

Celebrating your impact for nature

Cornwall Wildlife Trust 2025 AGM and Wildlife Walk



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Photo: Ben Oakes

Marine protection in Cornwall



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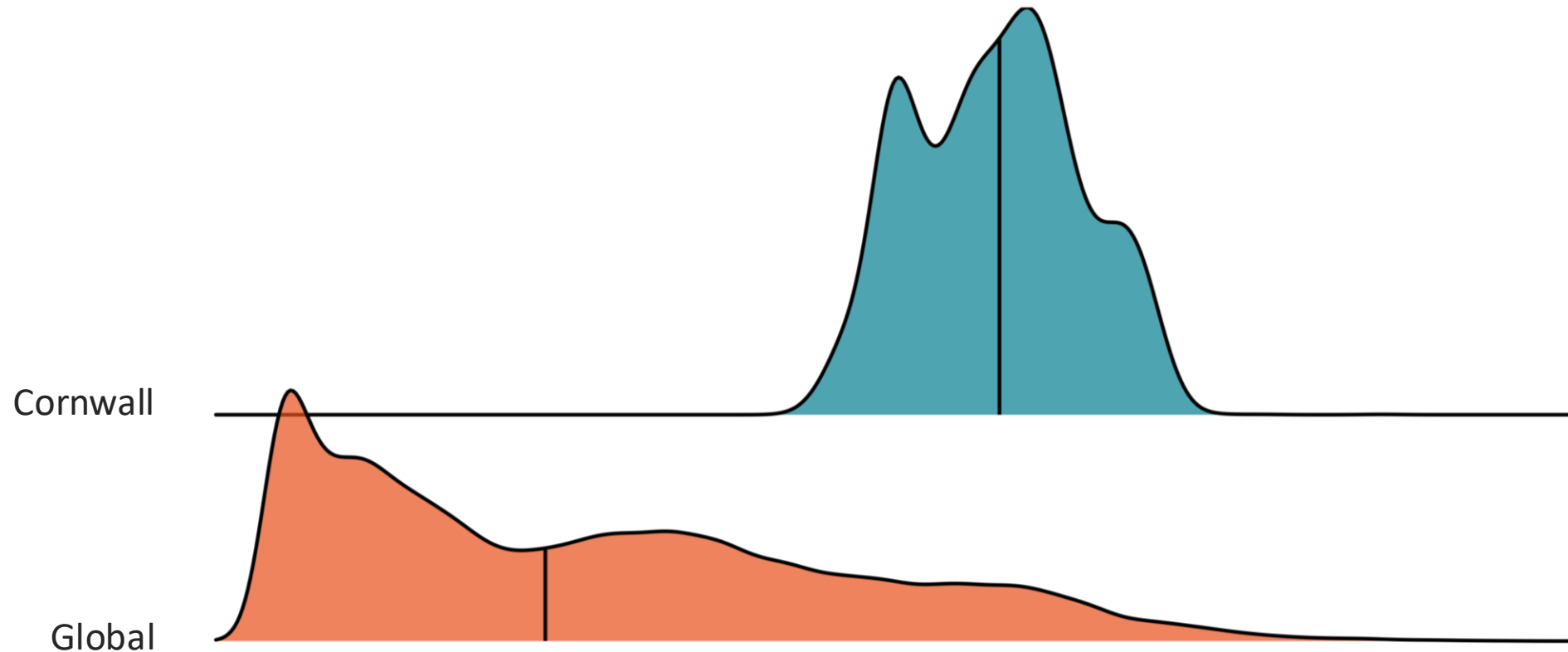
An underwater photograph showing a dense thicket of brown seaweed and kelp. A small, light blue starfish is visible on a piece of seaweed in the lower center. The water is clear and blue, with many small white bubbles or particles floating around. The text "Cornwall's seas are wildly productive" is overlaid in white on the left side.

Cornwall's seas
are wildly productive

Cornwall's waters are
more productive than
91% of the
ocean

Photo: Heather Hamilton

Cornwall's waters are more productive than 91% of the Ocean



Ocean productivity available to fish index 2003 –
2020 mean



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94% decline in UK fisheries productivity since 1989

“ The cod fishery ... and probably all the great sea fisheries, are inexhaustible: that is to say that nothing we do seriously affects the number of fish.”

Thomas Henry Huxley, Fisheries Exhibition, London 1883



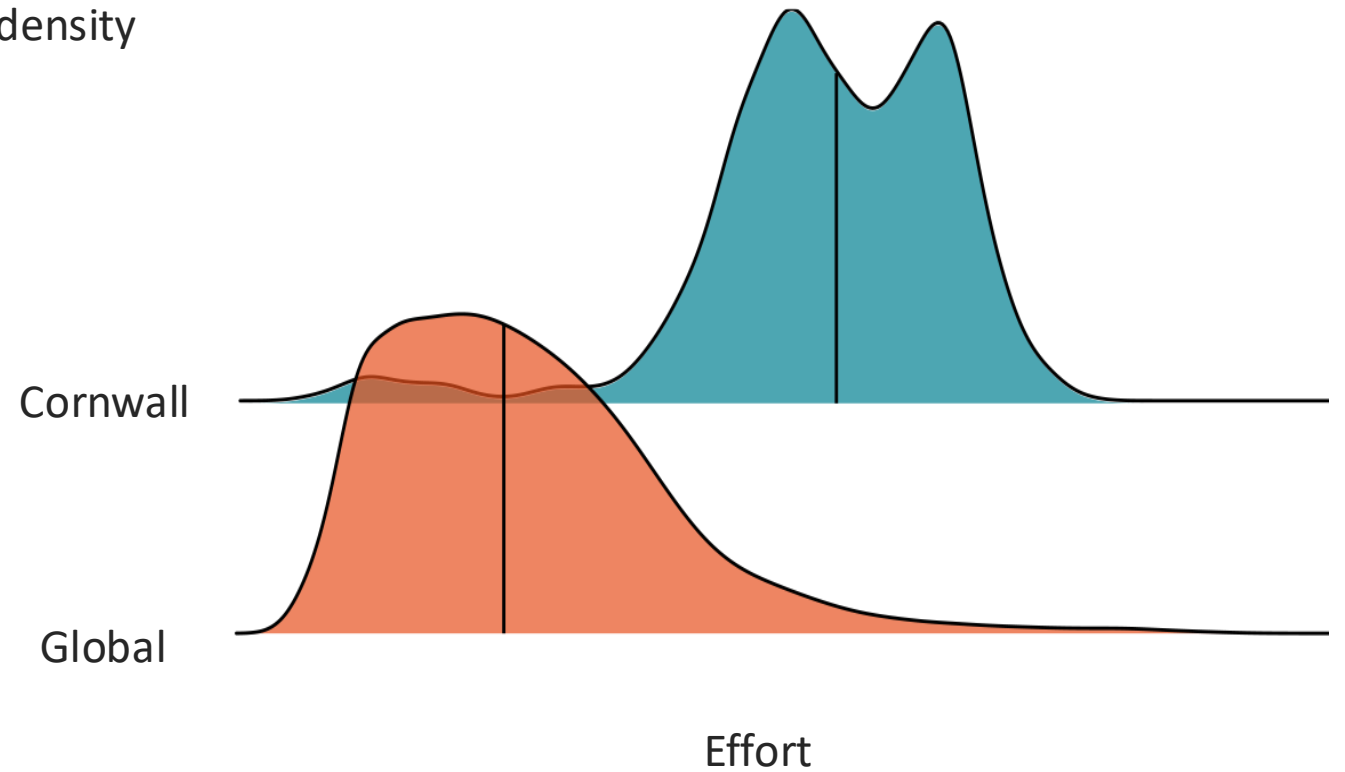
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Fishing in Cornwall today

Distribution of fishing effort density



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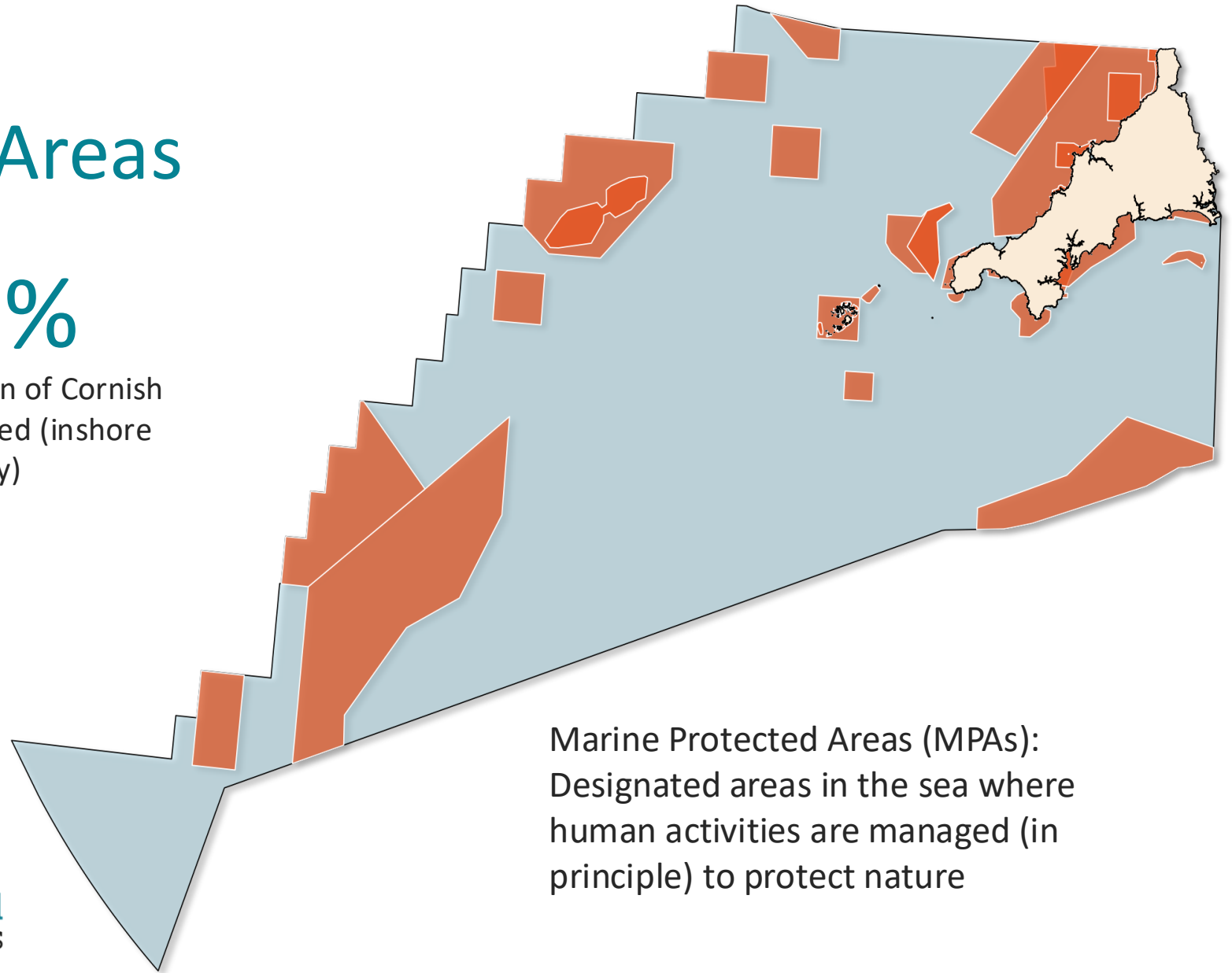
Cornwall's Marine Protected Areas

24%

The proportion of Cornish
waters covered (inshore
and offshore)

46%

The proportion of Cornish
waters covered (inshore
only)



Marine Protected Areas (MPAs):
Designated areas in the sea where
human activities are managed (in
principle) to protect nature



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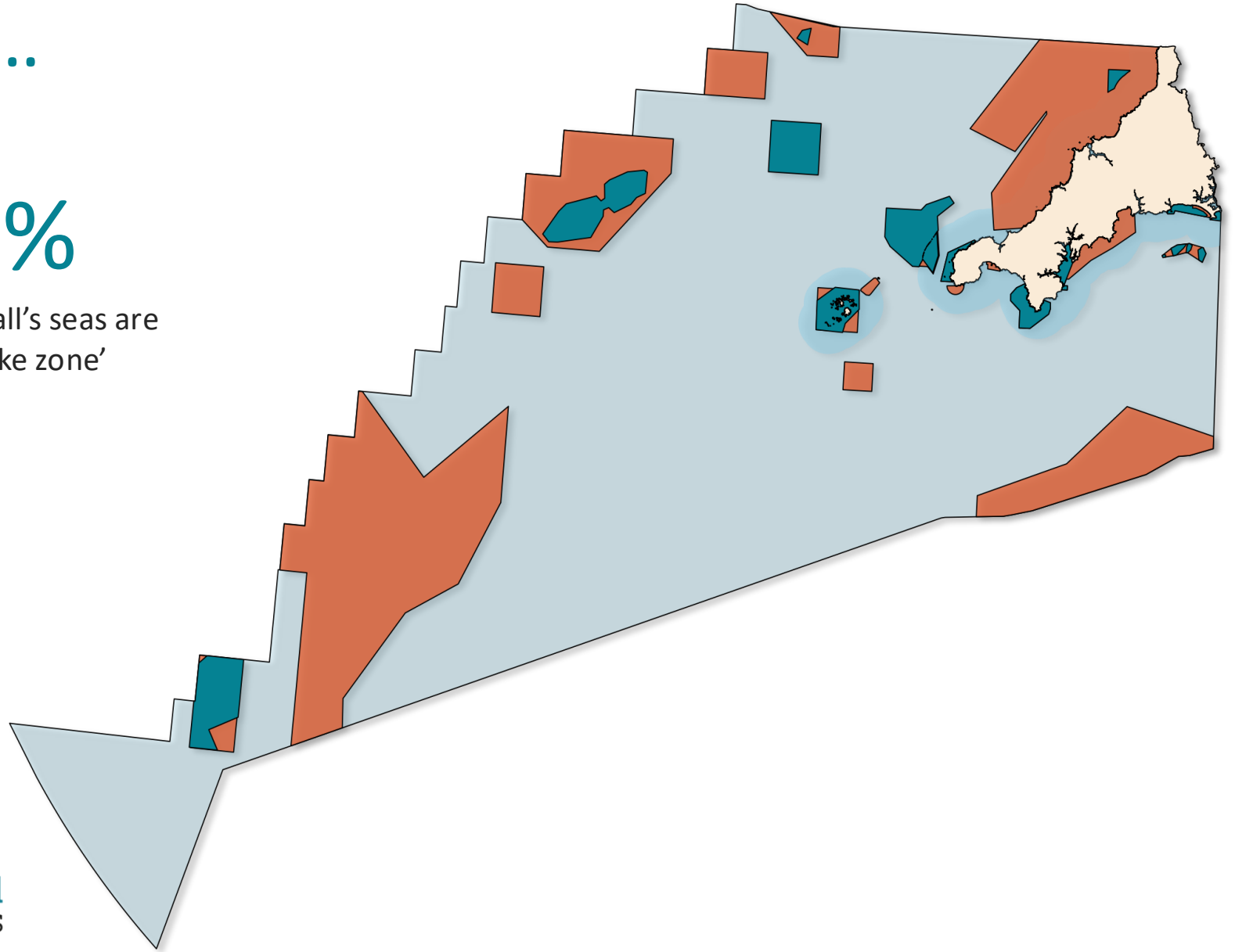
Actual protection ...

3%

of Cornwall's seas are
currently protected
from bottom trawling

0%

of Cornwall's seas are
'no take zone'



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Why?

Due to our 'features'
approach



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Photo: Matt Slater



Largest known

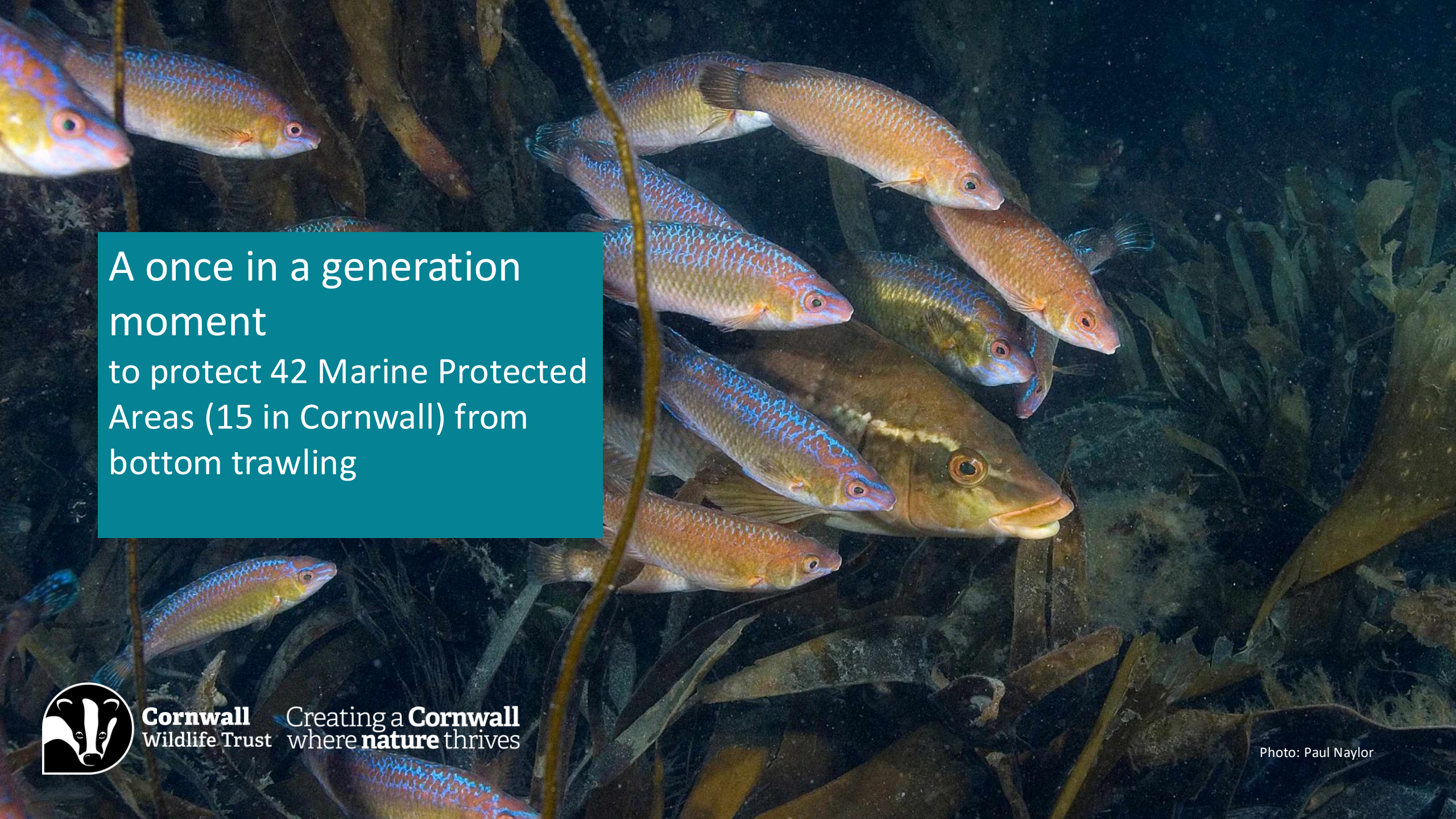
subtidal seagrass bed in England



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Photo: Lewis Jefferies

An underwater photograph showing a school of colorful wrasse fish swimming over a bed of seaweed. The fish have iridescent blue and pink scales. A semi-transparent teal box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

A once in a generation
moment
to protect 42 Marine Protected
Areas (15 in Cornwall) from
bottom trawling



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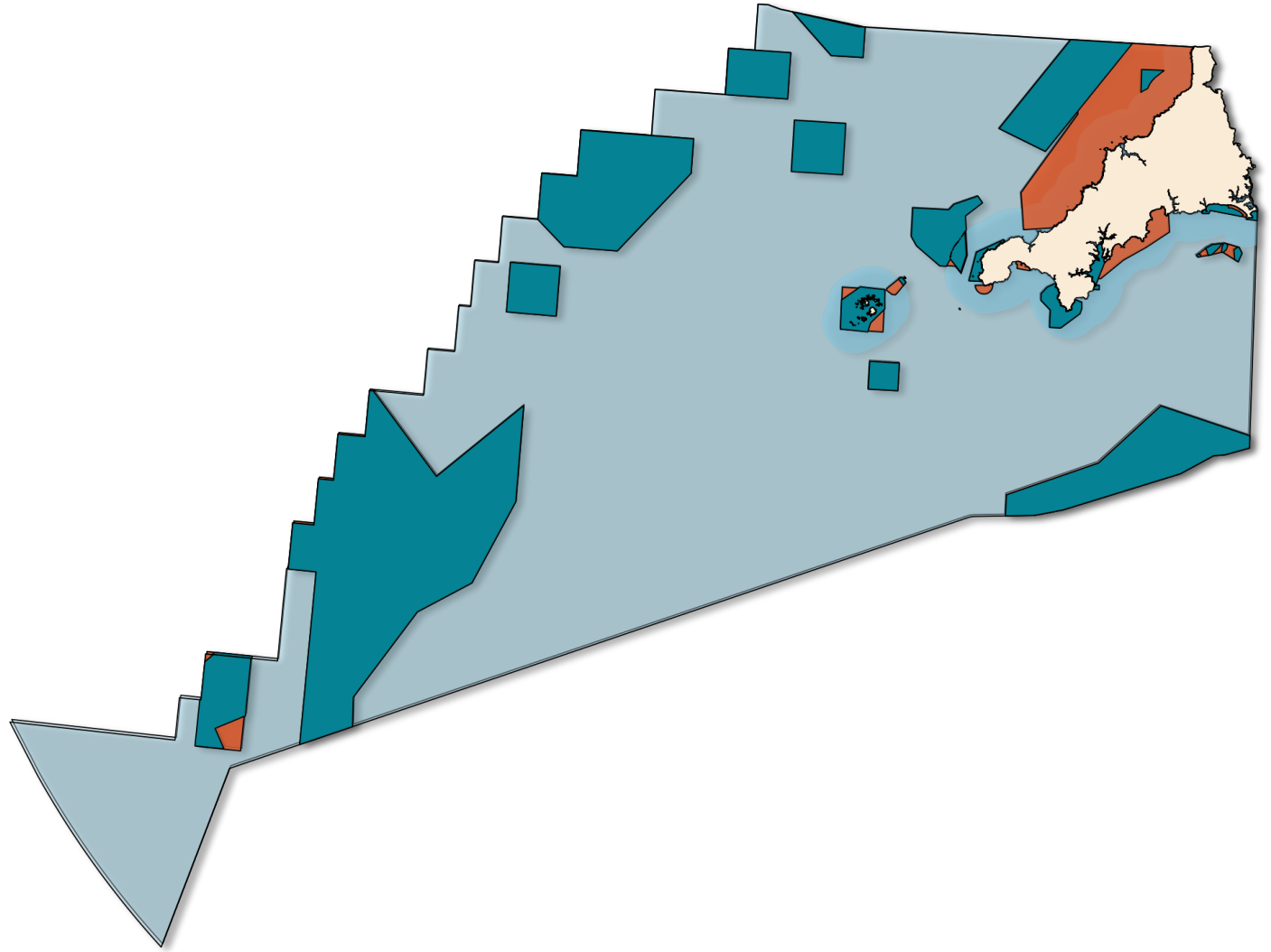
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Photo: Paul Naylor

What do the proposals mean?

20%

of Cornwall's seas
could be protected
from bottom trawling



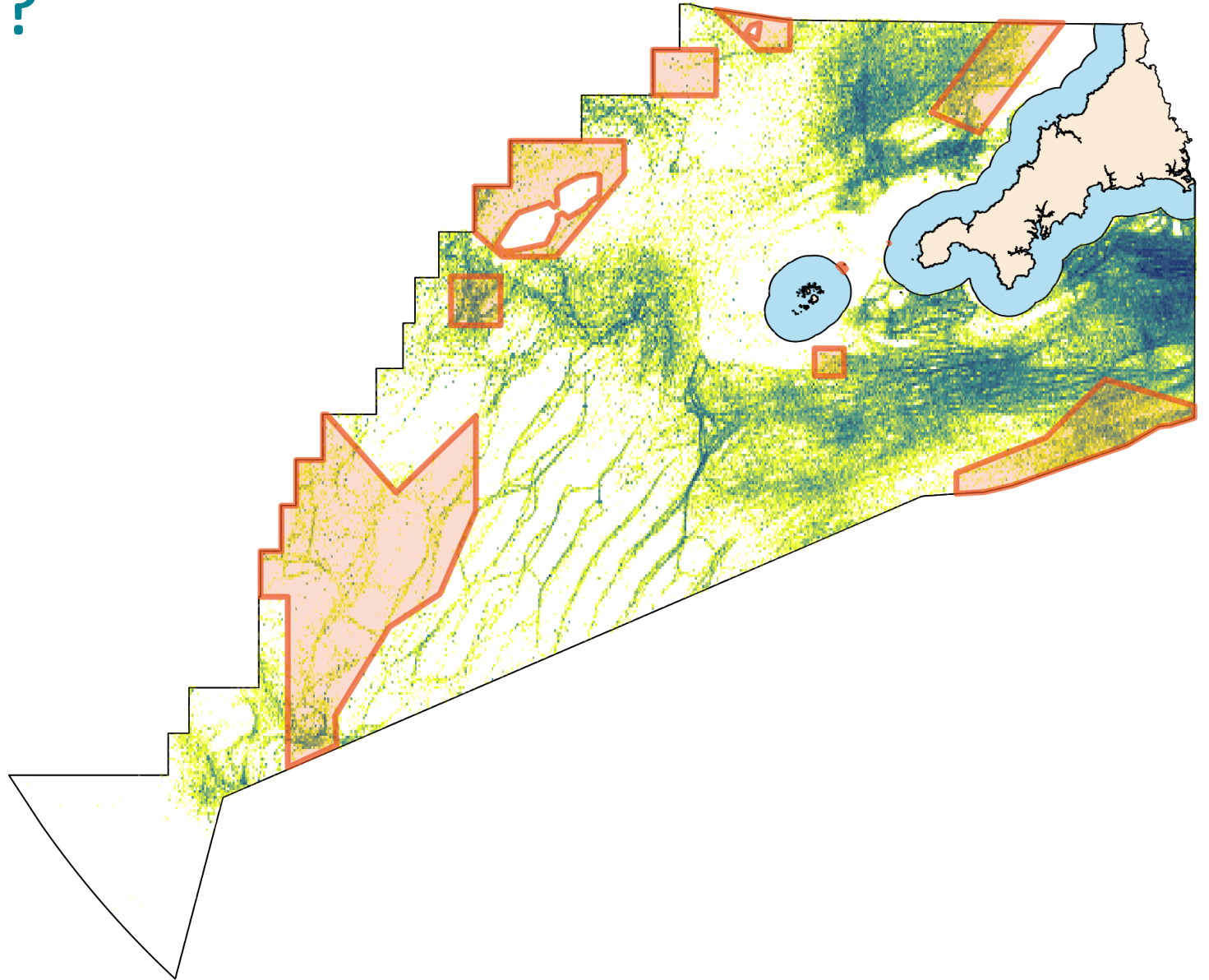
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What about fishing?

3%

of Cornish trawling will
be displaced



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Support our seas

29th September deadline



action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/171084



Photo: Martin Stevens

Beyond campaigning and advocacy



A catchment approach to
marine recovery
(Tor to Shore)



Collaborating with fishers
(Supporting sustainable
practices)



Citizen science
(some of the UK's most robust
programmes to understand
our seas and inform our work)



Engaging and mobilising
communities
(including under-represented
groups)



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Devon



Dorset

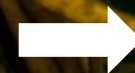


Hampshire



West Sussex

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Chair of Trustees



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Matt Walpole

Chief Executive



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2030 strategy

More people taking action for nature by ...

1 Demonstrating & Inspiring

100% of reserves made better for wildlife

2 Supporting & Advising

50,000 acres managed for nature

3 Engage & Mobilising

100,000 people engaging with & acting for nature

4 Campaign & Advocating

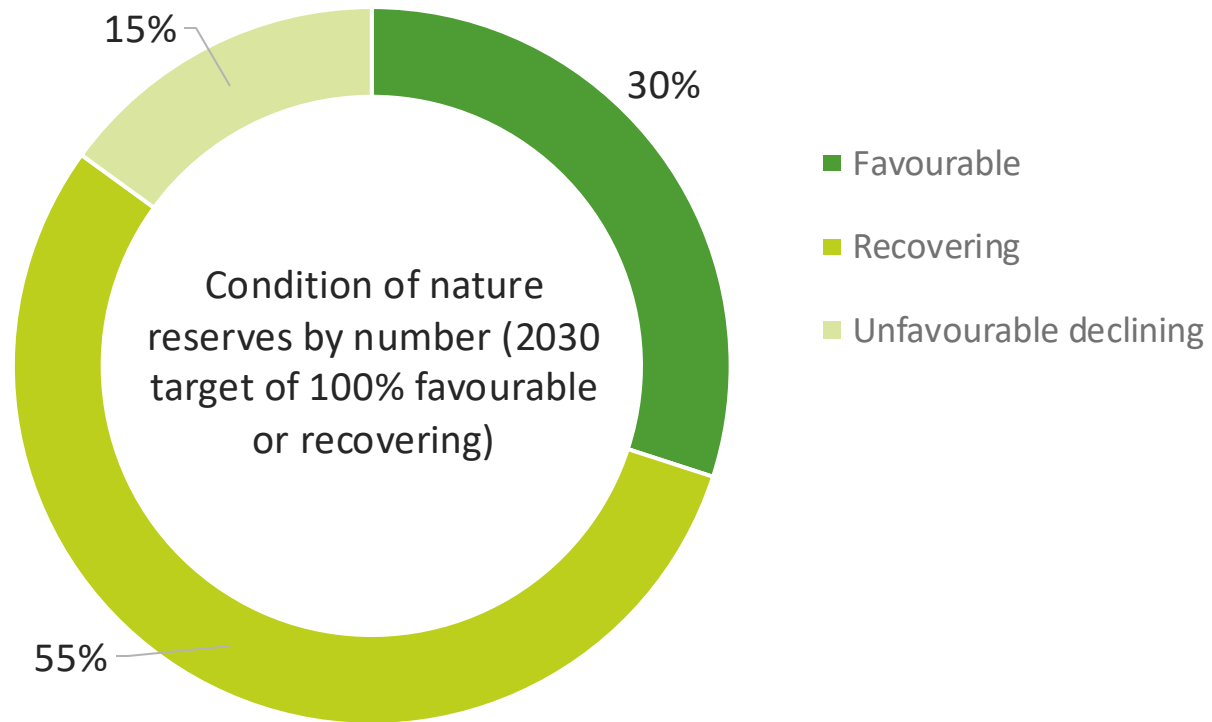
Better decisions for nature



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Objective one: Demonstrate and Inspire



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85% of nature
reserves
in favourable or
recovering condition





3.7 acre
wetland complex created



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Small red damselfly and blue-tailed damselfly
recorded at wetland following its
creation



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Photo: Laura Snell

A photograph of a cow with black and white patches grazing in a lush green field. In the background, there is a stone wall made of large, grey rocks. The sky is overcast and grey.

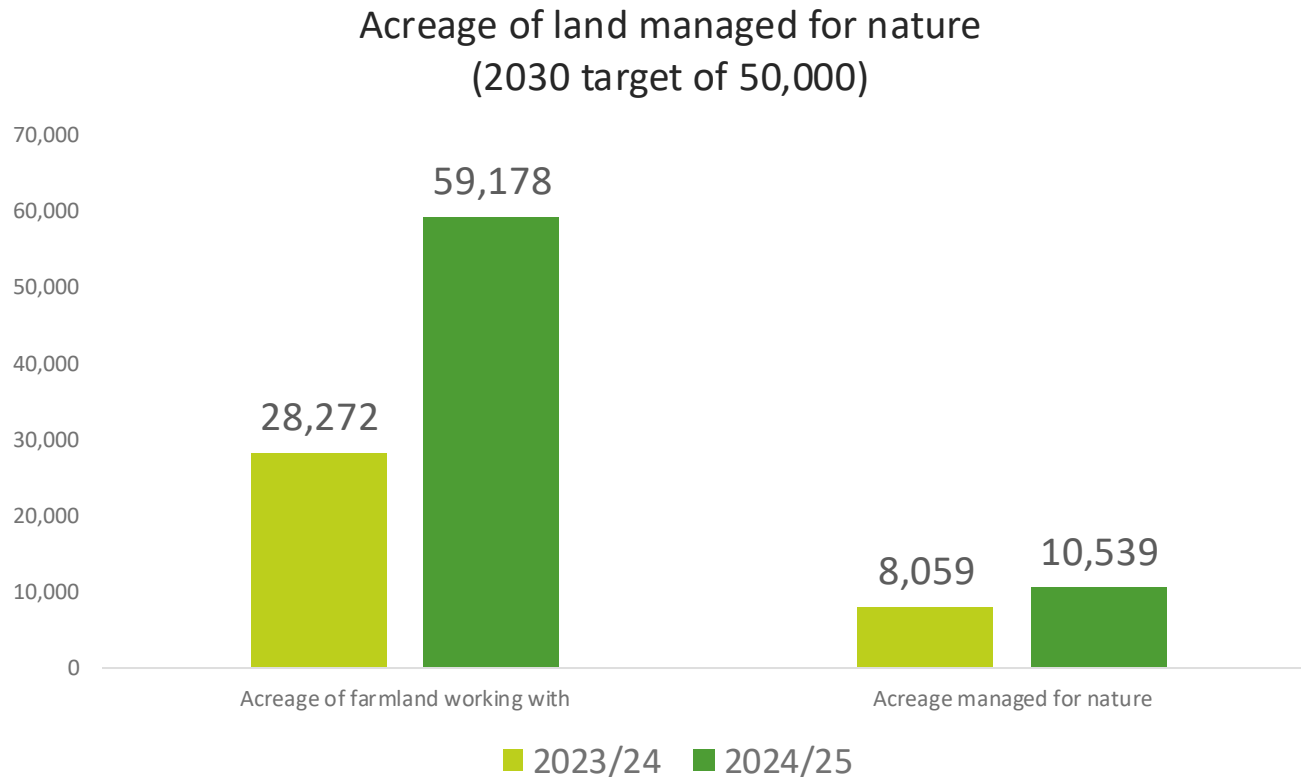
3,600 acres
of reserves' land improved thanks
to conservation grazing



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Objective two: Support and Advise



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10,539 acres
managed for nature
(31% increase on
2023/24)

“Cornwall Wildlife Trust expertly led us through every step of the process, and we now seeing the benefits – with unusual plants, animals and insects appearing daily. The grass strips are also reducing water runoff, protecting the community closer to the sea.”

Farmer, near Mousehole



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Photo: James Adler

An underwater photograph showing a dense field of green seagrass blades reaching towards the surface. The water is clear and blue, with sunlight filtering through from above. In the foreground, there are some brown, dried-out seaweed or seagrass stalks.

887 acres

Size of St Austell Bay's
seagrass beds



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Objective three: Engage and Mobilise

33,487 people
inspired to engage
with and / or act for
nature



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5.3km

of coastline habitats mapped
thanks to volunteers



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Photo: Lewis Jefferies



300 miles
walked over 26 legs

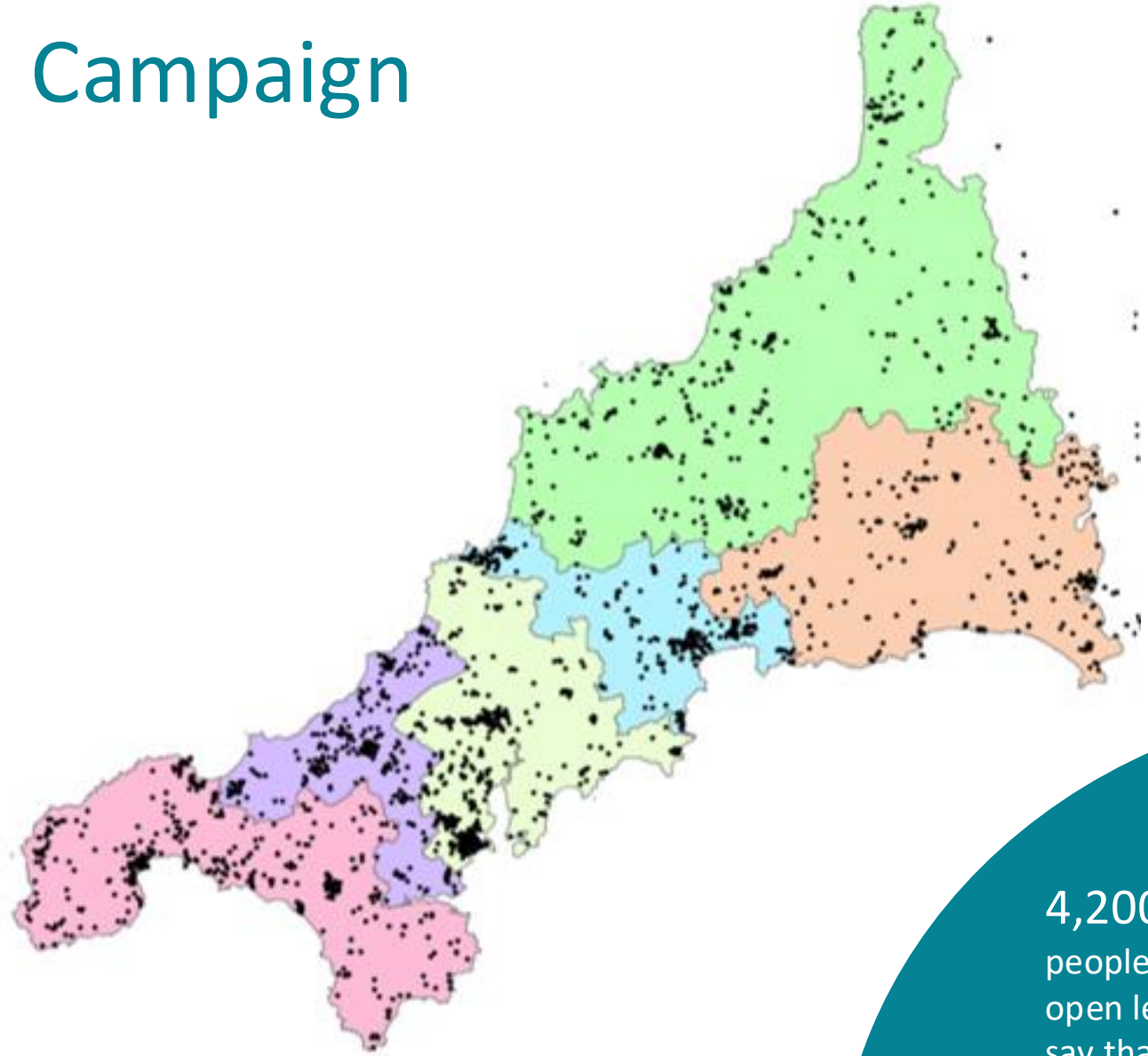


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Objective four: and Advocate

Campaign



4,200+
people signed
open letter to
say that nature
matters



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Ensuring an effective organisation

Our values

- Passionate and Inspiring
- Knowledgeable and Authentic
- Inclusive and Enabling
- Focused and Impactful



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18,184 members
creating a Cornwall
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The year ahead



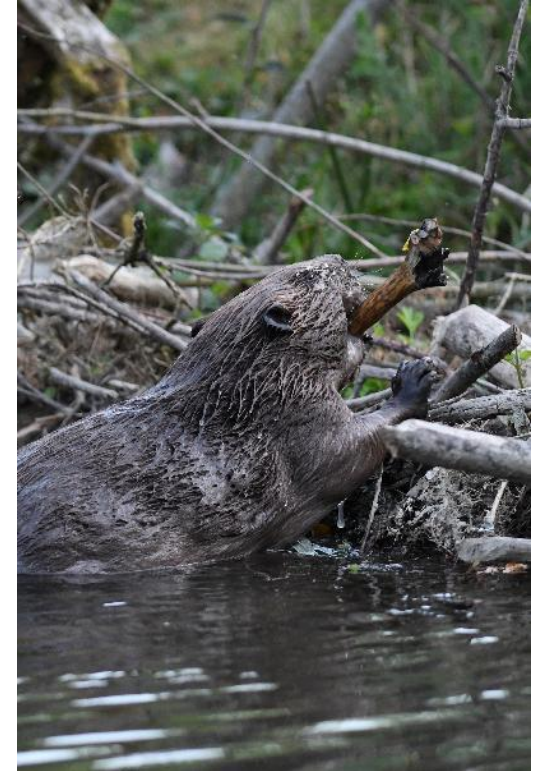
Ross Hoddinott



Lewis Jefferies



Ben Watkins



David Parkyn



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Thank you
for being part of the movement
for a wilder future for Cornwall



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Photo: Jon Hawkins

Raoul Humphreys

Treasurer

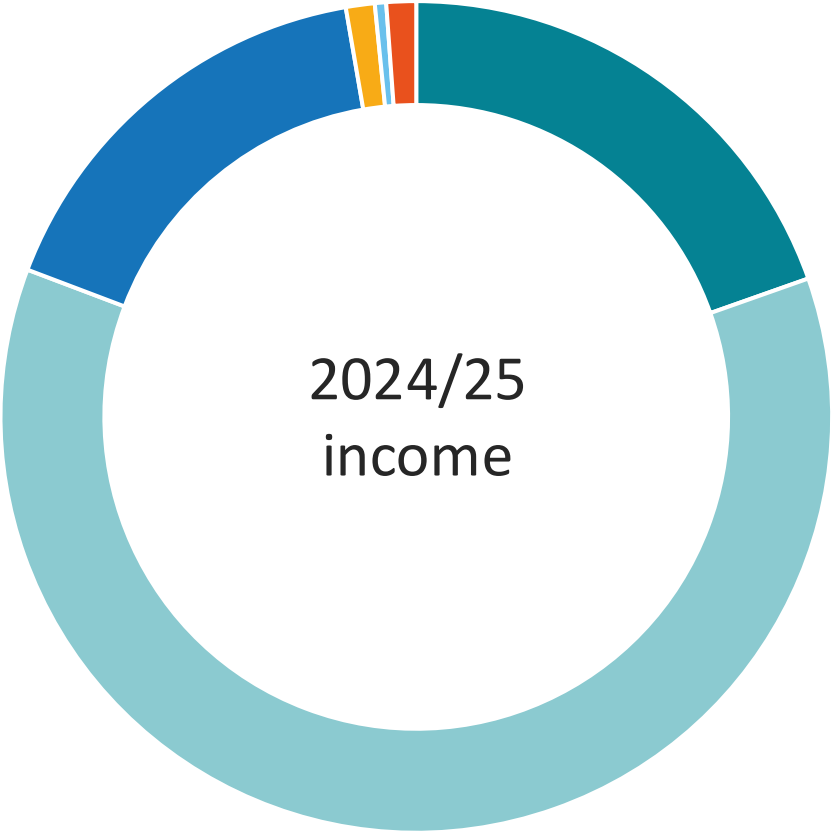


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Income



2024/25 income

Donations, legacies and memberships	£1.50m
Programme grants and contracts	£4.68m
Other trading activities	£0.09m
Investments	£0.03m
Consultancy income	£1.26m
Other	£0.09m
Total:	£7.65m

(£3.73m unrestricted income, £3.92m restricted)

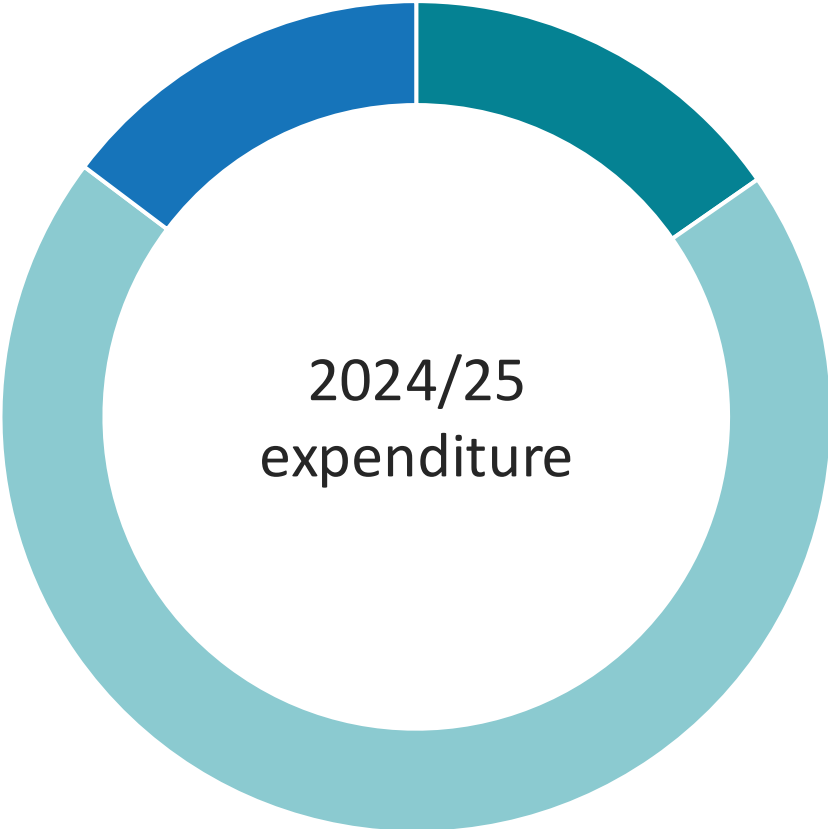


Received for nature thanks to the subscriptions of our members and patrons



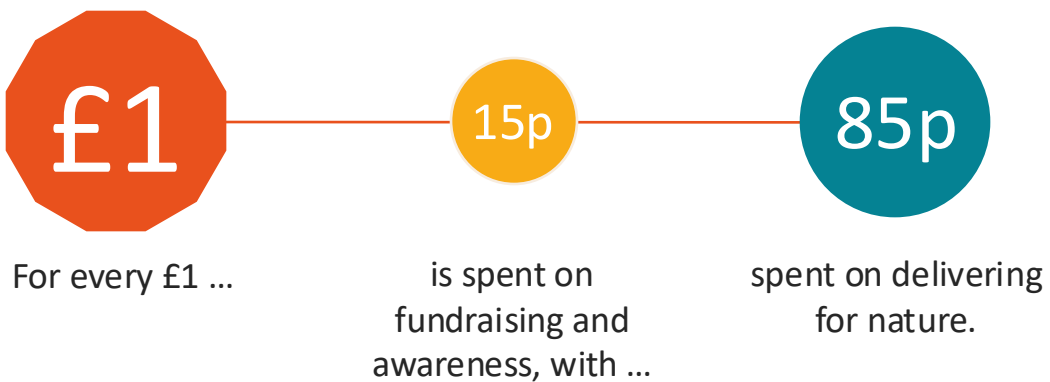
Gifted to wildlife by those who kindly remembered the Trust's work in their Wills

Expenditure



2024/25 expenditure

▶ Raising funds and increasing awareness	£1.00m
▶ Charitable activities	£4.59m
▶ Environmental consultancy	£0.97m
Total:	£6.56m



£1.62m in reserves
and for investment in
nature, including Tor
to Shore

Group balance sheet

	2024/25 (£)	2023/24 (£)
Fixed assets	8,000,421	7,776,676
Investments	57,631	55,949
Total fixed assets and investments	8,058,052	7,832,625
Current assets	5,185,987	4,024,349
Creditors due within one year	(745,912)	(421,651)
Net current assets	4,440,075	3,602,698
Creditors due after one year	(56,178)	(75,512)
Total net assets	12,441,949	11,359,811
Funds		
<i>Unrestricted funds:</i>		
General Funds	1,620,295	1,372,302
Designated Funds	1,912,540	1,793,857
Revaluation Reserve		
<i>Restricted funds:</i>	8,909,114	8,193,652
Total Funds	12,441,949	11,359,811

Gill Saunders

Secretary



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2025 volunteering awards

Celebrating those who give their
time, skills and passion to help
nature



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Young volunteer

Nancy Nenning



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Group award

Friends of the Fal

Roberson and Fran Swanson



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Conservation champion

Yvonne Oates



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Lifetime achievement

Derek Spooner



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Cheryl Marriott

Director of Nature and People



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Beavers

10 things to know



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Need to know one

Native species



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A group of people, including adults and children, are gathered on a grassy bank next to a pond. They are watching a badger swim in the water. The badger is visible in the foreground, swimming towards the right. The background is filled with lush green trees and vegetation.

Need to know two

Bought back in 2017



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Need to know three
Herbivores

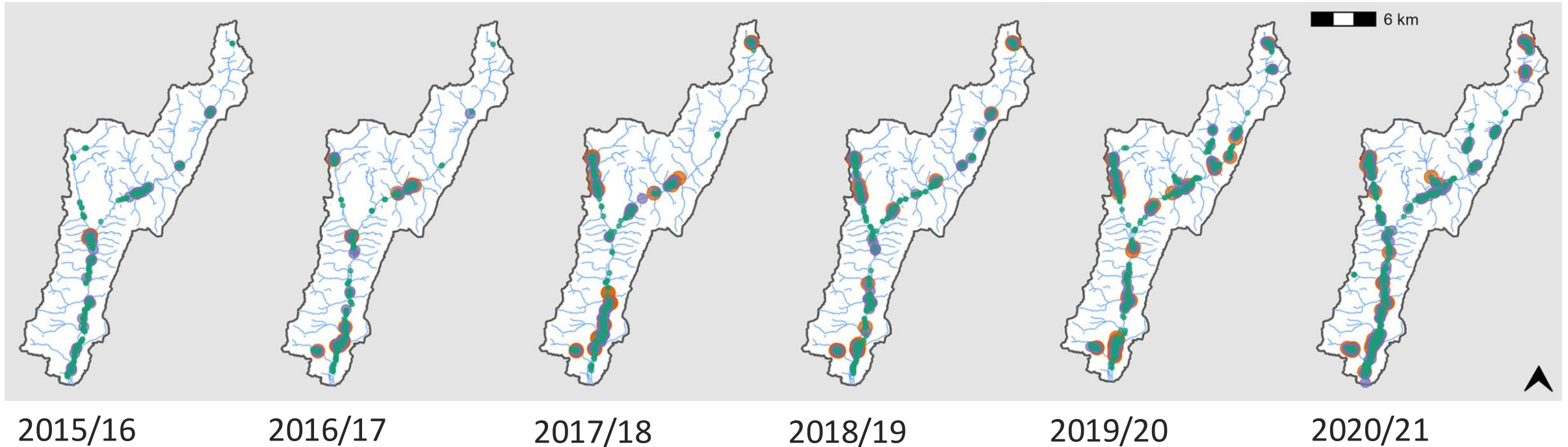


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Need to know four

Highly territorial



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Need to know five

Build on smaller streams



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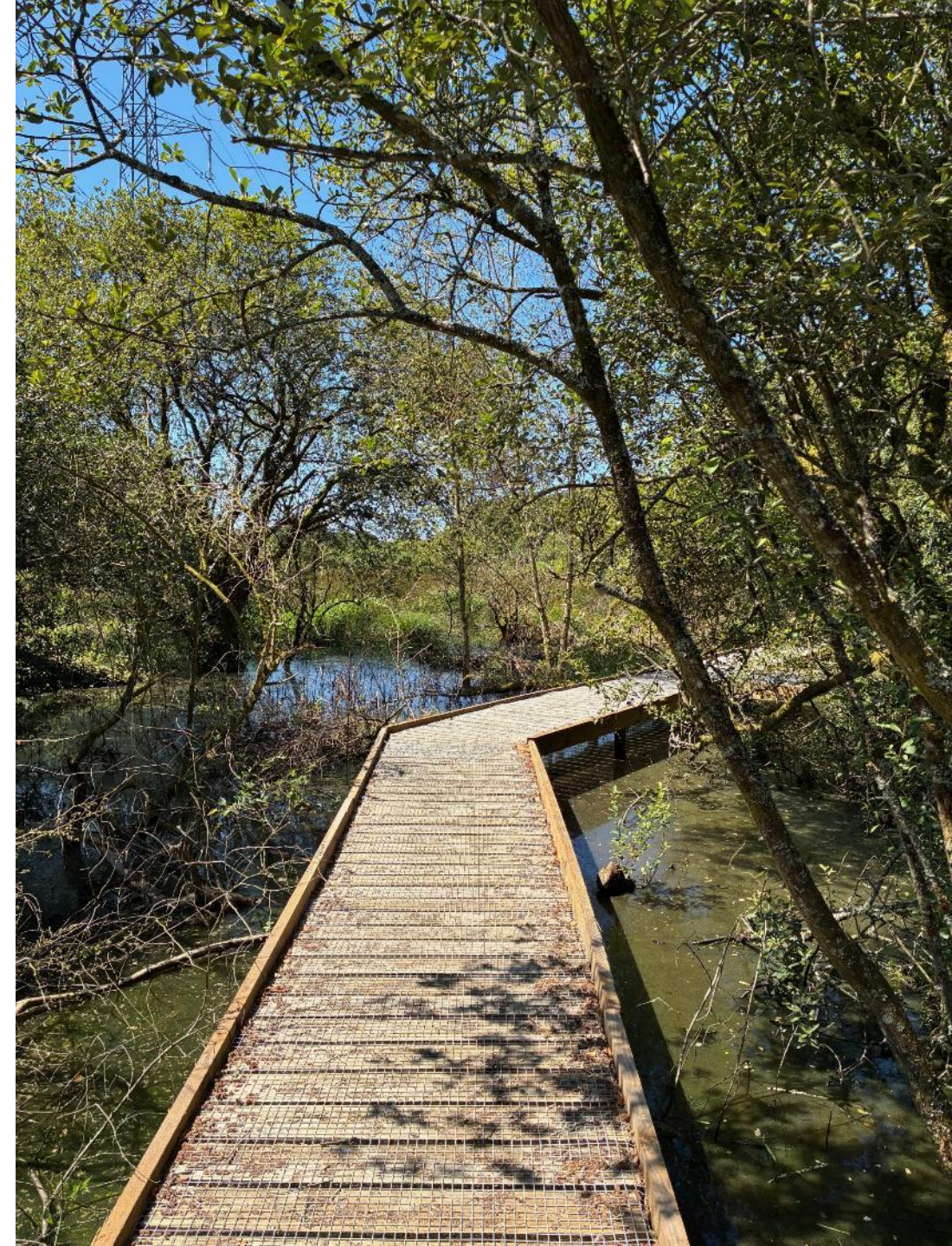
Need to know six

Bring huge benefits



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Need to know seven

They attract visitors ...



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02/27/2025

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CAMERA1



Need to know seven

They attract visitors ...

Need to know eight

Unexpected arrivals in 2024



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Need to know nine

New arrivals in 2025

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Need to know ten

We have big plans!



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Thank you



Photo: Adrian Langdon