

Solent Forum Update – 18th September 2024
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MPA Monitoring and Reporting

- Conservation Advice – formal advice now available for all MPAs in SEMS
- Condition Assessment Portsmouth Harbour SPA
 - red-breasted merganser and dunlin - unfavourable-declining
 - dark-bellied Brent goose - unfavourable-no change
 - black-tailed godwit - unfavourable-recovering condition.
 - declining abundance, loss of supporting habitat and disturbance
- In progress
 - Chichester and Langstone Harbours SPA
 - The Needles MCZ



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- Intertidal seagrass survey report published:
<https://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/6657957971099648>
- Yarmouth to Cowes MCZ Intertidal Habitat Survey:
<https://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/6487912196341760>
- Dive Surveys to assess condition of subtidal seagrass beds. Report in prep
- 2 x MSc Projects in prep
 - Microplastic Inputs to the Solent via Estuarine Systems
 - Assessing the Impact of Marine Debris on the Spread of Invasive Non-Native Species in The Solent



- Voluntary No Anchor Zone installed in March
- Final year of recreational activity surveys
 - Continued through Solent Seascape Project
- Early signs of seagrass growth in restoration site
- Mapping debris project report published:
<https://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5726694909149184>
- AMS good practice guide published: <https://saveourseabed.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/AMS-good-practice-guide-Final-13.08.24.pdf>
- Synthesis report in prep
- Due to complete October 2024

