryozoan crusts on vertical exposed circalittoral rock
ECR.BS		Barnacle, cushion sponge and <i>Tubularia</i> communities (very tide- swept/wave-sheltered)
ECR.BS	BalHpan	Balanus crenatus and Tubularia indivisa on extremely tide- swept circalittoral rock
ECR.BS	HbowEud	Halichondria bowerbanki, Eudendrium arbusculum and Eucratea loricata on reduced-salinity tide-swept circalittoral mixed substrata
MCR		Moderately exposed circalittoral rock
MCR.XFa		Mixed faunal turfs (moderately exposed rock)
MCR.XFa	ErSSwi	Erect sponges and <i>Swiftia pallida</i> on slightly tide-swept moderately exposed circalittoral rock
MCR.ByH		Bryozoan/hydroid turfs (sand-influenced)
MCR.ByH	Flu	Flustra foliacea and other hydroid/bryozoan turf species on slightly scoured circalittoral rock or mixed substrata

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MCR.ByH	Flu.SerHyd	Sertularia argentea, Sertularia cupressina and Hydrallmania falcata on tide-swept circalittoral cobbles and pebbles
MCR.M		Mussel beds (open coast circalittoral rock/mixed substrata)
MCR.M	ModT	<i>Modiolus modiolus</i> beds with hydroids and red seaweeds on tide-swept circalittoral mixed substrata
MCR.Bri		Brittlestar beds
MCR.Bri	Oph	Ophiothrix fragilis and/or Ophiocomina nigra beds on slightly tide-swept circalittoral rock or mixed substrata
MCR.GzFa		Grazed fauna (moderately exposed or sheltered rock)
MCR.GzFa	FaAIC	Faunal and algal crusts, <i>Echinus esculentus</i> , sparse <i>Alcyonium digitatum</i> and grazing-tolerant fauna on moderately exposed circalittoral rock
SCR		Sheltered circalittoral rock
SCR.BrAs		Brachiopod and solitary ascidian communities (sheltered rock)
SCR.BrAs	AntAsH	Antedon spp., solitary ascidians and fine hydroids on sheltered circalittoral rock
SCR.BrAs	SubSoAs	Suberites spp. and other sponges with solitary ascidians on very sheltered circalittoral rock
SCR.BrAs	AmenCio	Solitary ascidians, including Ascidia mentula and Ciona intestinalis, on very sheltered circalittoral rock
SCR.BrAs	Aasp	Ascidiella aspersa on sheltered circalittoral rocks on muddy sediment
SCR.BrAs	NeoPro	Neocrania anomala and Protanthea simplex on very sheltered circalittoral rock
SCR.BrAs	NeoPro.CaTw	Brachiopods, calcareous tubeworms ( <i>Placostegus tridentatus,</i> <i>Hydroides</i> spp.) and sponges on variable-salinity circalittoral rock
SCR.BrAs	NeoPro.Den	Neocrania anomala, Dendrodoa grossularia and Sarcodictyon roseum on reduced or low-salinity circalittoral rock
SCR.Mod		Sheltered Modiolus (horse-mussel) beds
SCR.Mod	ModHAs	<i>Modiolus modiolus</i> beds with fine hydroids and large solitary ascidians on very sheltered circalittoral mixed substrata
		Circalittoral rock (other)
CR.FaV		Faunal turfs (deep vertical rock)
CR.FaV	Ant	Antedon bifida and a bryozoan/hydroid turf on steep or vertical circalittoral rock

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SS		SUBLITTORAL SEDIMENTS
IGS		Infralittoral gravels and sands
IGS.Mrl		Maerl beds (open coast/clean sediments)
IGS.Mrl	Phy	<i>Phymatolithon calcareum</i> maerl beds in infralittoral clean gravel or coarse sand
IGS.Mrl	Phy.R	<i>Phymatolithon calcareum</i> maerl beds with red seaweeds in shallow infralittoral clean gravel or coarse sand
IGS.Mrl	Phy.HEc	<i>Phymatolithon calcareum</i> maerl beds with hydroids and echinoderms in deeper infralittoral clean gravel or coarse sand
IGS.Mrl	Lgla	<i>Lithothamnion glaciale</i> maerl beds in tide-swept variable- salinity infralittoral gravel
IGS.FaG		Shallow gravel faunal communities
IGS.FaG	HalEdw	Halcampa chrysanthellum and Edwardsia timida on sublittoral clean stone gravel
IGS.FaG	Sell	Spisula elliptica and venerid bivalves in infralittoral clean sand or shell-gravel
IGS.FaS		Shallow sand faunal communities
IGS.FaS	Mob	Sparse fauna in marine infralittoral mobile clean sand
IGS.FaS	Lcon	Dense <i>Lanice conchilega</i> and other polychaetes in tide-swept infralittoral sand
IGS.FaS	ScupHyd	Sertularia cupressina and Hydrallmania falcata on tide-swept sublittoral cobbles or pebbles in coarse sand
IGS.FaS	FabMag	Fabulina fabula and Magelona mirabilis with venerid bivalves in infralittoral compacted fine sand
CGS		Circalittoral gravels and sands
CGS	Ven	Venerid bivalves in circalittoral coarse sand or gravel
CGS	Ven.Neo	Neopentadactyla mixta and venerid bivalves in circalittoral shell-gravel or coarse sand
IMS		Infralittoral muddy sands
IMS.Sgr		Seagrass beds (sublittoral/lower shore)
IMS.Sgr	Zmar	Zostera marina/angustifolia beds in lower shore or infralittoral clean or muddy sand
IMS.Sgr	Rup	Ruppia maritima in reduced-salinity infralittoral muddy sand

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IMS		Shallow muddy sand faunal communities
IMS	EcorEns	<i>Echinocardium cordatum</i> and <i>Ensis</i> sp. in lower shore or shallow sublittoral muddy fine sand
CMS		Circalittoral muddy sands
CMS	AfilEcor	Amphiura filiformis and Echinocardium cordatum in circalittoral clean or slightly muddy sand
CMS	VirOph	Virgularia mirabilis and Ophiura spp. on circalittoral sandy or shelly mud
CMS	VirOph.HAs	Virgularia mirabilis and Ophiura spp. with hydroids and ascidians on circalittoral sandy or shelly mud with shells or stones
CMS	Ser	Serpula vermicularis reefs on very sheltered circalittoral muddy sand
IMU		Infralittoral muds
IMU.Ang		Angiosperm communities (lagoons)
IMU.Ang	NVC A12	Potamogeton pectinatus community
IMU.MarMu		Shallow marine mud communities
IMU.MarMu	AreSyn	Arenicola marina and synaptid holothurians in extremely shallow soft mud
IMU.MarMu	PhiVir	<i>Philine aperta</i> and <i>Virgularia mirabilis</i> in soft stable infralittoral mud
IMU.MarMu	Ocn	Ocnus planci aggregations on sheltered sublittoral muddy sediment
IMU	LagMu	Sublittoral lagoonal mud communities
		Shallow typically anoxic muddy sediments in areas of reduced, although stable, salinity (the salinity may vary annually). The sediment supports largely ephemeral faunal communities characterised by lugworm <i>Arenicola marina</i> and blue-green algae, together with other species, including shore crabs <i>Carcinus maenas</i> , mysid shrimps and tubificid oligochaetes, which commonly occur in lagoons.
CMU		Circalittoral muds
CMU	SpMeg	Sea-pens and burrowing megafauna in circalittoral soft mud
CMU	SpMeg.Fun	Sea-pens, including <i>Funiculina quadrangularis</i> , and burrowing megafauna in undisturbed circalittoral soft mud
CMU	Beg	Beggiatoa spp. on anoxic sublittoral mud

Higher code	Biotope code	Biotope
IMX		Infralittoral mixed sediments
IMX.KSwMx		Laminaria saccharina (sugar kelp) and filamentous seaweeds (mixed sediment)
IMX.KSw	LsacX	Laminaria saccharina, Chorda filum and filamentous red seaweeds on sheltered infralittoral sediment
IMX.KSw	Tra	Mats of Trailliella on infralittoral muddy gravel
IMX.KSw	Pcri	Loose-lying mats of <i>Phyllophora crispa</i> on infralittoral muddy sediment
IMX.KSw	FiG	Filamentous green seaweeds on low-salinity infralittoral mixed sediment or rock
IMX.MrlMx		Maerl beds (muddy mixed sediments)
IMX.MrlMx	Lcor	Lithothamnion corallioides maerl beds on infralittoral muddy gravel
IMX.Oy		Oyster beds
IMX.Oy	Ost	Ostrea edulis beds on shallow sublittoral muddy sediment
IMX.FaMx		Shallow mixed sediment faunal communities
IMX.FaMx	VsenMtru	Venerupis senegalensis and Mya truncata in lower shore or infralittoral muddy gravel
IMX.FaMx	Lim	<i>Limaria hians</i> beds in tide-swept sublittoral muddy mixed sediment
CMX		Circalittoral mixed sediments
СМХ	ModHo	Sparse <i>Modiolus modiolus</i> , dense <i>Cerianthus lloydii</i> and burrowing holothurians on sheltered circalittoral stones and mixed sediment

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# Appendix B

# Biotopes recorded in each area

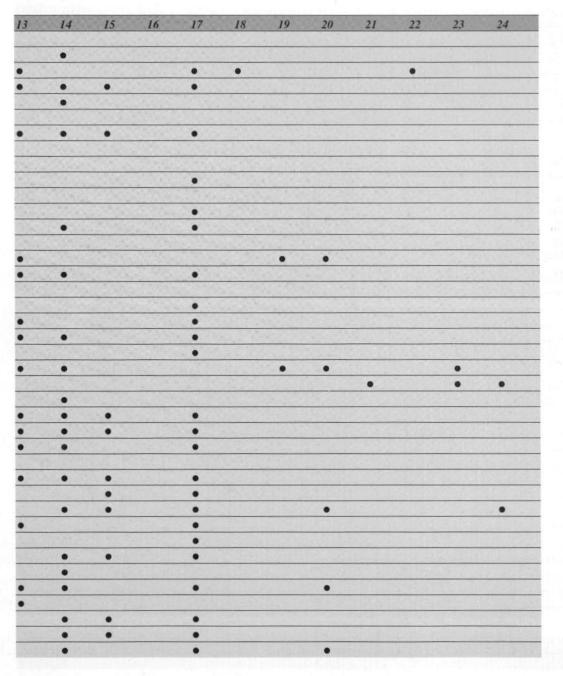
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Numbers refer to the area summaries as follows:

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2	Loch Gruinart	8	Loch Craignish
3	Loch Tarbert, Jura	9	Loch Melfort
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6	Loch Sween	12	Loch Creran

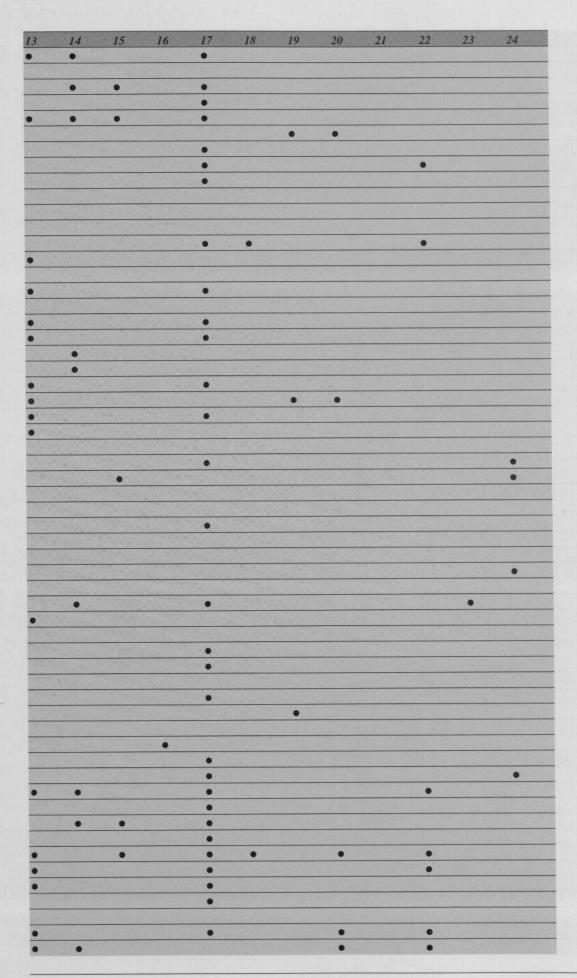
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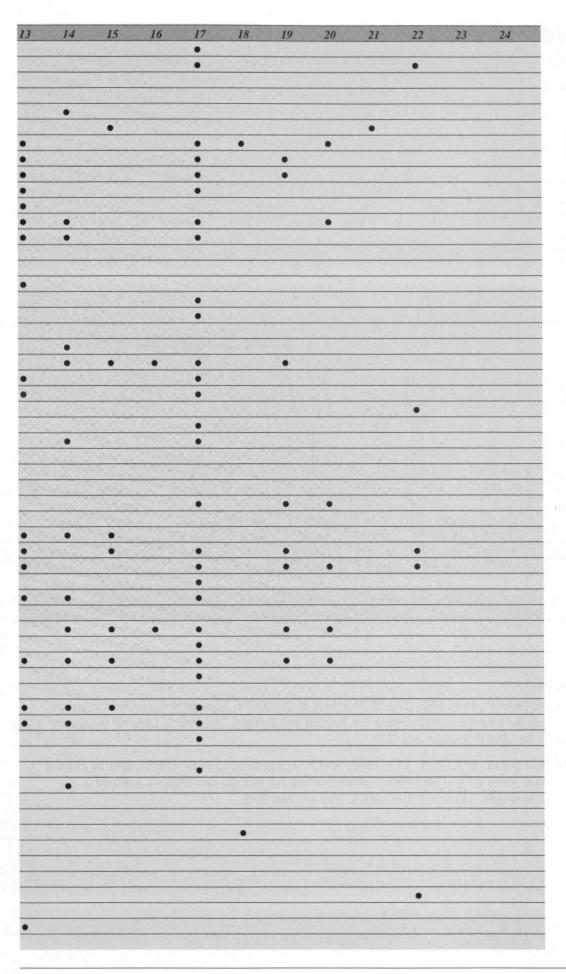
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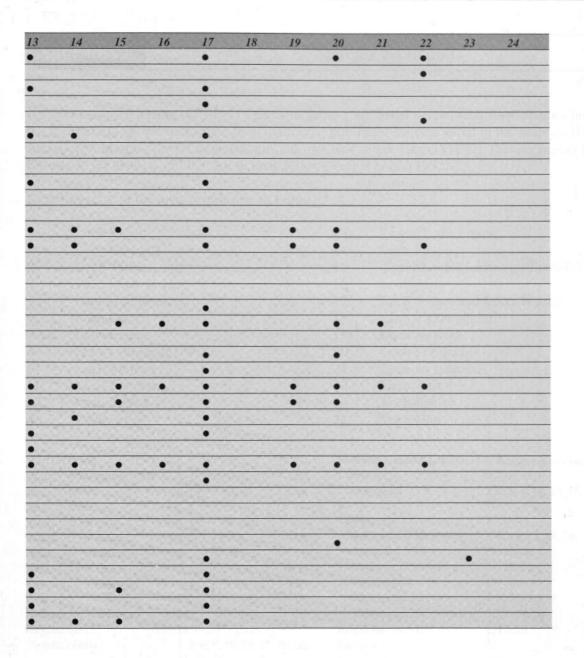


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# Appendix C

# **Species recorded**

All taxa recorded during the surveys given in Table 1 are listed below; records of species noted in the text but not shown here come from additional published sources noted in the individual area summaries. Marine species nomenclature follows Howson & Picton (1997); that for higher plants follows Stace (1991), and that for lichens follows Purvis *et al.* (1992).

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Numbers refer to the area summaries as follows:\*

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PROTOZOA		Polymastia mamillaris	3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, 16, 17, 20
Haliphysema tumanowiczi	1	Cliona sp.	6, 17
Foraminifera	6, 13	Cliona celata	3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18,
PORIFERA	3, 4, 6, 8, 17		20
Clathrina sp.	6, 24	Axinella damicornis	7
Clathrina coriacea	1, 6, 7, 13, 17	Axinella infundibuliformis	7, 8, 13, 17, 19, 20
Clathrina lacunosa	8	Axinella dissimilis	13, 17, 20
Leucosolenia sp.	3, 6, 8, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24	Phakellia ventilabrum	13, 17, 20
Leucosolenia botryoides	1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 17,	Stelligera rigida	17
	18, 19, 22	Stelligera stuposa	7, 8, 13, 17, 20
Leucosolenia variabilis	12	Raspailia hispida	7, 13, 17, 20
Scypha sp.	18	Raspailia ramosa	7, 17, 20
Scypha ciliata	1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 17, 18, 20,	Eurypon sp.	20
	21, 22, 24	Hymeraphia stellifera	20
Scypha coronata	6	Halichondria sp.	1, 6, 8
Leuconia sp.	6	Halichondria bowerbanki	3, 6, 8, 11, 17, 20
Leuconia nivea	1	Halichondria panicea	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13,
Leuconia pumila	6		14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22,
Grantia compressa	1, 3, 6, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21,	Scheberghe Area	23, 24
	22, 24	Hymeniacidon sp.	6
PORIFERA		Hymeniacidon perleve	3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 13, 17
Oscarella lobularis	6, 11, 12, 20	Hymeniacidon sanguinea	3, 6, 18, 2, 20, 22
Pachymatisma johnstonia	1, 7, 8, 11, 13, 17, 18	Rhaphidostyla kitchingi	6
Tethya aurantium	6	Ulosa digitata	3, 19
Suberites sp.	6, 8, 13, 15	Mycale sp.	5, 6, 12, 17, 20
Suberites carnosus	3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13,	Mycale contarenii	4, 6, 17
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Suberites ficus	3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14,	Mycale lobata	- 11
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Pseudosuberites sulphureus	6	Mycale similaris	4
Prosuberites epiphytum	6	Esperiopsis fucorum	1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15,
Polymastia	6		17, 18, 20, 22, 24
Polymastia boletiformis	3, 6, 7, 8, 13, 17, 19, 20	Myxilla sp.	1, 6, 17

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		Cryptosula pallasiana	6
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Dendrodoa grossularia	3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 1, 10, 11, 12, 13,	Centrolabrus exoletus	
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Botryllus schlosseri	1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22	Crenilabrus melops Ctenolabrus rupestris	4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 17, 20 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 17, 18,

Labrus bergylta Labrus mixtus Lipophrys pholis 8.22 6 Parablennius gattorugine 4,7 Chirolophis ascanii Lumpenus lumpretaeformis Zoarces viviparus 14 Pholis gunnellus Ammodytes Ammodytes marinus 6 Callionymus Callionymus lyra Callionymus reticulatus Gobiidae Buenia jeffreysii 15 Gobius 15 Gobius niger Gobius paganellus 13 Gobiusculus flavescens Lesueurigobius friesii 20 Pomatoschistus Pomatoschistus microps 6 Pomatoschistus minutus Pomatoschistus pictus 22 Thorogobius ephippiatus 20 Scomber scombrus 17 PISCES Phrynorhombus norvegicus Phrynorhombus regius Zeugopterus punctatus Pleuronectidae Hippoglossoides platessoides 11 Limanda limanda Microstomus kitt 20 Platichthys flesus 6.11 Pleuronectes platessa Alcidae 6 ALGAE **CYANOPHYCOTA** 6 Oscillatoria rosea Beggiatoa Blue-green algae RHODOPHYCOTA Porphyropsis coccinea 14 Bangia atropurpurea Porphyra

Porphyra miniata

Porphyra umbilicalis

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Audouinella 3, 6, 7, 11, 15, 16, 17 Rhodothamniella floridula 3, 6, 17 Audouinella membranacea 1 Audouinella purpurea 7 Audouinella virgatula 13 Nemalion helminthoides 5.6 6 Scinaia Scinaia trigona 3, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 20 Asparagopsis armata 6,17 (Falkenbergia) 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, Bonnemaisonia asparagoides 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 Bonnemaisonia hamifera 6.17 Trailliella intricata 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22 Gelidium 14, 19, 22 3, 6, 7, 11, 22 Gelidium latifolium Gelidium pusillum 3, 6, 13, 17 Palmaria palmata 1, 6, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 24 Rhodophysema elegans 3 Rhodophysema georgii 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, Dilsea carnosa 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22 8.18 Dudresnava verticillata 3, 6, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, Dumontia contorta 22.24 Grateloupia filicina 3, 6, 18, 19 8, 13, 15 Callophyllis cristata 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, Callophyllis laciniata 18, 20, 22 Kallymenia reniformis 3, 8, 13, 17, 18 Meredithia microphylla 1,8 Gloiosiphonia capillaris 1, 3, 13 3, 13, 22 Peyssonnelia Peyssonnelia dubyi 3 Hildenbrandia 3, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 17 Hildenbrandia rubra Corallinaceae 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Corallina 1.6 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 18, Corallina officinalis 19, 20, 21, 22, 24 6 Hydrolithon Lithophyllum 6 Lithophyllum incrustans 6.17 1, 3, 6, 8, 17, 19 Lithothamnion Lithothamnion corallioides 3, 4, 17, 21 Lithothamnion glaciale 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 17, 20, 21 Mesophyllum lichenoides 6 Phymatolithon calcareum 3, 4, 6, 12, 13, 17, 18, 21 Phymatolithon lenormandii 6,14 6 Pneophyllum fragile 1,3 Titanoderma pustulatum 1,6 Maerl indet Gracilaria 6 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 17, 18, Gracilaria gracilis 20, 22 8 Schmitzia hiscockiana

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#### MNCR Sector 13. Sealochs in west Scotland

Ahnfeltia plicata Gymnogongrus crenulatus Phyllophora Phyllophora crispa

Phyllophora pseudoceranoides Phyllophora sicula Erythrodermis traillii Coccotylus truncata

Schottera nicaeensis Mastocarpus stellatus

Chondrus crispus

Polyideaceae Polyides rotundus

Plocamium cartilagineum

Furcellaria lumbricalis Halarachnion ligulatum

Catenella caespitosa Calliblepharis ciliata Calliblepharis jubata Cystoclonium purpureum

Rhodophyllis Rhodophyllis divaricata

Cruoria Cruoria pellita Haemescharia Cordylecladia erecta Rhodymenia delicatula Rhodymenia pseudopalmata Rhodymenia ardissonei Chylocladia verticillata

Gastroclonium ovatum Lomentaria articulata

Lomentaria clavellosa Lomentaria orcadensis CERAMIALES

Antithamnion Antithamnion cruciatum Antithamnionella spirographidis Callithamnion Aglaothamnion bipinnatum Aglaothamnion byssoides Callithamnion corymbosum Aglaothamnion hookeri Callithamnion tetragonum Ceramium

Ceramium ciliatum Ceramium deslongchampii 6

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Ceramium diaphanum 17 Ceramium nodulosum Ceramium shuttleworthianum 6 Ceramium strictum Compsothamnion thuyoides Griffithsia 6 Griffithsia corallinoides Halurus flosculosus Monosporus pedicellatus 6 Pleonosporium borreri Plumaria plumosa Pterothamnion plumula Ptilota gunneri 6 Ptilothamnion pluma Seirospora 6 Seirospora seirosperma Spermothamnion repens Sphondylothamnion 6 multifidum Acrosorium reptans Acrosorium venulosum Apoglossum ruscifolium Cryptopleura ramosa Delesseria sanguinea Hypoglossum hypoglossoides Membranoptera alata Haraldiophyllum Haraldiophyllum bonnemaisonii Nitophyllum punctatum Phycodrys rubens Erythroglossum laciniatum Dasva Heterosiphonia plumosa Brongniartella byssoides Chondria dasyphylla Osmundea hybrida Laurencia obtusa Osmundea pinnatifida Odonthalia dentata Polysiphonia Polysiphonia atlantica Polysiphonia brodiei

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Polysiphonia elongata

Polysiphonia fibrata Polysiphonia lanosa Polysiphonia nigra Polysiphonia fucoides Polysiphonia stricta Polysiphonia violacea Pterosiphonia parasitica Rhodomela Rhodomela confervoides Rhodomela lycopodioides Filamentous red algae Foliose red algae Rhodophycota indet.(noncalc.crusts) Diatoms - colonial Diatoms - film CHROMOPHYCOTA Ectocarpaceae Pilayella littoralis Pseudolithoderma Pseudolithoderma extensum Elachista Elachista fucicola Halothrix lumbricalis Leathesia difformis Spermatochnus paradoxus Stilophora Stilophora tenella Acrothrix gracilis Chordaria flagelliformis Cladosiphon zosterae Eudesme virescens Mesogloia Mesogloia vermiculata

Myriocladia lovenii

Sauvageaugloia

Cutleria multifida

Aglaozonia (Asexual

Sphacelaria cirrosa

Sphacelaria plumosa

Sphacelaria plumula

Cladostephus spongiosus

Sporochnus pedunculatus

Halopteris filicina

Dictyota dichotoma

Taonia atomaria

Cutleria)

Sphacelaria

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Desmarestia Desmarestia aculeata 20, 22 Desmarestia dresnayi 8,18 Desmarestia ligulata 1, 13, 17 Desmarestia viridis Arthrocladia villosa Leblondiella densa Stictyosiphon 4,8 9 Stictvosiphon tortilis Striaria attenuata 6 Asperococcus Asperococcus compressus Asperococcus fistulosus Asperococcus bullosus Litosiphon pusillus 6 Dictyosiphon Dictyosiphon chordaria 6 Dictyosiphon foeniculaceus 6,20 Scytosiphonaceae 17 Colpomenia peregrina Petalonia fascia 3 Scytosiphon lomentaria 22 LAMINARIALES Chorda Chorda filum 22, 24 Laminaria 20, 21Laminaria digitata Laminaria hyperborea Laminaria saccharina Saccorhiza polyschides Alaria esculenta Fucaceae Ascophyllum nodosum 24 Ascophyllum nodosum mackaii Fucus Fucus ceranoides Fucus cottonii Fucus serratus Fucus spiralis Fucus vesiculosus 24 Pelvetia canaliculata

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Himanthalia elongata	6, 17, 18, 20, 22	Codium fragile subsp.	6, 13, 20
Cystoseira	6	atlanticum	A Low A Company which the second
Cystoseira tamariscifolia	20	Codium fragile subsp.	6
Halidrys siliquosa	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 16,	tomentosoides	6
	17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24	Codium tomentosum	0
Filamentous brown algae	3, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17	Encrusting green algae	13
Chromophycota indet.(crusts,	3, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 14, 17, 22	Filamentous green algae	3, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 17
Foliose brown algae	6	Foliose green algae	6
CHLOROPHYCOTA	7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 17	Vaucheria	3, 6, 24
Enteromorpha	1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13,	ANGIOSPERMAE	
	14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22,	Zostera	6, 8, 24
	23, 24	Zostera marina	1, 6, 8, 12, 17
Enteromorpha compressa	8, 13, 14	Zostera noltii	3, 4, 6, 17
Enteromorpha intestinalis	6, 15, 17	Ruppia	6
Enteromorpha linza	3	Ruppia maritima	6
Enteromorpha prolifera	17	Armeria	6
Ulva	1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14,	Armeria maritima	6, 13, 15
	15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23	Potamogeton	6
Ulva lactuca	6, 7, 8, 13, 14	LICHENS	
Blidingia	6	Anaptychia fusca	3, 6, 13, 14, 15, 17
Blidingia minima	7	Arthropyrenia halodytes	17
Prasiola	6	Caloplaca	6, 14
Prasiola stipitata	6, 12, 14, 15	Caloplaca marina	3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17
Urospora	14	Caloplaca thallincola	6, 13, 14, 17
Spongomorpha	10, 13	Lecanora	6, 13, 14, 17
Spongomorpha arcta	3, 17, 24	Lecanora atra	3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17
Chaetomorpha	3, 6	Lichina confinis	3, 6, 13, 14, 17
Chaetomorpha melagonium	1, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17	Lichina pygmaea	3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 17, 18, 20, 22
Cladophora	3, 6, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18	Ochrolechia	6
Cladophora pellucida	1, 6	Ochrolechia parella	3, 11, 14, 17
Cladophora rupestris	3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17,	Ramalina	3, 4, 6, 13, 14, 15, 17
	18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24	Ramalina siliquosa	3, 6, 13
Bryopsis hypnoides	6, 12, 13, 15, 17	Verrucaria	6
Bryopsis plumosa	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18	Verrucaria maura	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17
Derbesia	17	Verrucaria mucosa	3, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17
Derbesia marina	6	Xanthoria parietina	3, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17
Derbesia marina (Halicystis)	17, 20	Grey lichens	3, 6, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17
Codium	4, 6, 12, 17	Lecanora gangaleoides	3
Codium fragile	3, 6, 17	Lecanora gangateolaes	5

# Biotope key to be used in conjunction with biotope distribution maps

MLR1 lower shore) (MytB, BPat, Fser.R, Ala.Ldig) MLR1 Moderately exposed or steep sheltered littoral rock Fser.Fser, Ldig.Ldig)	cles (sometimes with fucoids and foliose red algae on
MLR1 Moderately exposed or steep sheltered littoral rock Fser.Fser, Ldig.Ldig) MLR2 Moderately exposed littoral boulders on muddy gra Lsac.Ldig, VsenMtru)	with homestar and function (D-1D, DD-1 C,, D
MLR2 Moderately exposed littoral boulders on muddy gra Lsac.Ldig, VsenMtru)	with barnacies and fucoids (PeiB, BPat.Sem, Eves,
	rel and stones with fucoids (Fser.Fser.Bo, Ldig.Ldig.Bo,
	R)
	e fucoids, often with barnacles on steeper rock faces
(Asc, Fves, Fser, BPat)	interior and children on steeper rook facto
	avel shores subject to moderate tidal streams (AscX,
SLR3 Littoral very reduced salinity boulders and cobbles	with amphipods (FX)
	lowered salinity with fucoids (Pel, Fspi, Fves, Asc.VS,
SLR5 Tide-swept littoral rock with fucoids, ascidians and	sponges (Asc T Fserr T)
SLR6 Sheltered tide-swept littoral and sublittoral fringe n	
SLR9 Littoral mixed substrata of boulders and muddy gra	
SLR12 Sheltered littoral stone, gravel and sediment shores, (MytX) and bivalves (MacAre)	
SLR14 Littoral mixed sediment with pebbles and cobbles w	ith Asconhyllum nodosum f. mackaii bed
SLR15 Sheltered littoral rock – unsurveyed (SLR)	in the optimite and obtain it interest over
LGS1 Littoral gravel and/or sand (LGS)	
LGS3 Moderately exposed littoral sand with some pebbles	(Lan)
LGS6 Littoral sand and muddy gravel with polychaetes an	
LMS1 Littoral muddy sand with bivalve and polychaete co	
LMS2 Littoral muddy sand with Zostera noltii (Znol)	
LMU1 Saltmarsh (Sm, NVC SM8)	
LMU2 Very sheltered littoral muddy sand with Hediste div	ersicolor and Macoma balthica (HedMacMx)
LMU3 Reduced-salinity littoral soft mud (HedScr)	
LMU6 Littoral mud (LMU)	
LMX2 Littoral mixed sediment with pebbles and cobbles (	
EIR6 Exposed infralittoral fringe gullies with Dendroda a	
MIR1 Moderately exposed infralittoral rock with Laminar foliose red algae (Lhyp.Ft, Lhyp.PK, LhypCape)	
MIR2 Tide-swept infralittoral rock with Laminaria hyperb digitata) (Lhyp.TFt, Lhyp.TPk, Ldig.T)	orea and dense foliose algae (sometimes also Laminaria
MIR3 Sand-scoured infralittoral rock and mobile substrata	with kelp and scour-tolerant algae (XKScrR, EphR)
MIR4 Infralittoral rock outcrops with Laminaria hyperbor	ea and Halidrys siliquosa (HalXk)
MIR8 Moderately exposed infralittoral rock with grazed I	
kelp and seaweed communities (Lhyp.TFt, Lhyp.TI	
MIR+SIR Sheltered infralittoral rock with Laminaria hyperbo (LhypLsac.Ft)	
SIR1 Moderately exposed or sheltered infralittoral bedro Laminaria saccharina (Lsac)	k with either mixed Laminaria spp. (LhypLsac.Ft) or
SIR2 Tide-swept infralittoral rock with Laminaria saccha	rina, sponges and ascidians (Lsac.T, XKT)
	charina, sparse red algae and Psammechinus miliaris
SIR7 Sheltered infralittoral rock with the cape form of L	
SIR8 Moderately exposed sublittoral fringe boulders on a Mesophyllum lichenoides and an algal turf (Lsac.C	od)
SIR9 Sheltered sublittoral reduced-salinity mixed substra	ta with fucoid algae (FChoG)
SIR10 Sheltered, grazed infralittoral rock in slightly reduc Psammechinus miliaris (LsacRS.Psa)	ed salinity, with Laminaria saccharina and
SIR11 Sheltered infralittoral reduced-salinity rock with La green seaweeds (LsacRS.Phy)	minaria saccharina, Phyllophora spp. and filamentous
ECR1 Tide-swept sheltered circalittoral rock with Balanus diaphanum (BalHpan) or mixed hard substrata with Eudendrium arbusculum (HbowEud)	
ECR4 Tide-exposed circalittoral cliffs with rich faunal tur (FaV)	fs of sponges, hydroids, bryozoans and anthozoans
ECR6 Circalittoral pebbles and cobbles with sparse fauna	(PomByC)
MCR2 Tide-swept cobble and pebble plains with bryozoar	
MCR9 Sheltered circalittoral mixed sediment and rock wit	
MCR10 Circalittoral rock with sparse fauna, encrusting alg	
MCR11 Tide-swept Modiolus beds (ModT)	
MCR12 Moderately exposed circalittoral rock with Swiftia (ErSSwi, AlcTub, AlcC)	pallida and a turf of sponges, bryozoans and hydroids
MCR13 Moderately exposed circalittoral rock (MCR)	
SCR1 Sheltered circalittoral rock with barnacles, sponges sediment with ascidians (Aasp)	and ascidians (SubSoAs) or with stones and shells on

Code	Description
SCR2	Very sheltered circalittoral rock, variously with brachiopods, anthozoans and ascidians (NeoPro, AmenCio AntAsH)
SCR4	Moderately exposed to sheltered steep bedrock and boulders on sediment with ascidians and hydroids (AntAsh)
SCR5	Sheltered sublittoral reduced-salinity mixed hard substrata with ascidians (AmenCio)
SCR7	Circalittoral rock, unclassified (SCR)
IGS1	Infralittoral gravel and sand with maerl beds (Phy, Phy.R, MrlMx, Mrl)
IGS2	Circalittoral cobble, pebble and gravel with hydroids and barnacles and burrowing anemones (HalEdw)
IGS4	Infralittoral fine sand – undefined but probably with Zostera beds
IGS8	Infralittoral coarse sand, occasional maerl (IGS)
IGS10	Infralittoral sand with Lanice conchilega (Lcon)
IGS8+CGS4	Coarse sand and gravel (IGS, CGS)
CGS1	Circalittoral shell-gravel with Neopentadactyla mixta (VenNeo)
IMS1	Infralittoral and/or lower shore sediment with Zostera marina beds (Zmar)
IMS2	Sublittoral fine sand with Echinocardium and Ensis spp. (EcorEns)
IMS3	Infralittoral fine sand or muddy sand usually with Ensis spp. and Echinocardium cordatum (EcorEns)
IMS5	Sublittoral sand with shell fragments (IMS, FaMS)
IMS8	Saline lagoon with Ruppia spp.
MS+IMX	Sublittoral muddy sand (LsacX, FaMx, FaMs)
MS5+IMX9	Infralittoral mixed sediment or stones - undefined (IMX) and muddy sand - undefined (IMS)
CMS3	Circalittoral shelly and sandy mud with Virgularia mirabilis and Turritella communis (VirOph,
	VirOph.HAs)
CMS4	Medium fine sand (CMS)
CMS5	Serpula vermicularis reefs (Ser)
IMU5	Sublittoral soft mud and stones with dense Ocnus planci (Ocn)
IMU6	Shallow sublittoral mud – undefined
IMU8	Sublittoral soft mud with dense Arenicola marina, terebellids and Leptosynapta spp. (AreSyn)
IMU9	Sublittoral soft stable mud with Philine aperta and Sagartiogeton spp. (PhiVir)
MU10	Sublittoral soft reduced-salinity mud with polychaetes (LagMu)
CMU1	Circalittoral soft mud with sea-pens and burrowing megafauna (SpMeg)
CMU8	Sublittoral anoxic mud with Beggiatoa (Beg)
CMU9	Circalittoral mud with pebbles, gravel and shell debris (CMU)
CMU10	Circalittoral soft mud with Funiculina quadrangularis and burrowing megafauna (SpMeg.Fun)
IMX1 IMX3	Infralittoral mixed sediment with Laminaria saccharina, Chorda filum and filamentous algae (LsacX) Ostrea edulis beds (Ost)
IMX4	Infralittoral mixed sediment with faunal communities (VSenMtru)
IMX7	Sublittoral tide-swept mixed sediment with Limaria hians (Lim)
IMX9	Infralittoral mixed sediment (IMX)
IMX10	Infralittoral mixed sediment with algal mats of Trailliella (Tra)
IMX10 IMX12	Infralittoral muddy sand with shells and stones with Laminaria saccharina and a dense cover of seasonal
	filamentous green algae (FiG)
IMX13	Mussel culture
CMX1	Tide-swept cobble, pebble and sediment plains (CMX)
CMX3	Sheltered sublittoral mixed sediments with Modiolus modiolus and ascidians (ModHo, ModHAs)

ELR1	SLR15	MIR2	SIR11	SCR5	IMS8	CMU9
MLR1	LGS1	MIR3	ECR1	SCR7	IMS+IMX	CMU10
MLR2	LGS3	MIR4	ECR4	IGS1	IMS5+IMX9	IMX1
MLR10	LGS6	MIR8	ECR6	IGS2	CMS3	IMX3
SLR1	LMS1	MIR9	MCR2	IGS4	CMS4	IMX4
SLR2	LMS2	MIR+SIR	MCR9	IGS8	××× CMS5	IMX7
SLR3	LMU1	SIR1	MCR10	IGS10	IMU5	IMX9
SLR4	LMU2	SIR2	MCR11	IGS8+CGS4	IMU6	IMX10
SLR5	LMU3	SIR6	MCR12	CGS1	IMU8	IMX12
SLR6	LMU6	SIR7	MCR13	IMS1	IMU9	IMX13
SLR9	LMX2	SIR8	SCR1	IMS2	IMU10	CMX1
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SLR14	MIR1	SIR10	SCR4	IMS5	:::: CMU8	