

Wrasse surveys and COVID-19 (on board IFCA vessel)

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Working from boat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boat bouncing on waves leading to injury Exposure to conditions Working at night Collisions with other vessels Condition of boat Tides and currents Underwater hazards Tripping hazards, including fixed protruding structures and other equipment on the deck Falling overboard leading to hypothermia or drowning 	Staff	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All boat systems to be tested before leaving harbour Coxswain and crew to hold required qualifications and certificates for work Coxswain to follow COLREGS at all times Wear appropriate PPE at all times including lifejackets Staff advised to use weather-appropriate PPE (e.g. suncream, sunglasses & hat, waterproofs). Drysuits to be worn October – May. Movement around vessel to be kept to a minimum Boat maintained and certified under workboat code where appropriate Boat engines serviced annually Navigation signals to be displayed at all times Coxswain to dynamically assess conditions at all times and able to terminate patrol if deemed unsafe Carrier of duty phone to be notified of plan of trip and when officers launch and retrieve vessel Keep deck as clear as possible at all times Tide tables to be consulted before each patrol Be aware of the location of wires or ropes under tension, or moving parts. Avoid these 	3	1	3

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						<p>areas if you do not have to be there to work. Locate your work area away from these where possible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow direction of coxswain Be aware of fixed protruding structures when crossing the deck Ensure all your equipment on deck is stowed securely and out of the path of all staff 			
Hauling and shooting of fishing gear.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entanglement of IFCA vessel in lines on gear/ attached to fishing vessel; subsequent hazards including capsize. 	Staff, fisher	3	1	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow fisher to conduct normal fishing operations and do not get involved in this activity IFCA vessel to remain at safe distance during hauling/shooting Maintain visual contact with fisher at all times Maintain positive communication with fisher at all times to be sure of their intentions IFCA vessel to come alongside fishing vessel only in agreement between coxswain and fisher Wear lifejacket and carry EPIRB at all times Be familiar with IFCA vessel safety and capsize procedures 	3	1	1
Movement of water-filled bongos, transfer of bongos between vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Musculoskeletal and minor injuries Covid risk outlined in dedicated section below. 	Staff	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manual Handling training to be undertaken by staff Appropriate staffing levels in accordance with Manual handling guidance An individual manual handling assessment for the local task Wear appropriate PPE at all times, including steel toe capped boots Bongos to be secured appropriately during transit and sampling 	2	1	2
Sorting through catch to pick out fish and fauna for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Injury through punctures, crushing by pincers or stings inflicted e.g Weaver 	Staff	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fisher to place only wrasse into bongos for transfer to IFCA vessel. 	2	1	2

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identification, measuring and further analysis	fish's dorsal spine, jellyfish, wrasse spines, crustaceans, and urchins with spines. As well as sharp manmade materials like glass, metal, needles					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure samplers are competent in the identification of potentially harmful fauna. Make visual inspection before starting to sort Ensure proper handling of crustaceans Wear thick gloves if appropriate If injured, clean wound promptly and apply sterile waterproof dressing Waterproof any open wounds Ensure hands are thoroughly cleaned to remove remaining jellyfish tissue 			

COVID 19

In COVID-19, the time from exposure to symptom onset (known as the incubation period) is thought to be two to 14 days, though symptoms typically appear within four or five days after exposure. A person with COVID-19 may be contagious 48 hours before starting to experience symptoms.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 infection are: a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell and/or taste. Most people with symptoms experience at least one of these.

All staff are to have tested negative for COVID-19 up to three days prior to the day of the survey, and not had a positive COVID-19 test in the intervening time.

If someone becomes unwell in the workplace with COVID-19 symptoms, they should be sent home and should only leave home to have a COVID-19 test (PCR test).

- Any employee displaying symptoms of either **a high temperature** or a **new continuous cough** should self-isolate at home. If you live alone stay at home for **7 days**.
- Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You do not need to contact 111 unless you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms, your condition gets worse or if you do not get better after 7 days. For a medical emergency dial 999
- Stay at least 2m away from other people in your home whenever possible. Updated guidance suggests that 1m plus is acceptable if other protective measures (i.e. PPE) are in place.
- Employees should not be encouraged to return to work during this time however remote working may be possible
- If you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period
- You should remain at home until 7 days after the onset of your symptoms. After 7 days, if you feel better and no longer have a high temperature, you can return to your normal routine, in line with social distancing guidance. If you have not had any signs of improvement and have not already sought medical advice, contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, call NHS 111
- Public Health England will contact workplaces where confirmed cases of Coronavirus have visited with further advice if required.

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Review of risk assessments to be carried out regularly as new information and guidance is made available through the following channels: <ul style="list-style-type: none">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidancehttps://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/									
In England from 16 August 2021: If you're fully vaccinated or under 18, you will not need to self-isolate following close contact with someone who has COVID-19. You'll still need to take a PCR test and self-isolate if it's positive.									
Double handling of equipment (incl landings forms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Coronavirus (COVID 19). Officers catch COVID-19 due to handling equipment/ landings forms and fish that has been handled by a symptomatic fisher	Staff	4	3	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All staff are to have tested negative for COVID-19 up to three days prior to the day of the survey, and not had a positive COVID-19 test in the intervening time.Double handling is to be avoided through designating specific roles to team members.Hand sanitizer to be provided to officers and volunteers: to be used prior to and after survey. Equipment is to be wiped down with alcohol/antiviral wipes after use, or between users if sharing of equipment is unexpectedly requiredOfficers and volunteers should avoid touching their face, eyes mouth and nose.Officers and volunteers to follow hand washing guidelines after completion of the survey and handling or any forms (wash with water and soap for at least 20 secondsLatex/nitrile gloves will be made available for use by all officers and volunteers if requested. However, Government guidance advises against the use of additional PPE in non-clinical settings unless the risk of transmission is otherwise very high.	2	1	2
Travel to and from site	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Coronavirus (COVID 19). Refuelling at petrol stations	Staff	4	3	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Limit travel to local trips. If have to refuel, wear disposable gloves when touching petrol pumps.	2	1	2

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	handling potentially infected petrol pumps					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bacterial wipes and hand sanitizer to be provided to officers. Avoid touching face, nose, mouth and eyes. Officers to follow hand washing guidelines when reasonably practical to do so afterwards 			
Using work vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coronavirus (COVID 19). Sharing work vehicles to carry out surveys which could have contaminated surfaces 	Staff	4	3	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff are to have tested negative for COVID-19 up to three days prior to the day of the survey, and not had a positive COVID-19 test in the intervening time. Ensure vehicles door handles, steering wheel, handbrake, gear stick and any buttons/switches are wiped with disinfectant before and after every journey 	1	1	1
Carrying out wrasse observer surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact with infected fluid e.g. through breathing in close proximity to an infected person 	Staff	4	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff are to have tested negative for COVID-19 up to three days prior to the day of the survey, and not had a positive COVID-19 test in the intervening time. Additional PPE to be worn as appropriate including gloves, face masks. Keep a safe distance from other individuals. Do not conduct survey if extended unprotected contact is likely, or if survey conditions reduce the protective nature of PPE. Bin bags should be carried at all times to contain any used/contaminated PPE for disposal and separately bag outer layer of clothing for cleaning. Used PPE placed in Bin bag sealed for 72hrs then disposed along with other general waste. Officers to immediately notify line manager and not attend patrols if displaying symptoms and adhere to Government guidelines. 	2.	1	2

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Any	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employees are not aware of the risks from CV19 and become infected due to lack of awareness of control measures 	Staff	3	3	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHS provides advice on what CV19 is, what the risks are, the symptoms, how CV19 is spread, and how to avoid catching or spreading germs (simple Do's and Don'ts): https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/ Government guidance on hand washing is provided in line with the 20 second rule: https://www.nhs.uk/video/pages/how-to-wash-hands.aspx Additional consideration will be given to those employees who may be deemed to be at increased risk. 	1	1	1
Carrying out wrasse observer surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who are at increased risk of severe illness from coronavirus COVID-19 coming into contact. 	Staff	4	3	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). These symptoms include high temperature and/or new and continuous cough. Surveys to be conducted by other members of staff that are not at increased risk. Use telephone or online services to contact your GP or other essential service. 	2	1	2

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