

## Devon and Severn IFCA News

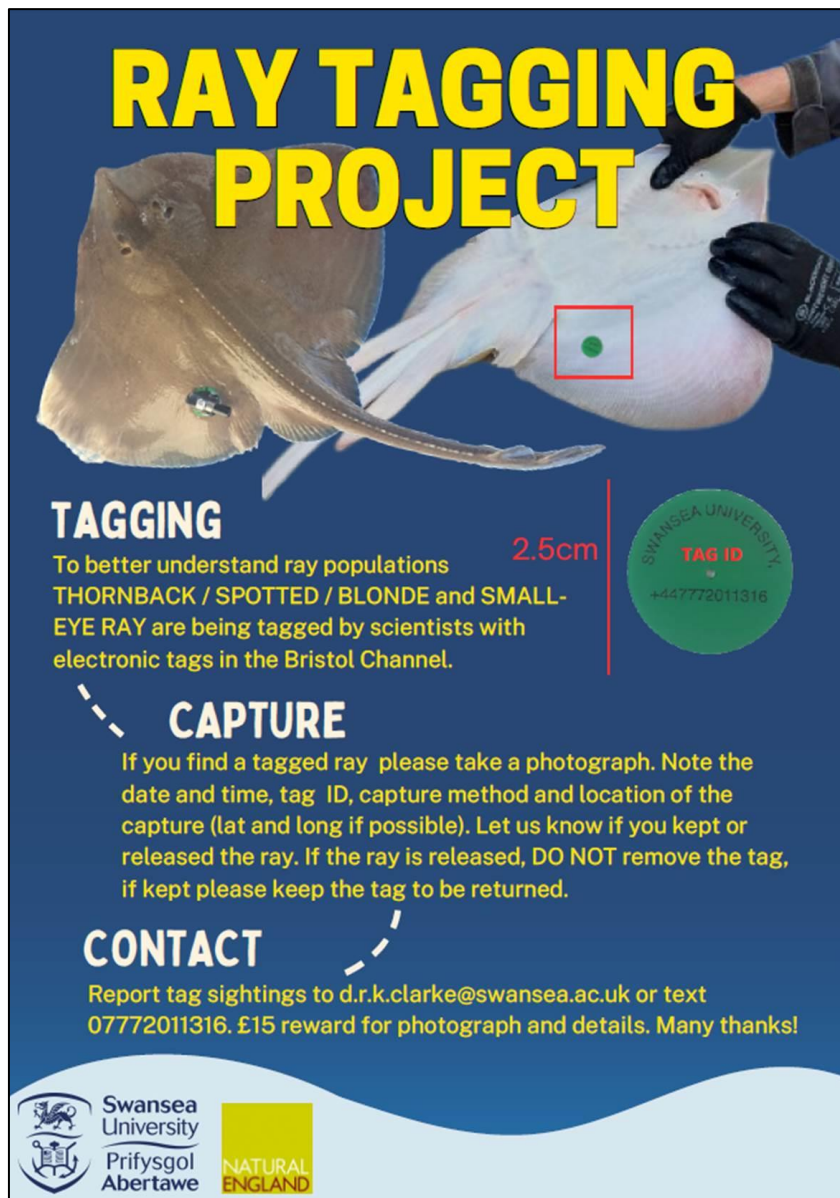
### An opportunity to help research on rays in the Bristol Channel

Scientists are working to understand ray populations in and around the Bristol Channel and are offering a reward for information on captures of electronically tagged rays.

A team from Swansea University have been tagging rays in the Bristol Channel with electronic tags. The tagging will help scientists to understand ray populations in the area.

If you catch a ray with one of these tags, Swansea University are offering a cash reward for information about it. More information is available on the leaflet below. Tag sightings can be reported to the lead scientist David Clarke:

[d.r.k.clarke@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:d.r.k.clarke@swansea.ac.uk) or by texting 07772 011316.




The leaflet features a blue background with a photograph of a ray being tagged. A red square highlights a green tag on the ray's side, with a red line and the text '2.5cm' indicating its size. The title 'RAY TAGGING PROJECT' is in large yellow letters. The 'TAGGING' section describes the project's goal to understand ray populations and lists the species being tagged. The 'CAPTURE' section provides instructions on what to do if a tagged ray is found. The 'CONTACT' section provides the contact information for reporting sightings and the reward. Logos for Swansea University, Prifysgol Abertawe, and Natural England are at the bottom.

# RAY TAGGING PROJECT

## TAGGING

To better understand ray populations THORNBACK / SPOTTED / BLONDE and SMALL-EYE RAY are being tagged by scientists with electronic tags in the Bristol Channel.

2.5cm





## CAPTURE

If you find a tagged ray please take a photograph. Note the date and time, tag ID, capture method and location of the capture (lat and long if possible). Let us know if you kept or released the ray. If the ray is released, DO NOT remove the tag, if kept please keep the tag to be returned.

## CONTACT

Report tag sightings to [d.r.k.clarke@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:d.r.k.clarke@swansea.ac.uk) or text 07772011316. £15 reward for photograph and details. Many thanks!

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