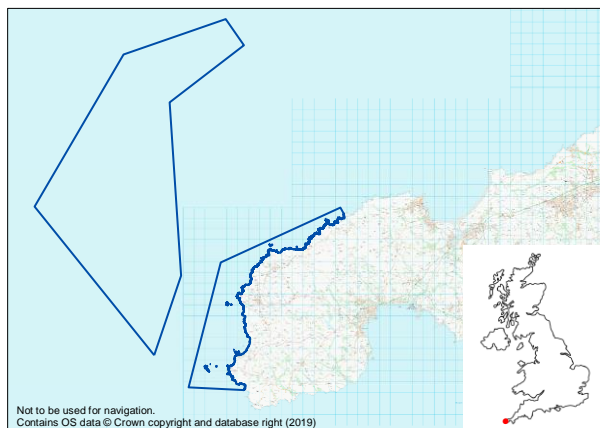


## Land's End and Cape Bank SAC

### Description:

The Land's End and Cape Bank SAC lies to the west of the Land's End peninsula and extends to almost 22 km from the coast. The reefs are completely submerged features composed almost entirely of granite. The site has two main reef areas covering 302 km<sup>2</sup> of seabed: upstanding reef fringing the coast (the Land's End part of the site) and upstanding reef further offshore that is roughly aligned with the coastline (the Cape Bank part of the site).



### Qualifying Features:

The Land's End and Cape Bank SAC host networks of reefs.

### Management:

- The Cornwall Marine and Coastal Code group have set up a number of resources, including a [coastal code](#) to tackle the issues of marine disturbance and harassment in Cornwall.
- The Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA) [Code of practice](#) for cetacean bycatch.
- Cornwall IFCA [closed area](#) (European Marine Sites).

### Stakeholder Concerns:

The non-licensable activities considered to be causing the greatest effect on the reefs were motor boating and jetskis. There is increasing use of the coastal area of Cornwall as various water craft are becoming more accessible to the general public.

SCUBA operators use this area for commercial dives. Porthcurno and surrounding area is heavily used by visitors and motor craft users. Longships Lighthouse is regularly visited by kayakers and motor craft users, and for recreational fishing. Sennen Cove is a popular launch spot for paddlecraft and beach users.

MPA: Land's End and Cape Bank SAC				No. Stakeholders: 1 online & 5 workshop			
Activity	Frequency	Duration	Participation	Intensity	Confidence	MPA Extent	Trend
Board sports	4	2	3	24	M	1	↑
Geophysical surveys	1	4	1	4	?	2	?
Motor boating	4	2	2	16	H	1	↑
Jetskis	1	1	1	1	H	1	→
Paddle sports	2	2	3	12	H	2	↑
Parascending	0	0	0	0	H	0	?
Sailing (non-motorised)	2	3	2	12	M	2	→
SCUBA diving	2	1	2	4	M	1	→
Swimming / Snorkelling	2	1	4	8	H	1	↑
Towed water sports	0	0	0	0	?	0	?
Wildlife watching from the sea	2	2	1	4	H	1	↑
Bait collection	0	0	0	0	?	0	?
Beach recreation	4	2	6	48	H	1	↑
Coasteering	2	2	2	8	?	1	?
Land boarding	0	0	0	0	?	0	?
Motorsports (quad bikes, motorbikes)	0	0	0	0	?	0	?
Vehicle access (cars on foreshore)	0	0	0	0	?	0	?
Wildlife watching from the land	4	2	5	40	H	1	↑
Drone use	1	1	1	1	?	1	?
Gliding (unpowered)	0	0	0	0	?	0	?
Aircraft (powered)	1	1	1	1	?	1	?

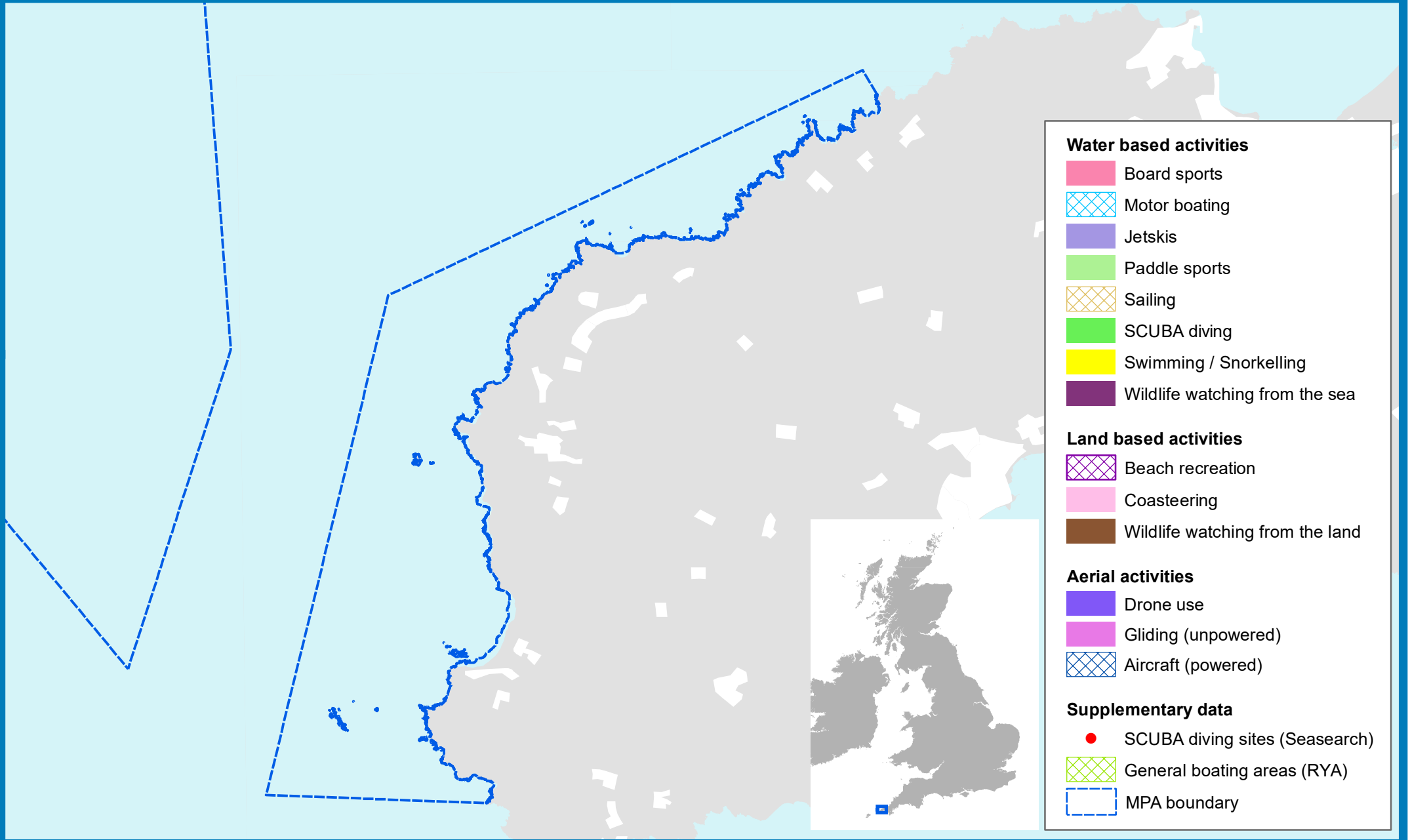
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FREQUENCY	DURATION	PARTICIPATION	INTENSITY	CONFIDENCE	EXTENT	TREND
4 Regular/daily	4 >8 hours	6 >100	45-96 High	H High	2 Whole MPA (solid)	↑ Increase
3 Regular/weekends	3 4-8 hours	5 51-100	24-40 Med-high	M Medium	1 Part of MPA (shaded)	→ Stay the same
2 Seasonally	2 2-4 hours	4 21-50	9-20 Low-med	L Low	0 Does not occur	↓ Decrease
1 Sporadically	1 <2 hours	3 11-20	1-8 Low	? Data missing	? Data missing	? Data missing
0 Does not occur	0 Does not occur	2 6-10	0 Does not occur			
? Data missing	? Data missing	1 1-5	? Data missing			
		0 Does not occur				
		? Data missing				



# Non-licensable activities which occur in and around the Land's End and Cape Bank SAC

(No activity data mapped in Cape Bank)



## Marine Protected Area Designated Features - Marine SAC and Subfeatures

### SAC Complex features (Polygons)

#### SAC\_SFCODE



Estuaries (H1130)



Large shallow inlets and bays (H1160)

### Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide (H1140) polygons

#### SAC\_SFCODE



Intertidal coarse sediment (A2.1)



Intertidal sand and muddy sand (A2.2)



Intertidal mud (A2.3)



Intertidal mixed sediments (A2.4)



Intertidal seagrass beds (A2.61)

### Sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time (H1110) polygons

#### SAC\_SFCODE



Subtidal coarse sediment (A5.1)



Subtidal sand (A5.2)



Subtidal mud (A5.3)



Subtidal mixed sediment (A5.4)



Maerl beds (A5.51)



Subtidal seagrass beds (A5.53)

### Reefs (H1170) points

#### SAC\_SFCODE



Intertidal rock (A1)



Intertidal biogenic reefs: (*Sabellaria alveolata*) (A2.71)



Intertidal biogenic reefs: mussel beds (SF\_SH\_5)



Infralittoral rock (A3)



Circalittoral rock (A4)



Subtidal biogenic reefs: (*Sabellaria spp.*) (A5.61)



Subtidal biogenic reefs: mussel beds (SF\_SH\_6)

### Reefs (H1170) polygons

#### SAC\_SFCODE



Intertidal rock (A1)



Intertidal biogenic reefs: (*Sabellaria alveolata*) (A2.71)



Intertidal biogenic reefs: mussel beds (SF\_SH\_5)



Infralittoral rock (A3)



Circalittoral rock (A4)



Subtidal biogenic reefs: (*Sabellaria spp.*) (A5.61)



Subtidal biogenic reefs: mussel beds (SF\_SH\_6)

#### SAC\_SFCODE



Sea Caves (H8330)

#### SAC\_SFCODE



Saltmarsh (A2.5)