

## Devon and Severn IFCA News

### Managing Bycatch of Sharks, Skates, and Rays

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D&S IFCA is helping to promote the Clean Catch Project by informing fishers about upcoming informal workshops.

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The content, format, and length of the guidance will be based on the insights and preferences of the fishermen themselves.

We are asking for:

- Around 4 hours of your time in early 2026 to take part in an informal workshop and a 1-2-1 conversation.
- Your input via WhatsApp and/or email later in 2026 as the guidance begins to take shape.

You won't be obliged at any point to tell us about the level of bycatch you experience in your work, and you can decide if you wish to be acknowledged in the guidance when it is published.

#### KEEN TO BE INVOLVED OR TO FIND OUT MORE?

Get in touch with us at:  
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Clean Catch

Joint Action on Sensitive Species Bycatch



Please note that D&S IFCA will not be arranging the workshops or collating any personal data as part of this project.

For more details about the project please contact:

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