

RECORDING Our Coastal Biodiversity

Explore Your Shore! is a citizen science project run by the National Biodiversity Data Centre

Ireland has 3,171 km of coastline and yet we have relatively few records of intertidal and coastal marine species.

Explore Your Shore! is a citizen science project funded by the Environmental Protection Agency focused on exploring the potential of intertidal and coastal species as bio-indicators of water quality and climate change.

We are looking for volunteers like YOU to take some time to Explore Your Shore! and help us increase our knowledge of the distribution of our intertidal species.

www.ExploreYourShore.ie

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We have four surveys for you to take part in.



Seashore Spotter

Is our entry level survey designed to collect casual species records from anyone who is out and about on our coastline



The Big Beach Biodiversity Survey

Conduct a timed survey, recording bivalve shells and other flotsam cast up on the tide



Seashore Snapshots

Monitor sessile species on our coastline using digital photography



Rocky Shore Safari

Conduct a timed survey for intertidal species on our rocky shores

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Take part in one of our partner surveys! - check out ExploreYourShore.ie for details



Survey Tips!

- Start your survey 2hrs before low tide
- Bring your ID book or swatch!
- Ask for help on ID on our Facebook page!
- Don't forget to take an ID photo!

Remember to take a good species record shot!

- get as close as you can to your subject
- make sure your photo is in focus and well-lit
- please take a photo of enough of the animal or plant to enable us to identify it! (for most species this will be a photo of the entire animal, however for seaweeds a close-up of a section of the algae showing details of the frond is preferable)



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