

Report on Devon & Severn IFCA’s Performance and Benchmarking

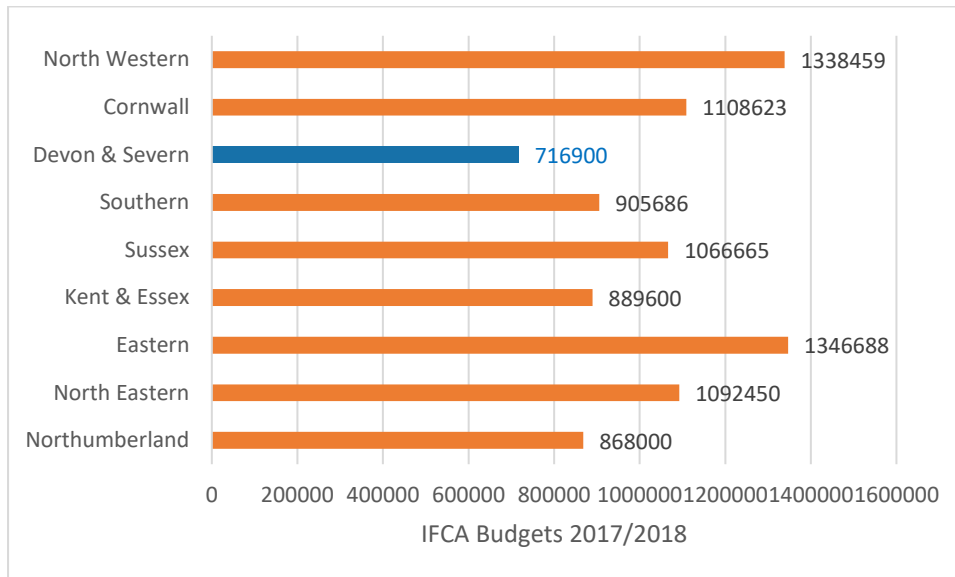
This report presents the metrics and reporting outputs of all mainland IFCAs and highlight D&S IFCA position in relation to other IFCAs. In this way the information produced provides a benchmark of D&S IFCA against the outputs of other IFCAs.

Benchmarking and Outputs

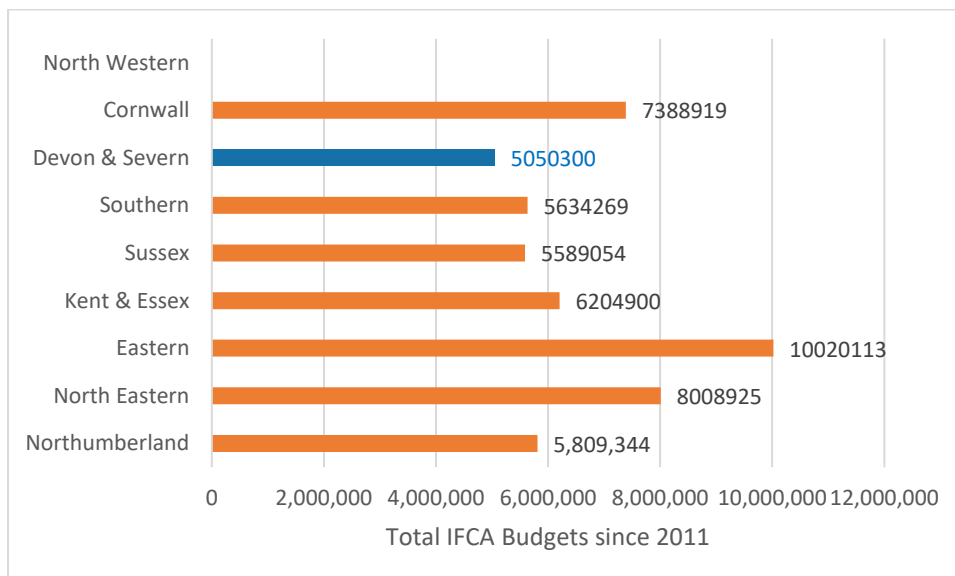
1. Budget

D&S IFCA’s annual budget is the smallest of nine mainland IFCAs. Compared to some IFCAs it is almost half their budget, e.g. Eastern and North Western IFCAs, as seen in the graph for 2017/2018. Since IFCAs came into being D&S IFCA has the smallest total budget of all mainland IFCAs.

IFCA Budgets for 2017/2018

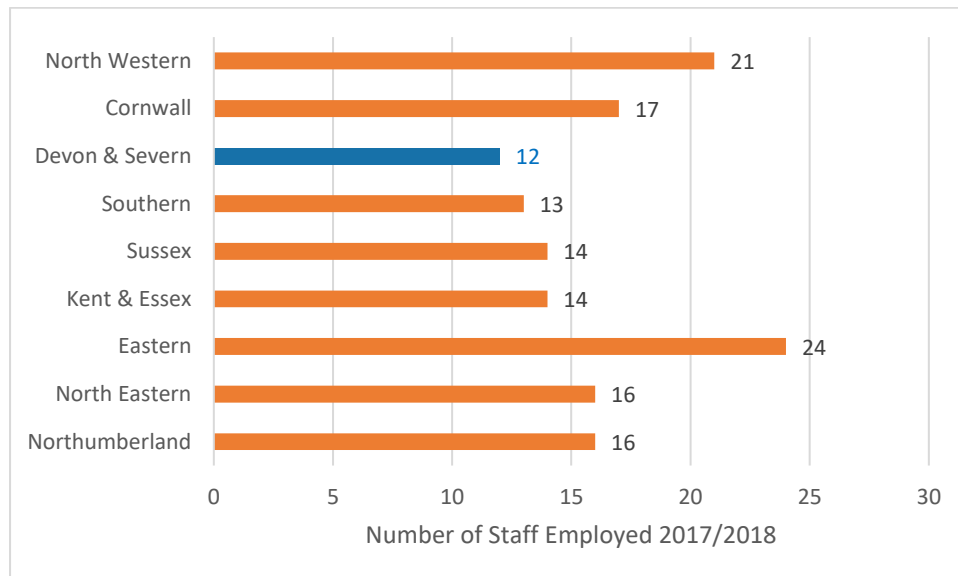


Total IFCAs’ Budgets since 2011 to 2018



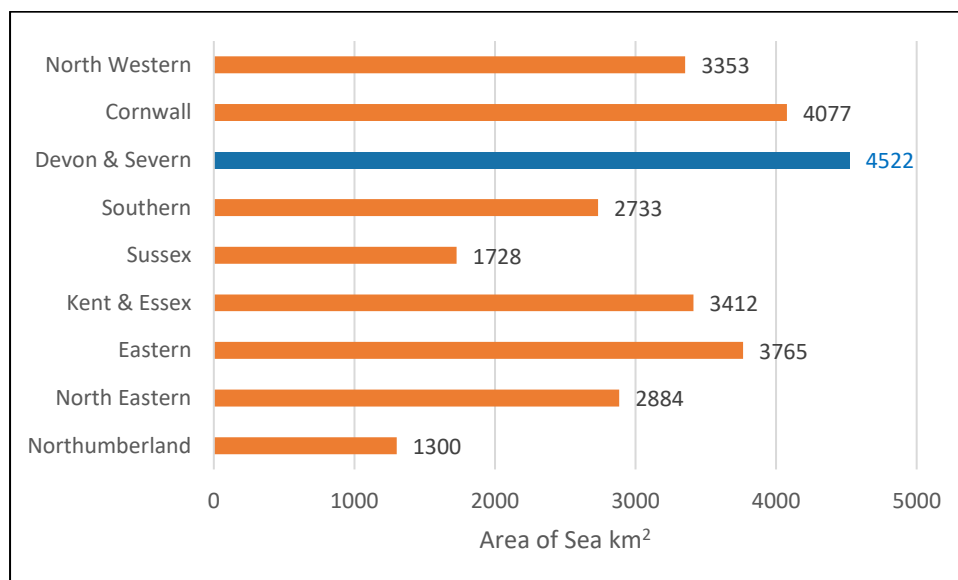
2. Staff Numbers 2017/2018

D&S IFCA has the lowest number of staff members than any other mainland IFCA. In fact, it has half the number of staff than Eastern IFCA.



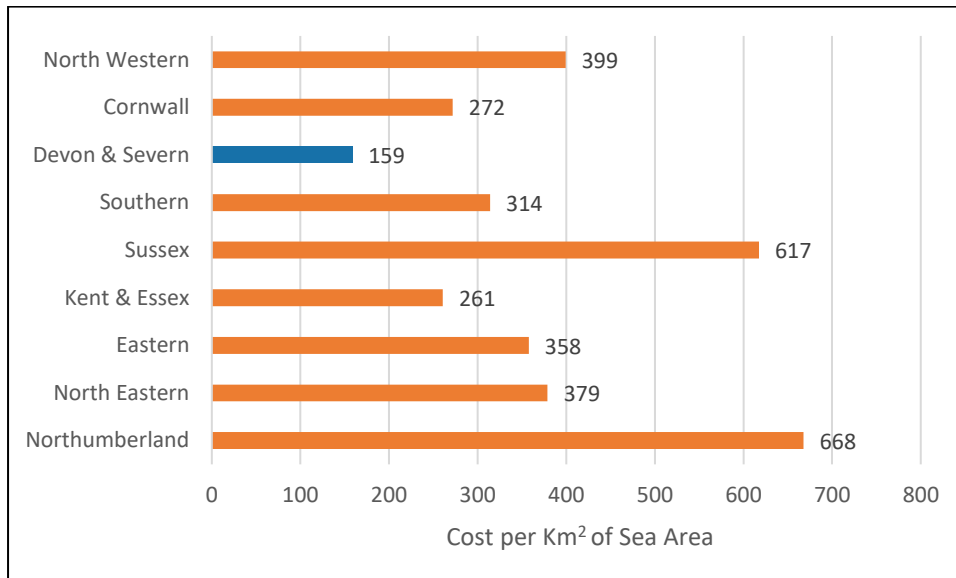
3. Sea Areas of IFCAs' Districts -

Whilst D&S IFCA has the lowest number of staff and the lowest budget of mainland IFCAs, its District consists of 4,522 km² of sea, which is the largest area of sea of all the IFCAs.



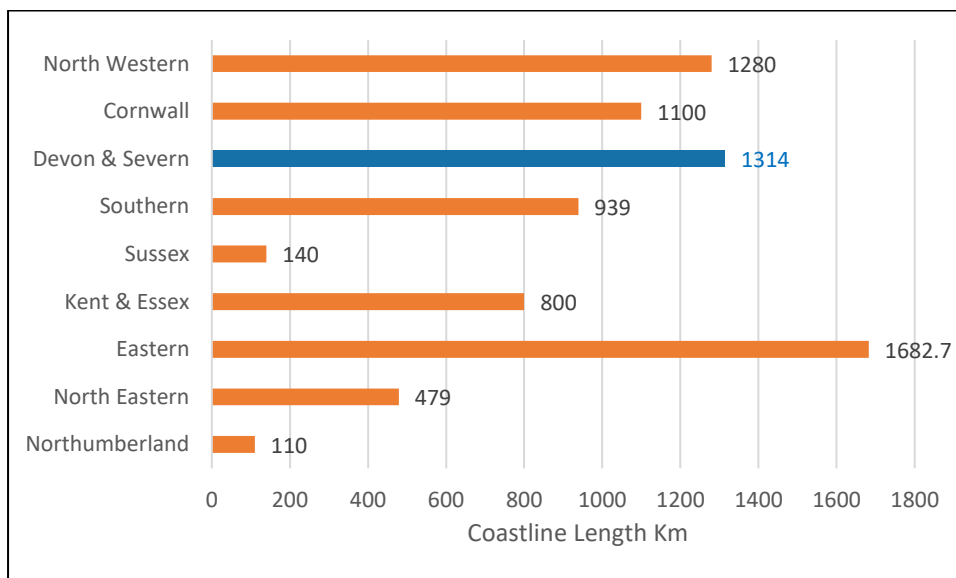
3.1 Budgetary Cost per Km² of IFCA Districts

When comparing the cost per km² of the marine area of the mainland IFCAs, D&S IFCA has the lowest budgetary cost per km². The cost is £159 per km² which is approximately 75% less than the Northumberland IFCA's cost per km² (the highest cost per km²) and more than £100 per km² less than the next lowest cost for Kent and Essex IFCA.



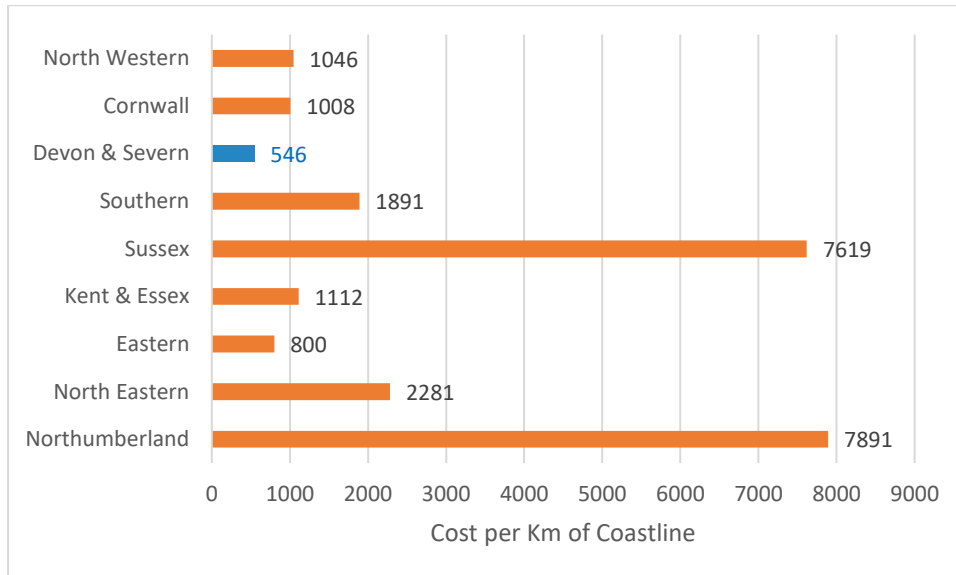
4. Length of Coastline of IFCAs' Districts

D&S IFCA's coastline is the second longest of all mainland IFCAs.



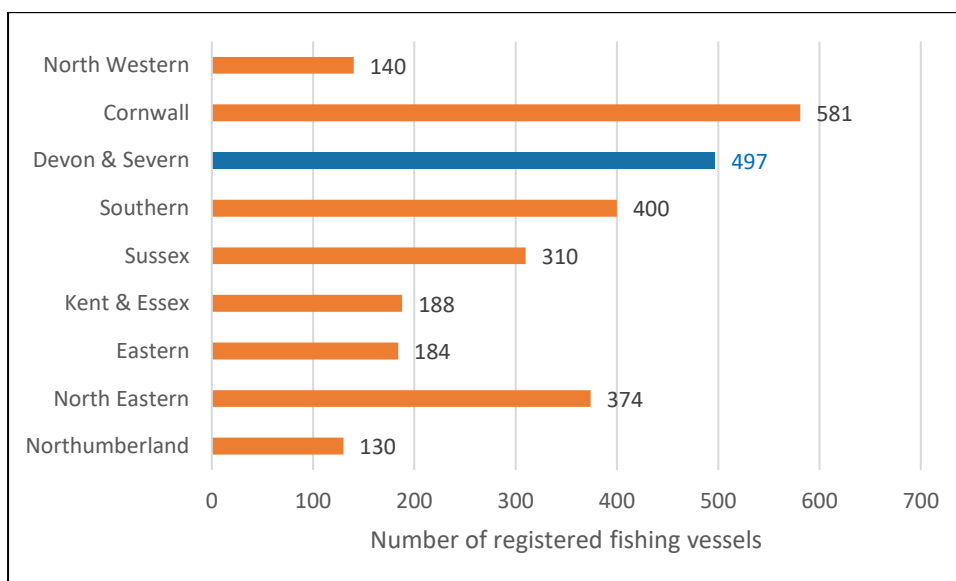
4.1 Budgetary Cost per Length of Coastline of IFCAs' Districts

Due to the D&S IFCA's budget being the lowest of the mainland IFCAs the cost per km of coastline is also the lowest of the IFCAs. Seven out of the nine mainland IFCAs have costs per km of over £1000 with two IFCA costs being over £7600 per km, which is over 14 times greater than D&S IFCA's cost per km.



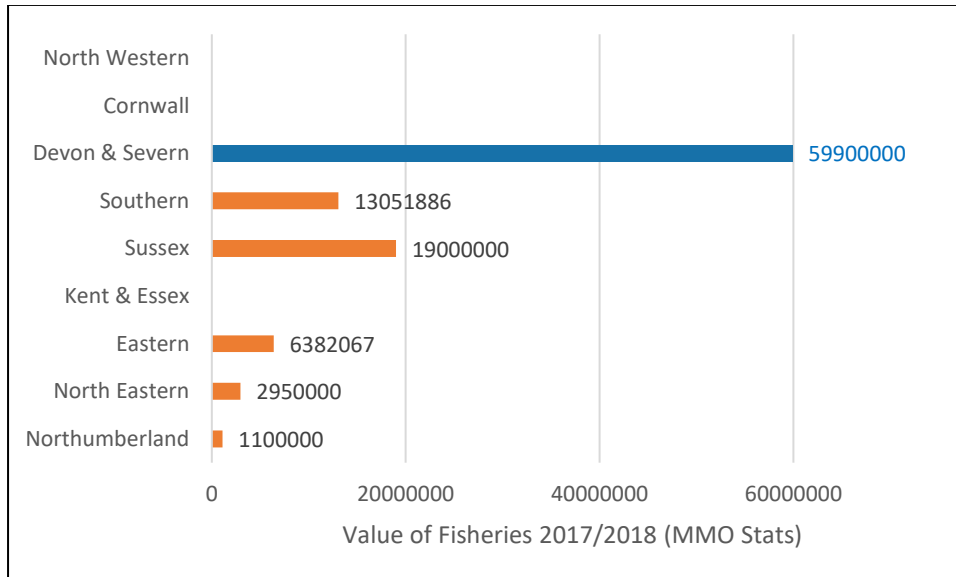
5. Number of Registered Fishing Vessels 2017/2018

D&S IFCA has the second largest number of registered vessels. Those recorded are those holding D&S IFCA's permits and therefore fishing within its District. In March 2019 the number of commercial licenced fishing vessels working in the D&S IFCA's District increased to 507. D&S IFCA has expansive recreational fisheries and has issued 637 Permits to recreational divers, potters, and netters.



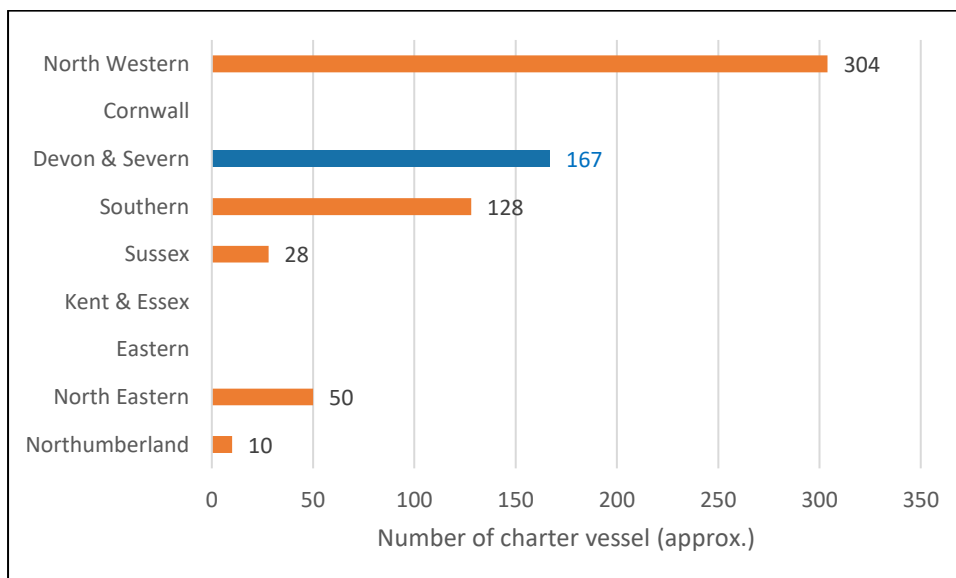
6. Value of Fisheries 2017/2018 (MMO Statistics)

D&S IFCA has two of the largest landing ports in England, Brixham and Plymouth, in terms of weight of fish landed and value of fish sold. D&S IFCA District has 20 registered landing ports in its District.



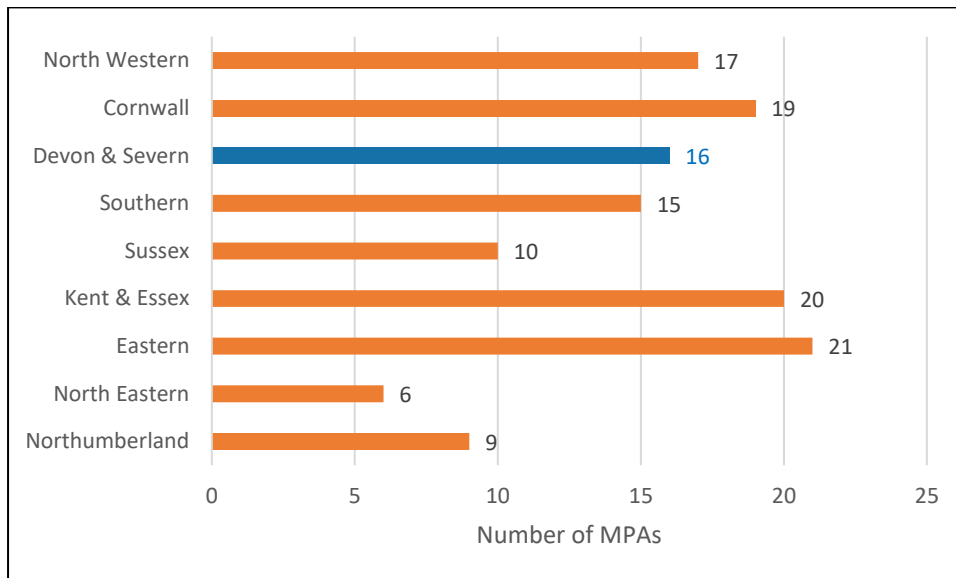
7. Estimated Number of Charter Vessels

Many of the IFCAs did not estimate the number of charter vessel operating in their Districts. Of those giving an approximate number D&S IFCA has the second largest fleet.



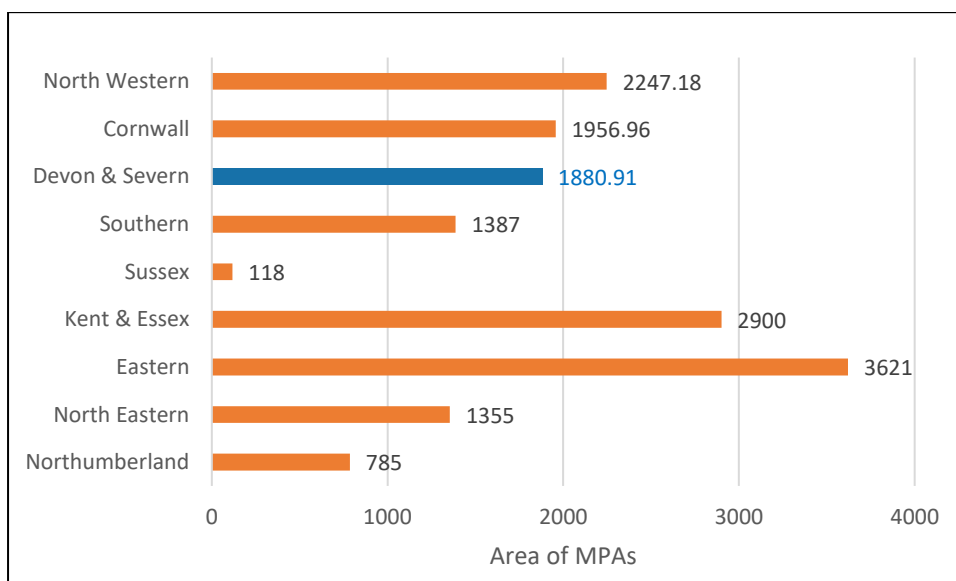
8. Number of MPAs in IFCAs' Districts

D&S IFCA has 16 MPAs in its District. This is 5th largest number in the country and does not include designations such as Ramsar and Marine SSSI. Almost all estuaries in the District are SSSI, including Salcombe Estuary Marine SSSI. All European Marine Sites are co-located with SSSI, for e.g. the Severn Estuary EMS is collocated with multiple SSSI including Bridgewater Bay SSSI. The Severn Estuary and Exe Estuary are also Ramsar sites.



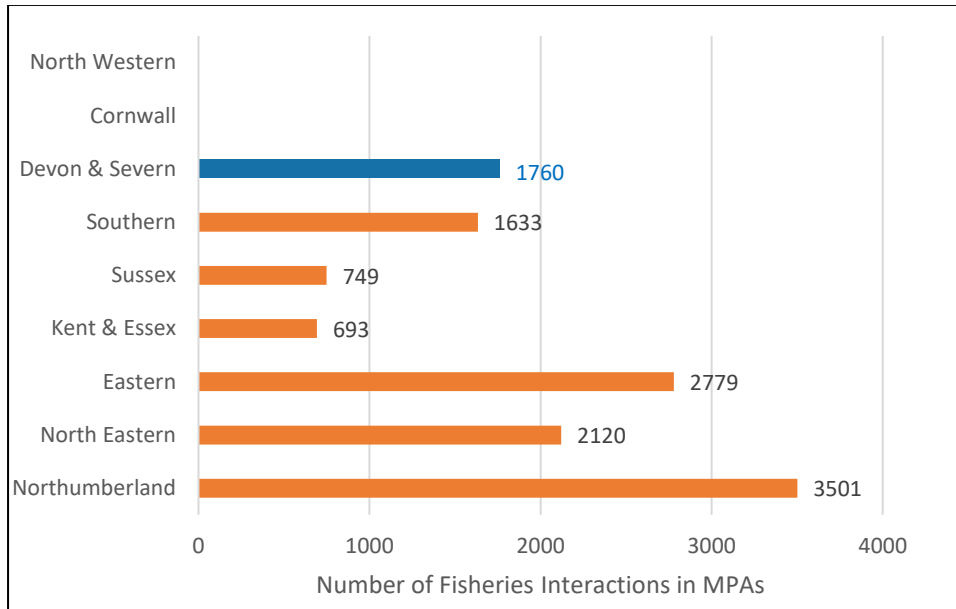
9. Area of MPAs in IFCAs' Districts

The area of the D&S IFCA's District covered by MPAs is the fifth largest of the IFCAs accounting for 42% of the District. For D&S IFCA this is the actual area covered by the MPA with co-location being eliminated (i.e. areas of MPA have not been added together. Where MPAs co-located the area of co-location has been subtracted from the figures).



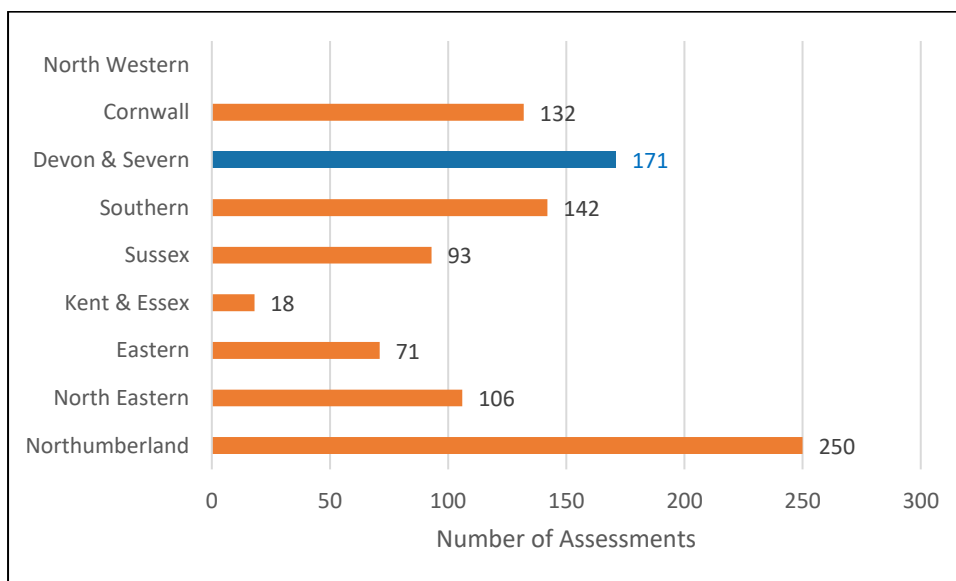
10. Number of Fisheries Interactions with Features in MPAs

Commercial fishing activities may interact with designated features (habitats or species) of MPAs. This graph shows the number of possible interactions that were assessed to determine the likely significant impacts of the fishing activities on the feature.



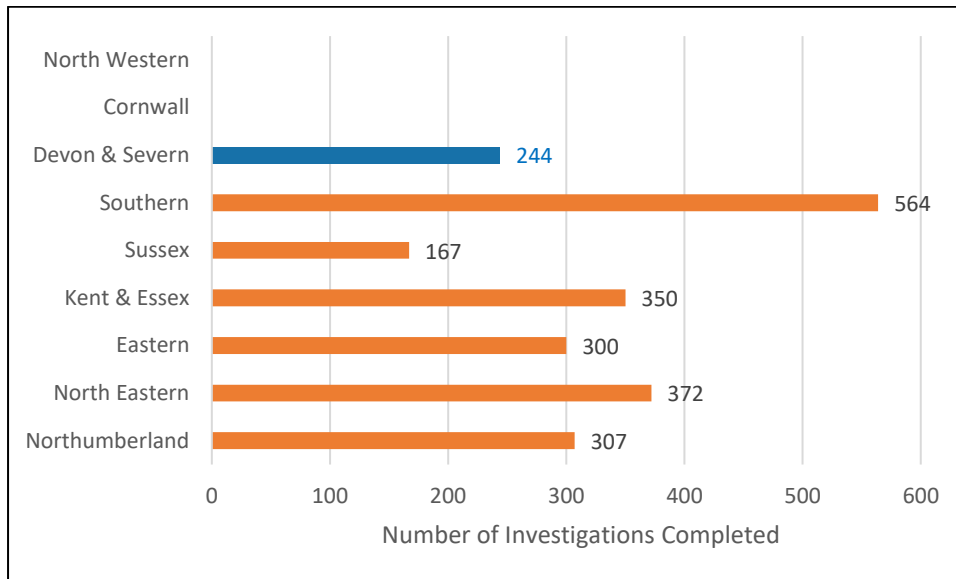
11. Number of MPA Assessments Undertaken

D&S IFCA has undertaken and completed 171 assessments of the gear feature interactions within MPAs, which is the second highest number of assessments of all the mainland IFCAs



12. Number of Investigations Completed

This graph shows the number of investigations completed including those investigation files worked on and prosecutions undertaken. Since 2014 this level has increased significantly. This coincides with the implementation of the Permitting Byelaws with the Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw coming into operation in January 2014, and the Potting and Diving Permit Byelaw in 2015 and the Netting Permit Byelaw in 2017.



13. Number of Companies / Individuals Prosecuted

The number of prosecutions taken is the 4th highest of the mainland IFCAs. The number of prosecutions has gradually increased since 2013.

