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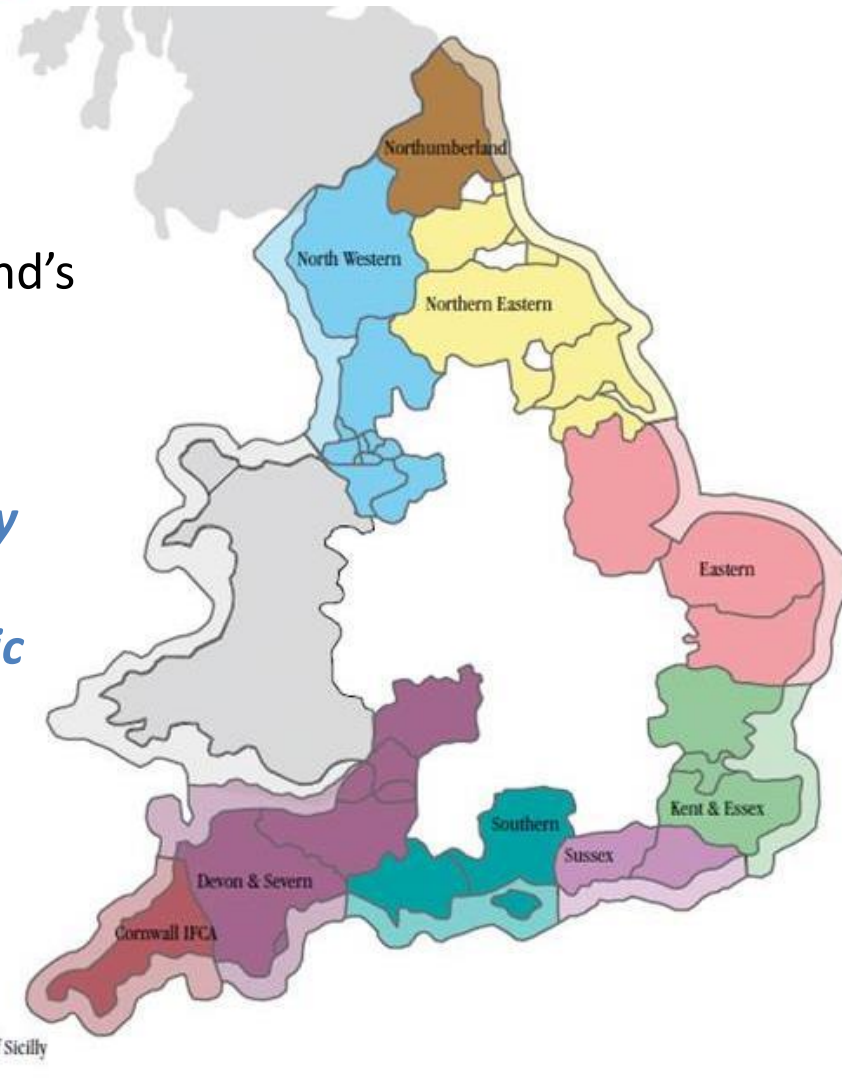
**FISH INTEL &
Fisheries Management**

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What is an Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority?

- Statutory government inshore fisheries managers formed by the MaCAA 2009
- Districts cover inshore waters
- There are 10 regional IFCAs around England's coast with a shared vision, to:

lead, champion and manage a sustainable marine environment and inshore fisheries, by successfully securing the right balance between social, environmental, and economic benefits to ensure healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and a viable industry.



Managing Inshore Fisheries

- Managed through a combination of national legislation and local byelaws, in addition to voluntary measures
 - Regulating gear, catch/landings, spatial and temporal effort
- Need evidence on:
 - fisheries impacts on target species
 - effectiveness of management measures

Fisheries Impacts & Management: European Sea Bass

- High value species
- Declining SSB & restrictive management
- High discards & emerging understanding of discard mortality



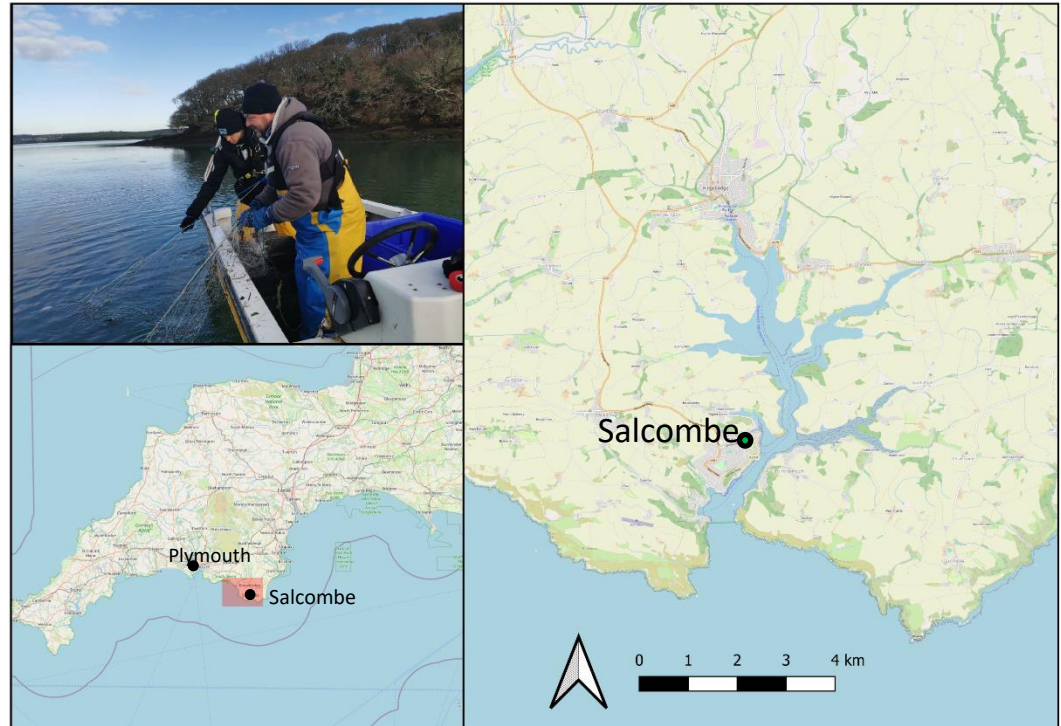
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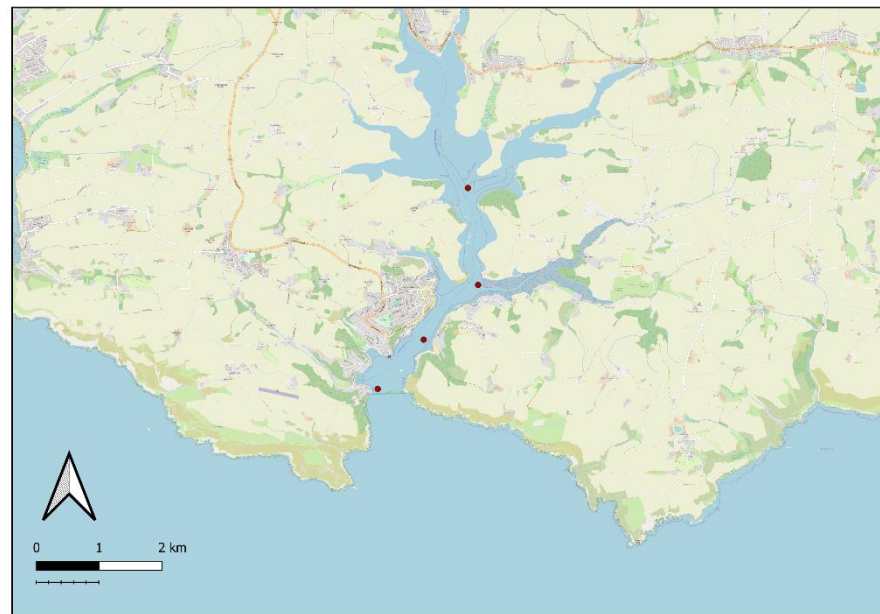
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- Research to understand bass survivability following netting activities
- Worked in Salcombe with local fisherman setting 4" mesh gill nets under exemptions



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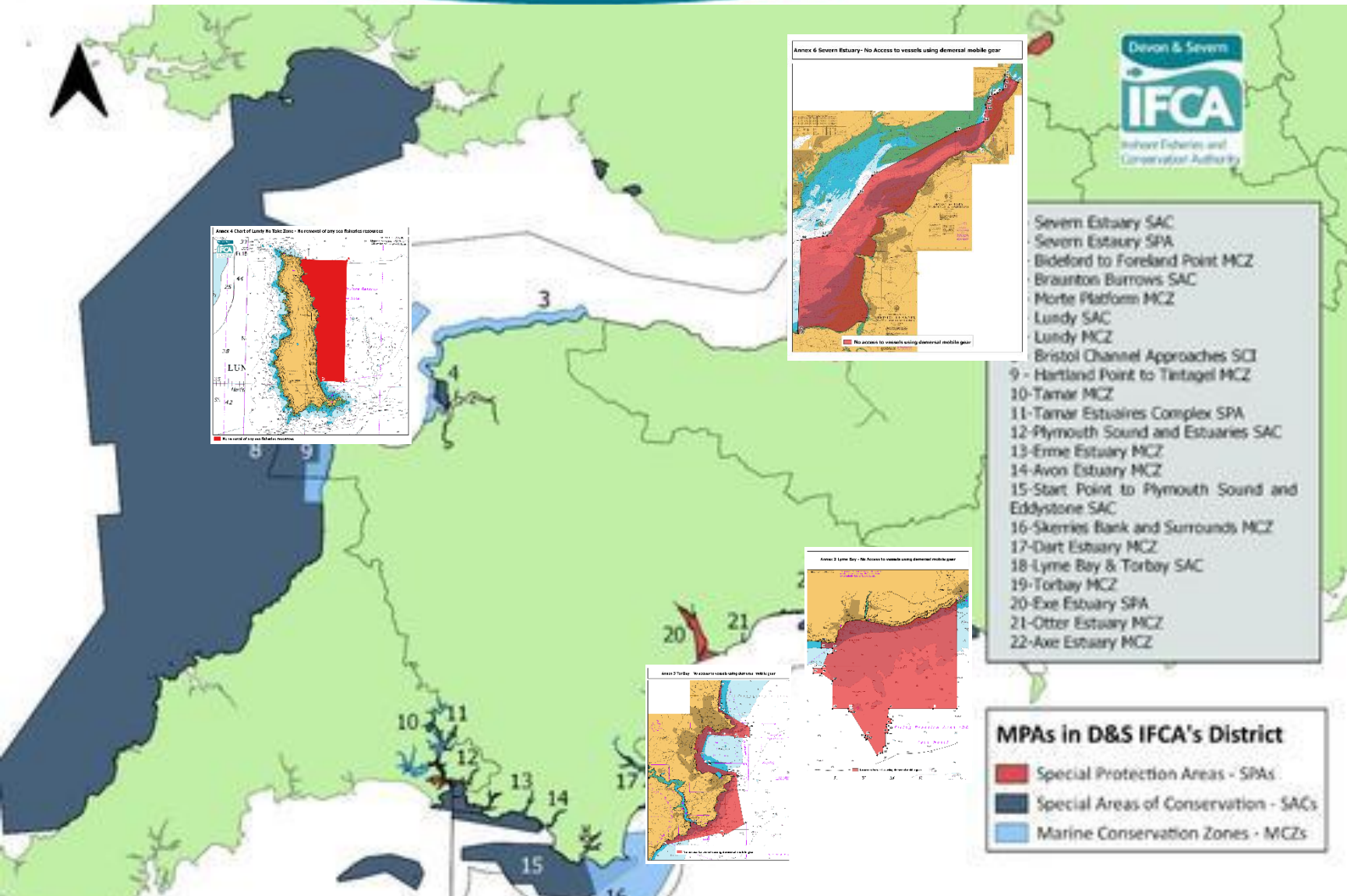


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MPAs & Fisheries



Marine Developments



Fisheries (Research and) Management Plans

- Ecosystem-based review of a species' ecology, fisheries and management
 - Literature review & stakeholder engagement
- Identifies critical evidence gaps
- Provides recommendations for fisheries management
- Range of uses in evaluating human impacts & stakeholder engagement

Fisheries Act (2020)

- Fisheries Management Plans
- Fisheries Objectives, including:
 - Sustainability objective
 - Precautionary objective
 - **Ecosystem objective**
 - **Scientific evidence objective**

Thank You

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