

A Treasure Trove of Imagery

- Open Access Seabed Data from **UK Offshore Waters**





JNCC – who we are

JNCC provide evidence and advice to the UK Government and devolved administrations on nature conservation and are sponsored by

JNCC collaboratively carry out surveys in UK offshore waters (>12nm from shore) with partners including





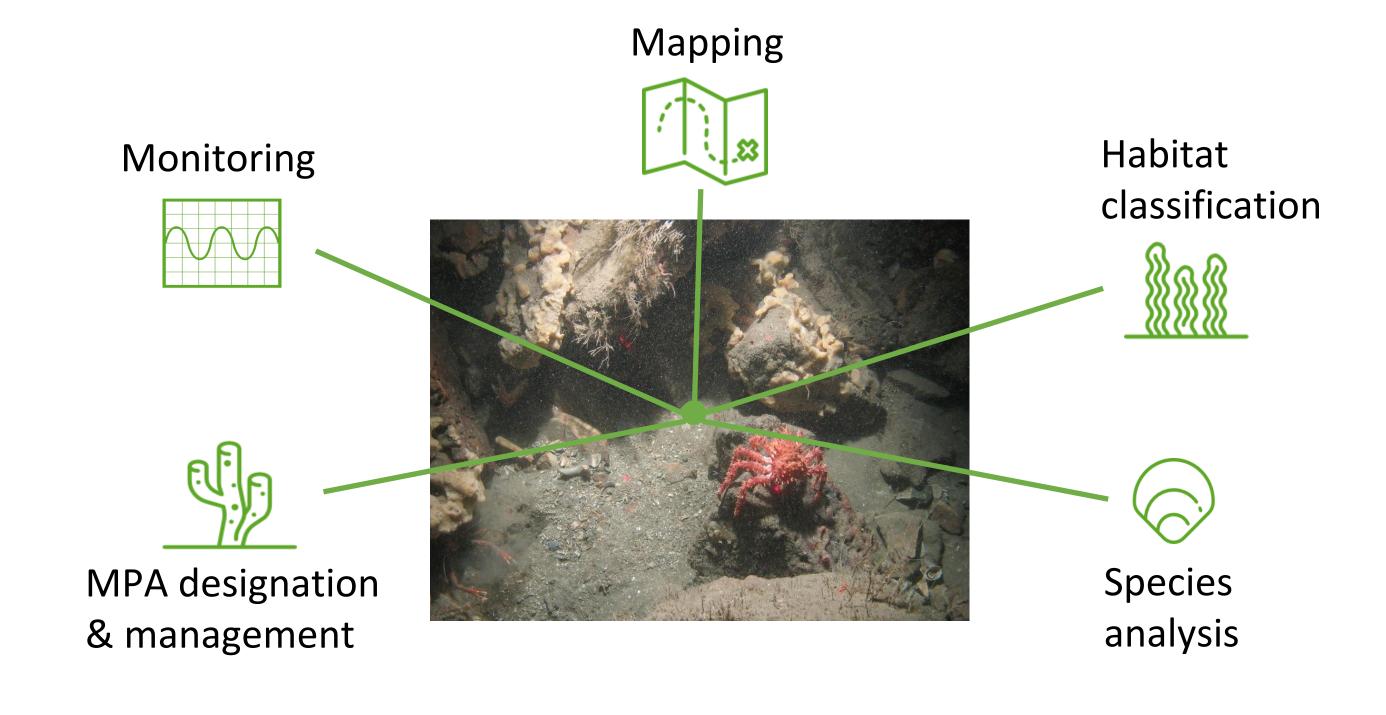




JNCC gather evidence on seabed species and habitats. We collect a wide range of benthic data including acoustics, grabs and, of course, video and still imagery

Imagery – how we use it

The imagery data we collect support our work in a variety of areas including...



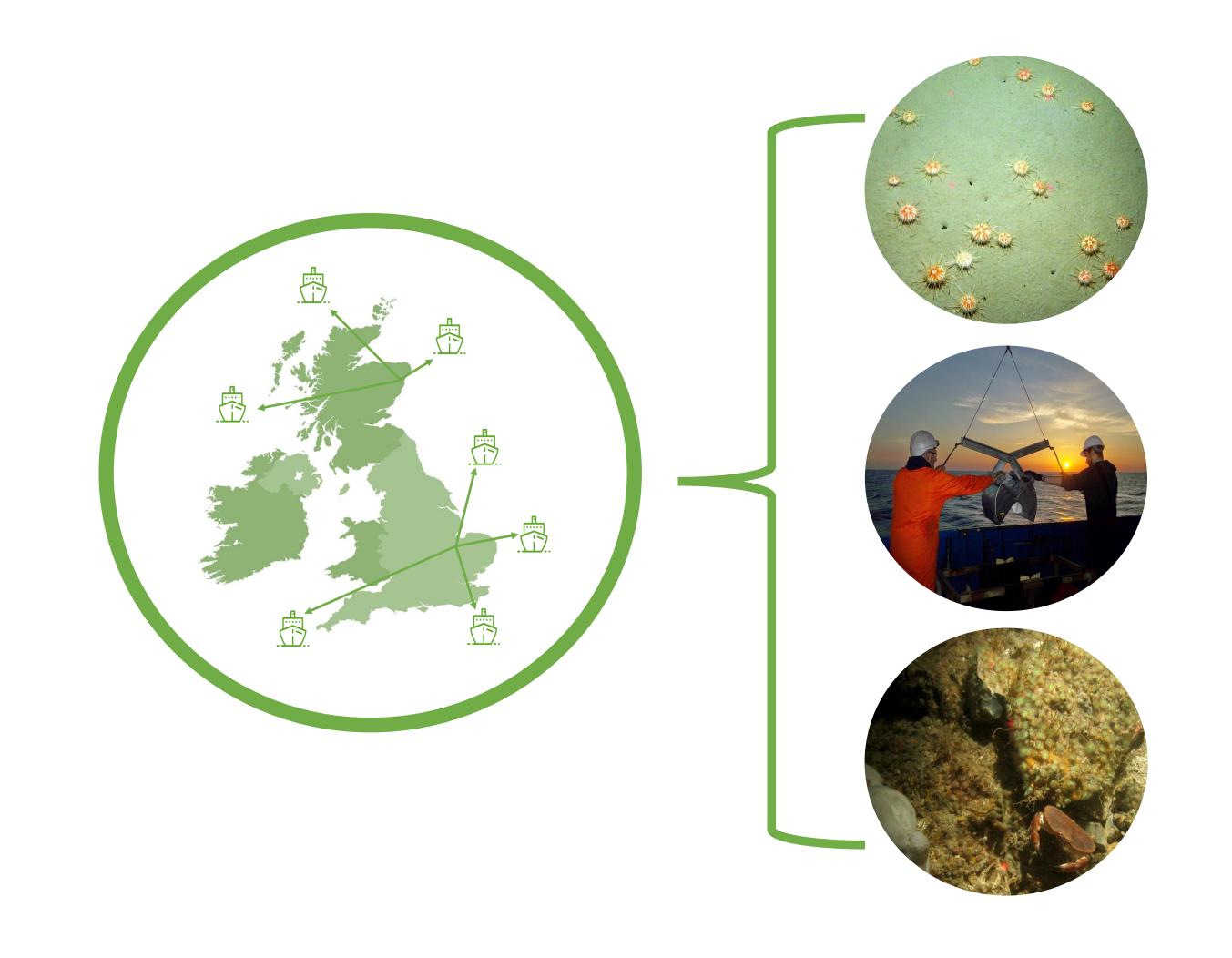
Availability – 'collect once, use many times'

All the data we collect are available free of charge under the Open Government License. These data are (or will be) available from a number of outlets including DATA.GOV.UK Opening up Government

Please use our data!

We're really keen to make the most of our evidence base and would like to encourage people to use our data. Please let us know if you have any ideas!









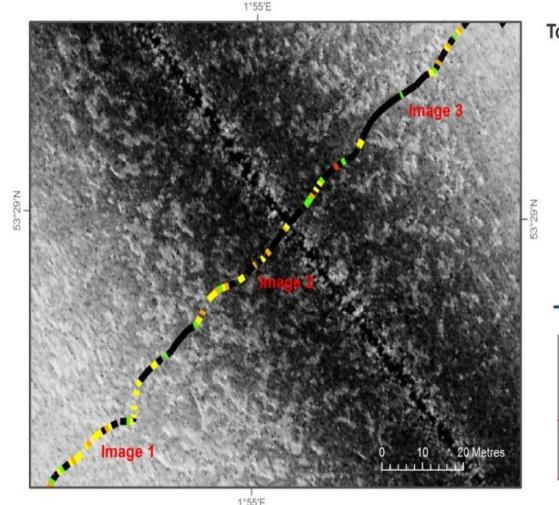


~250,000 still images



13,000 km² of acoustic data

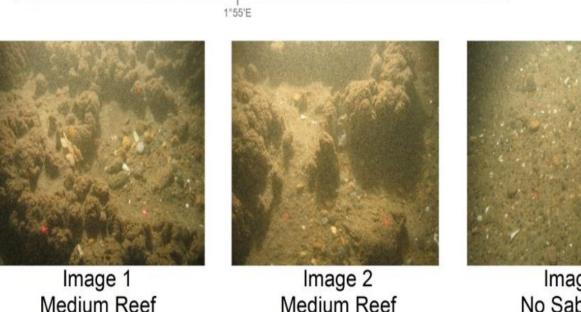
Case study – analysis of Sabellaria spinulosa reef



Project aimed to improve video analysis techniques used by JNCC for Sabellaria spinulosa reef mapping

Video transects were split into 5 second segments using VirtualDub

Analysed for **Presence/absence**, percentage cover, estimation of average tube elevation of Sabellaria spinulosa reef



Improved resolution of reef feature heterogeneity for future monitoring and assessment purposes

Work is ongoing to further refine and improve this process

Case study – accessing MPA imagery data

