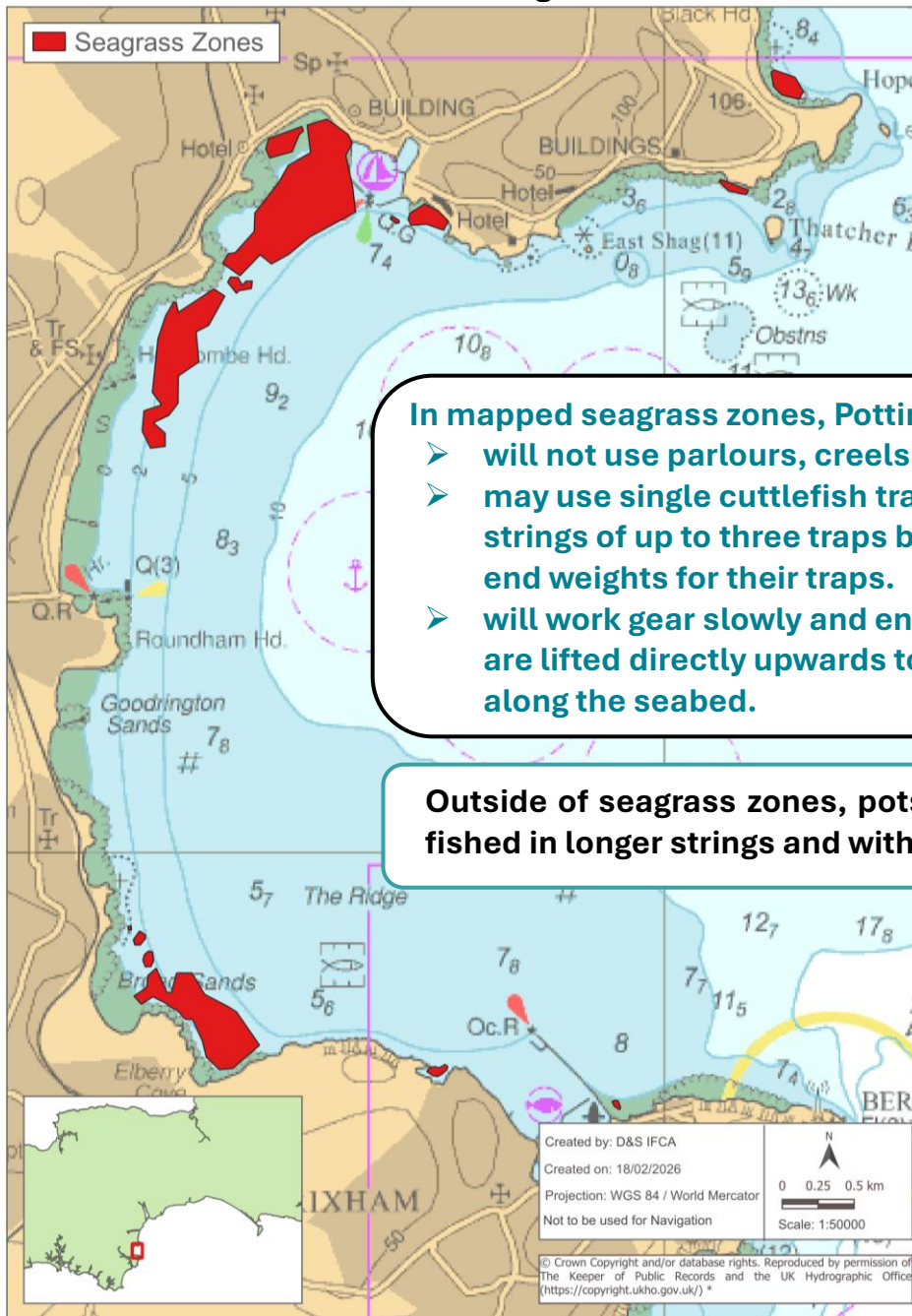


Code of Conduct

To minimise impacts on seagrass of fishing with pots
and traps in Torbay Marine Conservation Zone

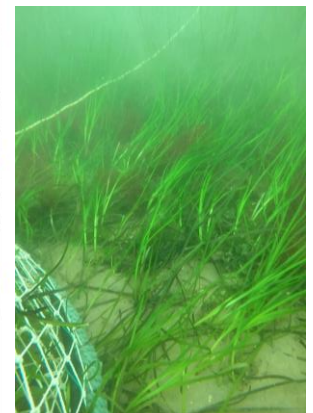
Any person using pots and traps in Torbay Marine Conservation Zone is asked to adhere to this Code of Conduct. The Code has been co-developed between D&S IFCA Officers and Commercial Potting Permit holders, and it applies in mapped seagrass zones[†].



In mapped seagrass zones, Potting Permit holders:

- will not use parlours, creels, or inkwell pots.
- may use single cuttlefish traps, pairs or in strings of up to three traps but will not use end weights for their traps.
- will work gear slowly and ensure that all traps are lifted directly upwards to minimise drag along the seabed.

Outside of seagrass zones, pots and traps may be fished in longer strings and with end weights.



Potting Permit holders will continue to collaborate with D&S IFCA, to improve the evidence base and management approach for interactions between pots, traps and seagrass in Torbay MCZ.