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# Ruth Williams

**Head of Marine Conservation**  
**The Wildlife Trusts**



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# Celebrating Cornish cetaceans





# Common dolphin



Photo: Adrian Langdon

# Harbour porpoise



Photo: Niki Clear



# Bottlenose dolphin

Photo: George Karbus









# Risso's dolphin



# Humpback whale



# SWUK<sub>1</sub> – Pi / Cream team

- **First identified:** 02.08.19, Lamorna, Cornwall
- **Summer – autumn 2020:** Co. Cork, Ireland
- **Winter 2020/21:** Isles of Scilly
- **Winter 2021/22:** Isles of Scilly
- **Summer 2022:** Western Isles, Scotland (with another known whale – Lindola)
- **Winter 2022/23:** Isles of Scilly



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Photo: Steve Truluck



Photo: Dave McBride

*Line Discovery...*

# **Bowhead whale**



# Sperm whale



Photo: Niki Clear

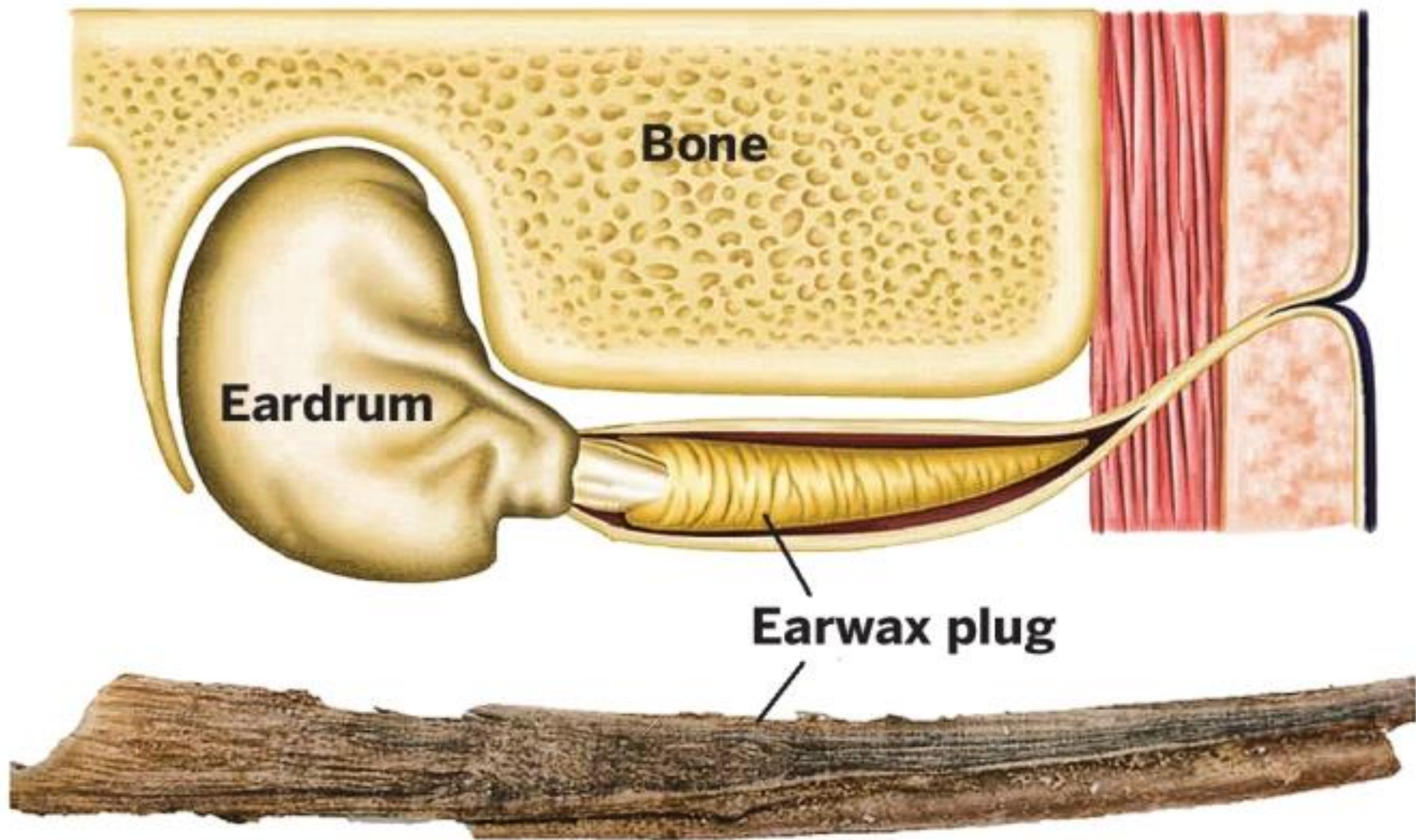
**Any ideas what this is?**





# Fin whale





# Seaquest south-west

**A marine megafauna recording project utilising public sightings to further our understanding of marine life across the Southwest.**

- Effort Based Surveys
- ID and Survey Training (Spring)
- Seaquest Sundays
- Ad Hoc Records

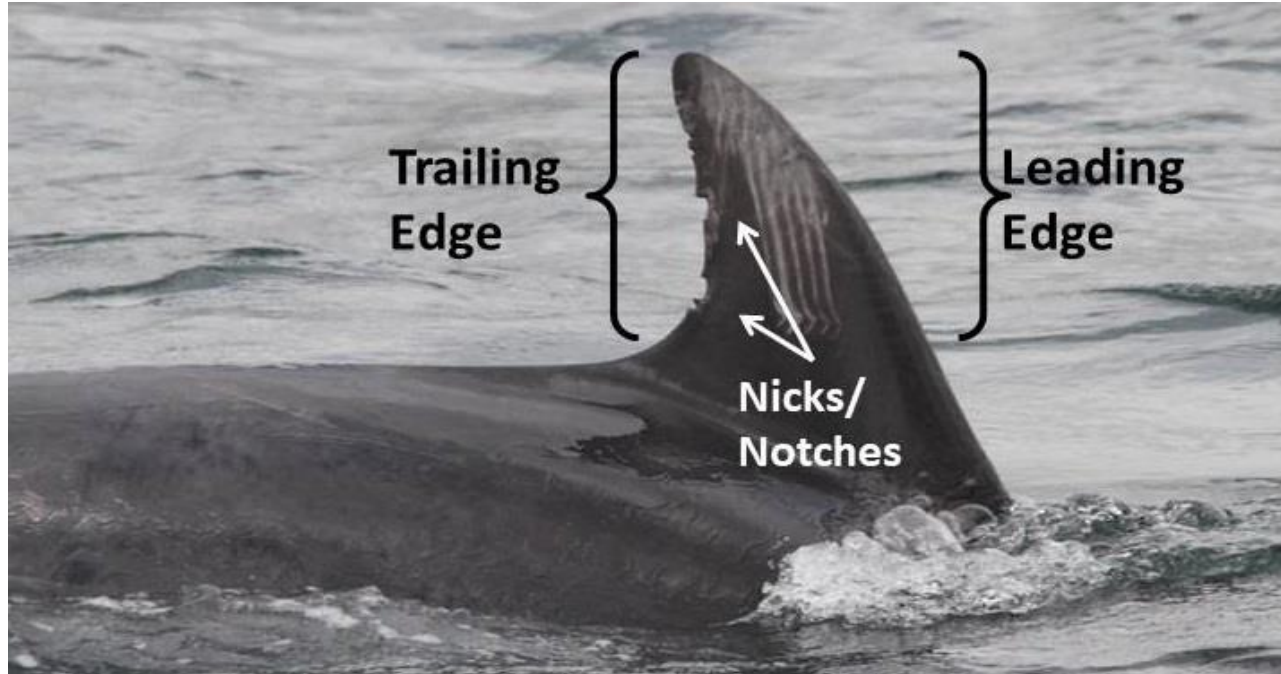


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# Photo identification



Bottlenose dolphins can be identified by looking at photographs of their dorsal fins. The trailing edge of the fin is most commonly used to identify an individual dolphin.



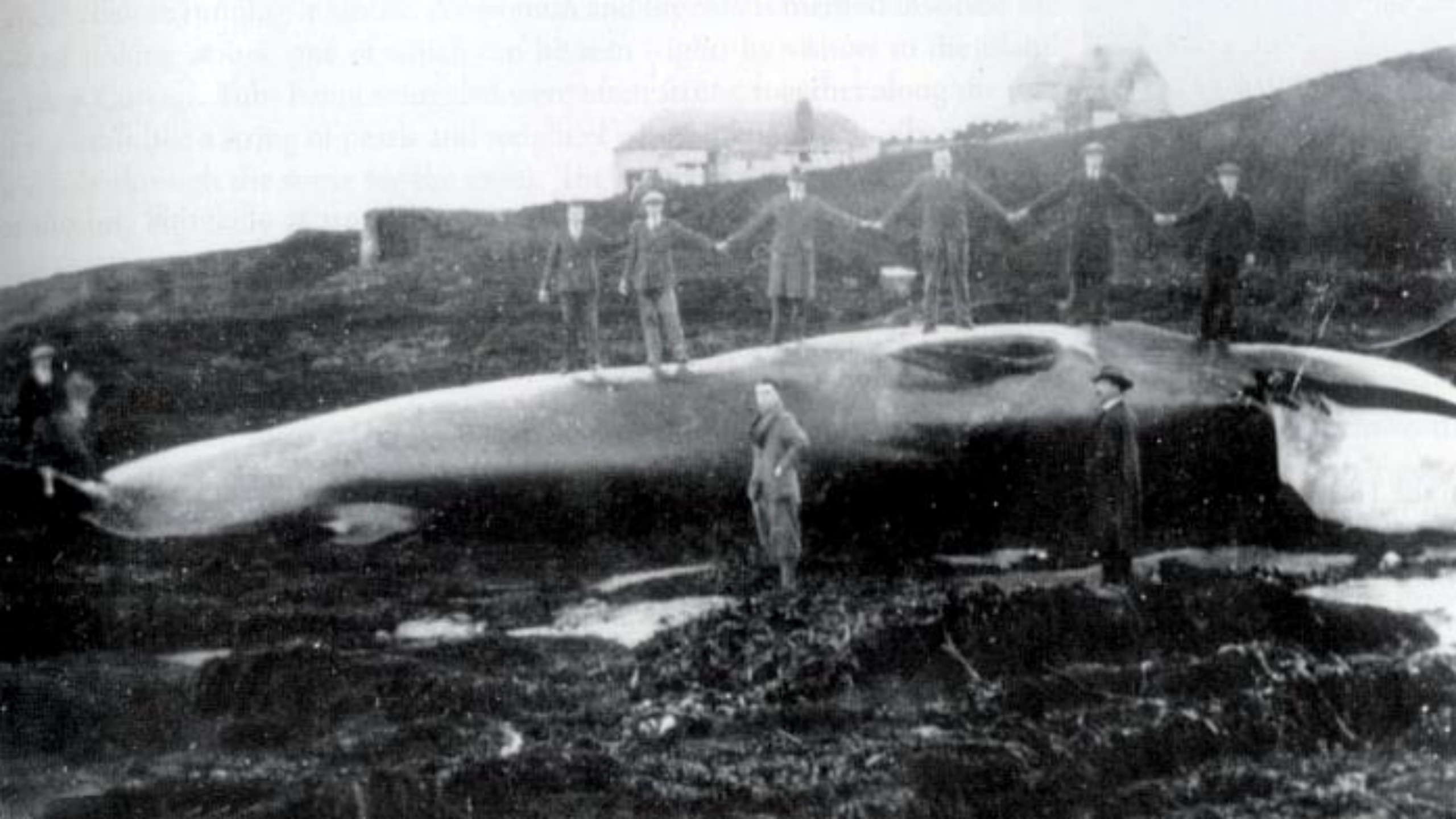
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Cornwall Marine  
& Coastal Code  
Group



[cornwallmarinelifecycle.org.uk](http://cornwallmarinelifecycle.org.uk)



# Marine Strandings Network

**Cornwall Wildlife Trust's Marine Strandings Network is the licensed recorder for all marine strandings in Cornwall.**

- Strandings Hotline Coordinator
- Strandings Callout Volunteer (Autumn training)
- Cetacean Stranding Investigation Program (CSIP)
- Cornwall Marine Pathology Team
- Found a dead marine animal?



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# Call our dedicated Strandings and Disturbance Hotline

**0345 201 2626**

**[strandings@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:strandings@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk)**



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## Devon Wildlife Trust Marine Strandings Network

monitoring marine  
wildlife along Devon's  
two coasts

Hotline to  
report a dead  
stranded marine  
animal call

**07719 086531**

or email [strandings@  
devonwildlifetrust.org](mailto:strandings@devonwildlifetrust.org)

Devon Wildlife Trust Marine Strandings Network is supported by specially trained volunteers, with the aim of gathering data on dead marine wildlife to help advocate for better protection of Devon's marine megafauna.

All data is sent to the Cetacean Strandings Investigation Programme, who investigate causes of death in marine mammals, basking sharks and turtles in England and Wales and identify threats to their survival. See [ukstrandings.org](http://ukstrandings.org)

Hotline to  
report a live  
stranded marine  
animal call BDMLR  
immediately on

**01825 765546**



For more information,  
please scan the QR code  
or email [strandings@  
devonwildlifetrust.org](mailto:strandings@devonwildlifetrust.org)



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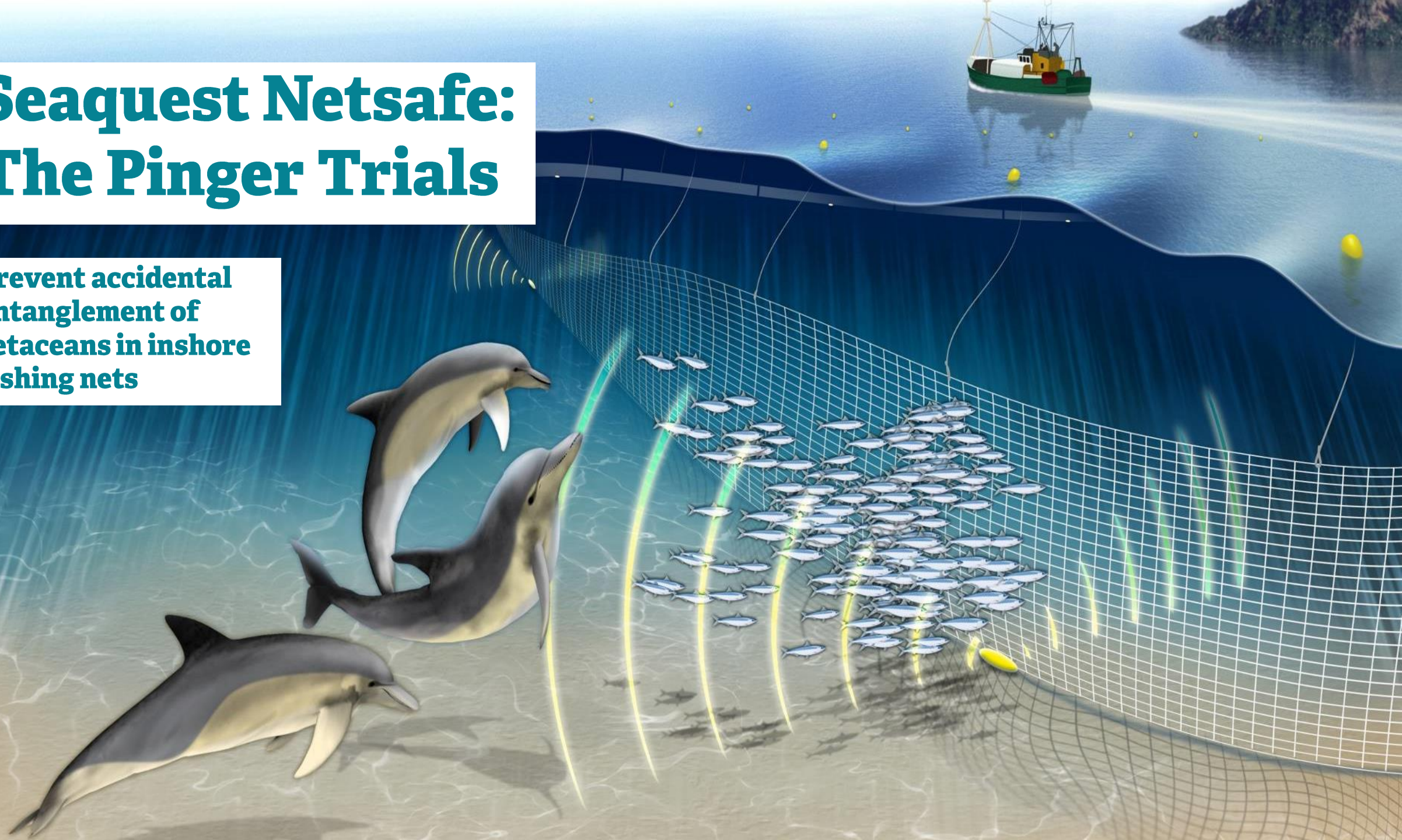


# Bycatch Evidence Evaluation Protocol and Seal Evidence Evaluation Protocol

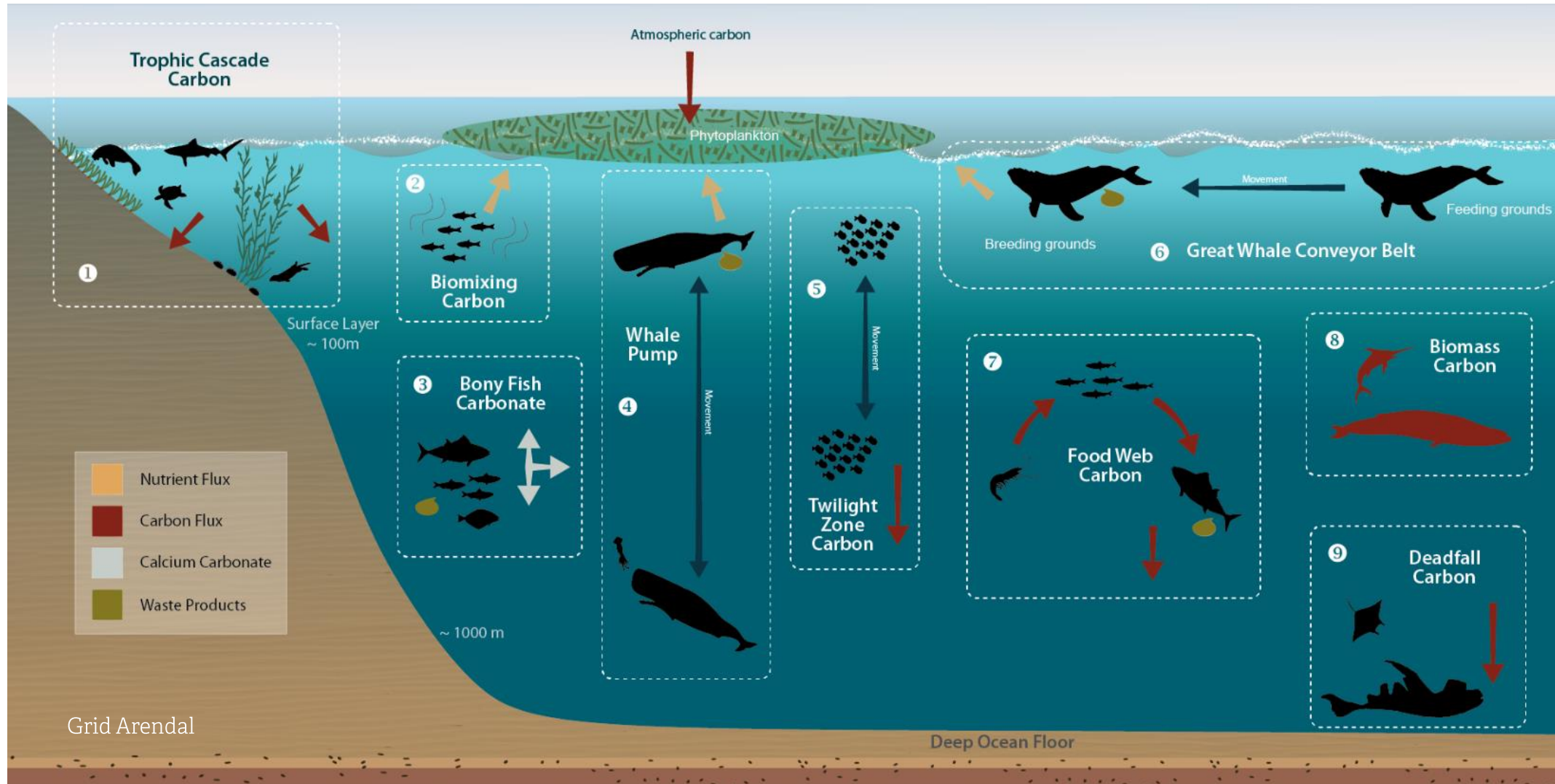


# Seaquest Netsafe: The Pinger Trials

Prevent accidental  
entanglement of  
cetaceans in inshore  
fishing nets



# Nature-based solutions: Oceanic blue carbon



A detailed painting of a rocky seabed. The scene is filled with vibrant, colorful coral and sea anemones in shades of blue, yellow, orange, and green. Several large, dark, circular structures, possibly sea anemones or coral, are prominent. In the lower foreground, a small, brown and white speckled fish is swimming towards the right. The overall composition is rich and textured, capturing the complexity of an underwater ecosystem.

# Questions?

Photo: Carol Harper

An aerial photograph of a whale breaching the ocean surface. The whale is dark grey and is creating a large splash of white water as it moves through the clear, turquoise water. The whale's tail is visible on the left side of the frame, and its head is on the right. The text "Thank you!" is overlaid in a white, handwritten-style font across the center of the image.

Thank you!

Photo: Above and Below Imagery

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# Oliver Blount

**Chair of Trustees**  
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# Matt Walpole

**Chief Executive**  
**Cornwall Wildlife Trust**



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# More people taking action for nature

**1**  
**Demonstrate & Inspire**



**100%**  
**of reserves made better for wildlife**

**3**  
**Engage & Mobilise**



**100,000**  
**people engaging with and taking action**

**2**  
**Support & Advise**



**50,000**  
**acres managed for nature**

**4**  
**Campaign & Advocate**

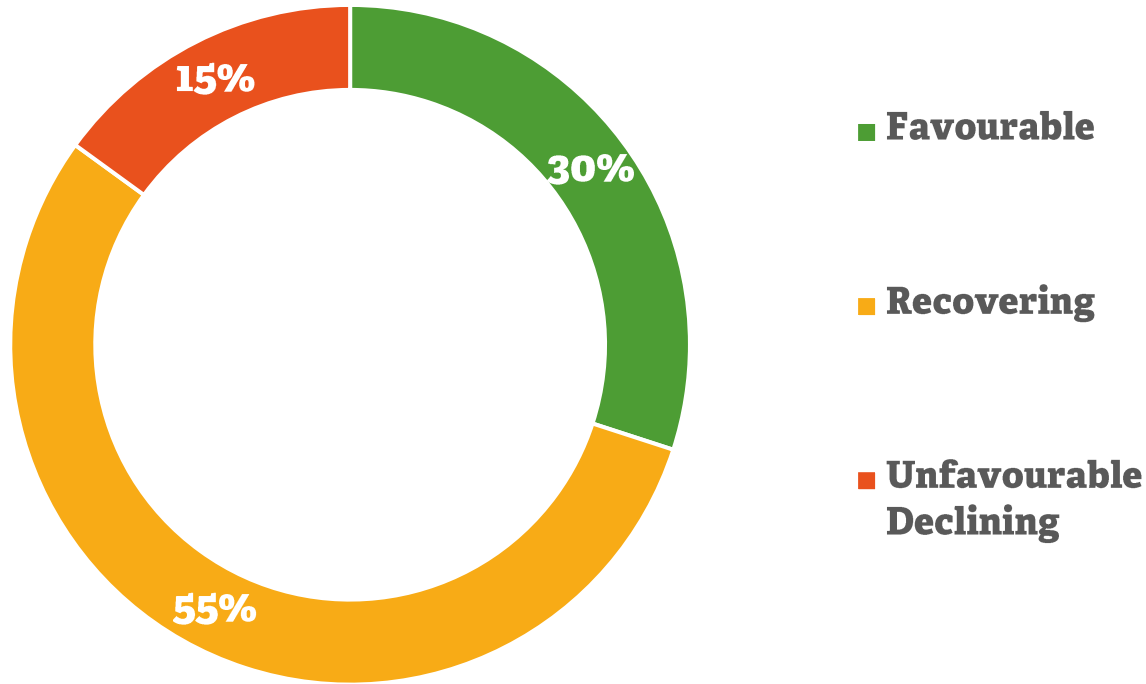


**Better decisions for nature**



# Objective one: Demonstrate and Inspire

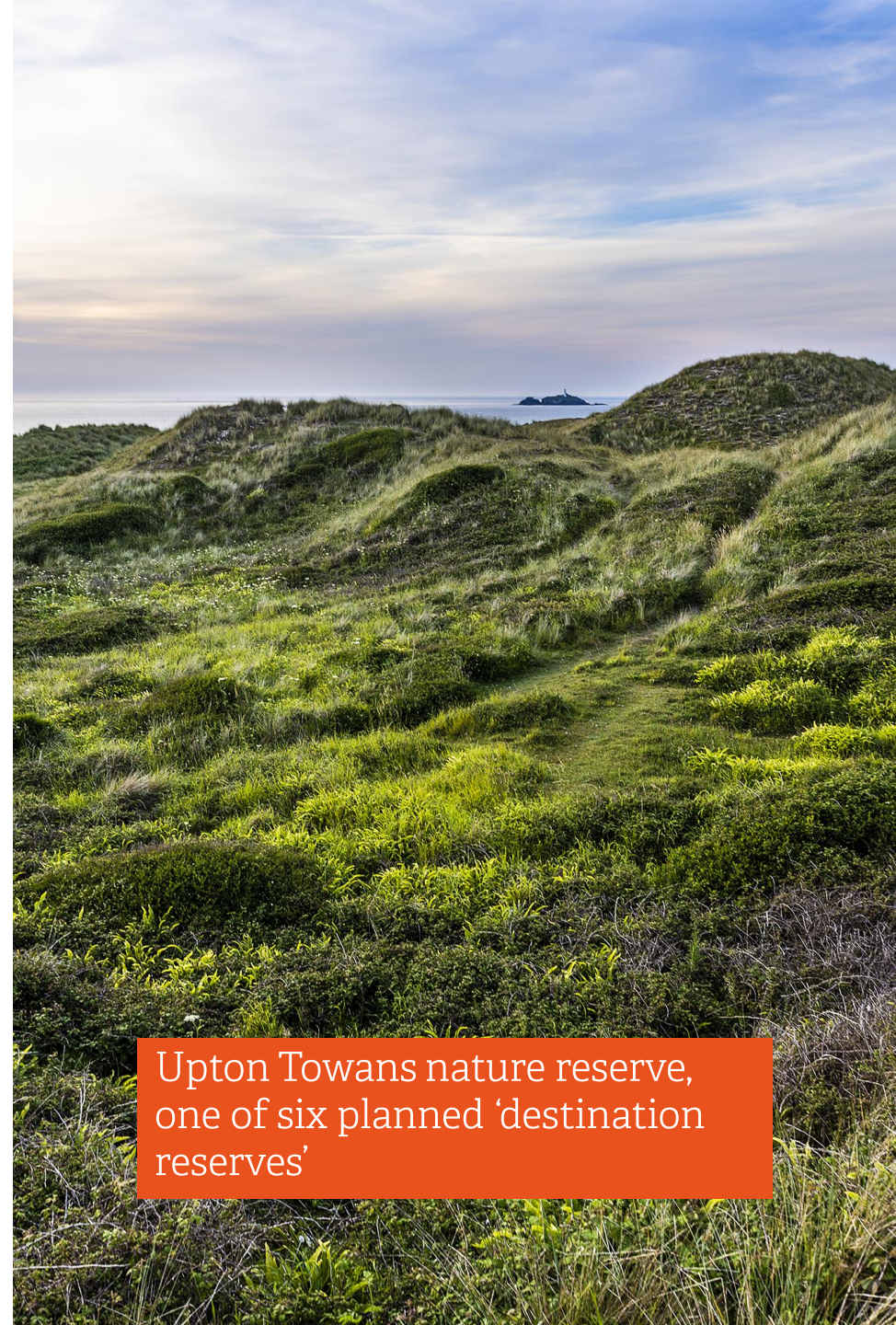
Status of nature reserves (number)



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Upton Towans nature reserve,  
one of six planned 'destination  
reserves'



# Objective one: **Demonstrate and Inspire**



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Vaughn Matthews



Ben Hall



Fergus Gill



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# Objective two: **Support and Advise**



**More farmers and  
landowners...**

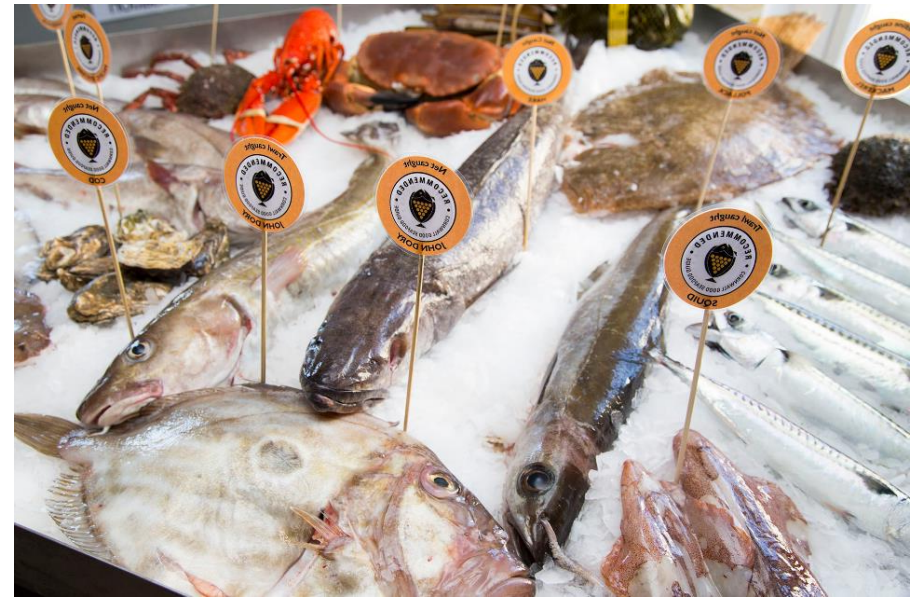
**...right across  
Cornwall**



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# Objective two: **Support and Advise**



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# Objective three: Engage and Mobilise

Aiming for  
**100,000**  
people by 2030





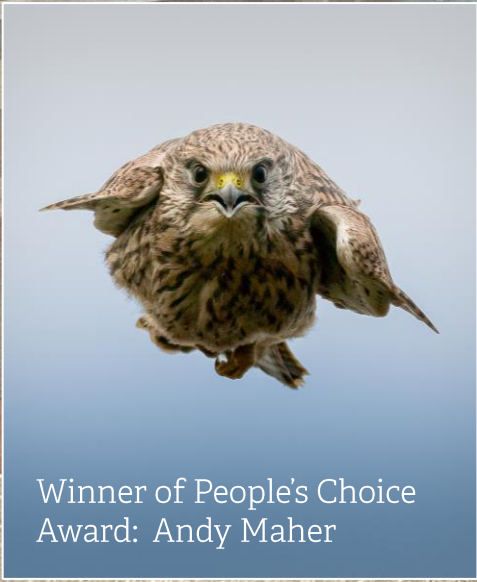
**6,001** trees planted

across Penwith and the Cober catchment thanks to volunteers



# **498** marine strandings recorded

**thanks to Cornwall Wildlife Trust volunteers, who gave up time to secure important data**



Winner of People's Choice Award: Andy Maher

# Objective four: Campaign and Advocate



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## KEY

● Core Local Nature Recovery Areas (land)

● Core Local Nature Recovery Areas (sea)

● Dunes and Towans

● National Landscapes (formerly AONB)

● Nature Reserves

★ Destination Reserves

**Bodmin Moor to Looe**, where we'll partner with others to restore temperate rainforests.

**The Par catchment**, home to Cornwall Wildlife Trust's largest nature reserve, Helman Tor, where we will increase our use of rewilding principles and work with nearby farmers.

**The Fal catchment**, in particular the area surrounding Allet, where our Five Acres nature reserve and HQ is based.

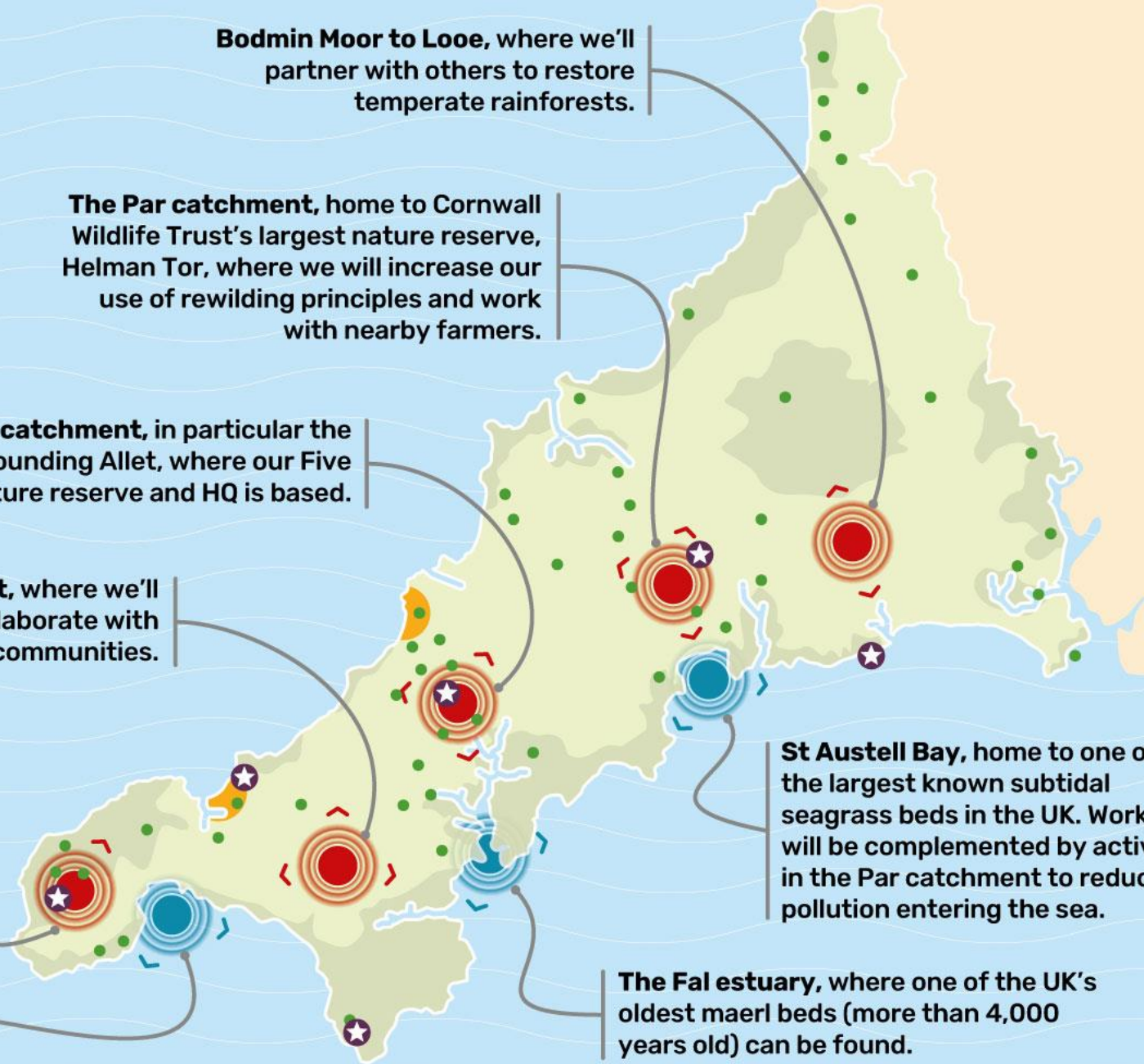
**The Cober catchment**, where we'll continue to collaborate with farmers and communities.

**West Penwith**, one of the oldest farmed landscapes in the world and home to a significant amount of Cornwall's lowland heathland – one of our rarest habitats.

**Mounts Bay**, where we'll continue work with the Local Marine Group to monitor and protect the local marine environment.

**St Austell Bay**, home to one of the largest known subtidal seagrass beds in the UK. Work will be complemented by activity in the Par catchment to reduce pollution entering the sea.

**The Fal estuary**, where one of the UK's oldest maerl beds (more than 4,000 years old) can be found.



# The year in snapshot



**April**

St Austell Bay seagrass findings released (887 acres)



**May**

£3.8m secured for farmers between 2020 – 2024 through UST



Rupert Kirkwood

**June**

Humpback whales spotted across Cornwall's coastline



**July**

4,000 seeds collected after first year of active seagrass restoration trial



**August**

Levethan joins Open Gardens. £25k raised over year



**September**

52 more acres bought for nature at Bartinney nature reserve



Jo Coumbe

**October**

English longhorns arrive at Helman Tor as we rewild the site



**November**

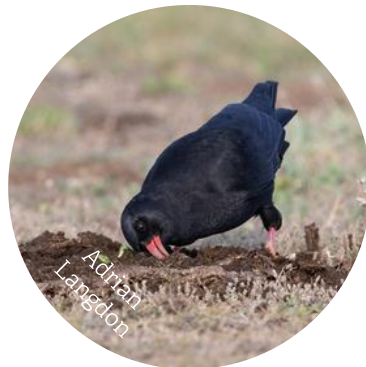
Major new project confirmed for Penwith. Will work with 54 farmers and landowners



Andy Maher

**December**

Photo exhibition's People's Choice winner announced. Over 50,000 people visited exhibition



Adrian Langdon

**January**

Choughs recorded inland at Bartinney for first time



Adrian Langdon

**February**

Beavers arrive at Helman Tor



**March**

General election campaign launched



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# Thank you!



**Your ongoing support**  
**means we can create**  
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Photo: Barry Smith

# Raoul Humphreys

**Treasurer**

**Cornwall Wildlife Trust**



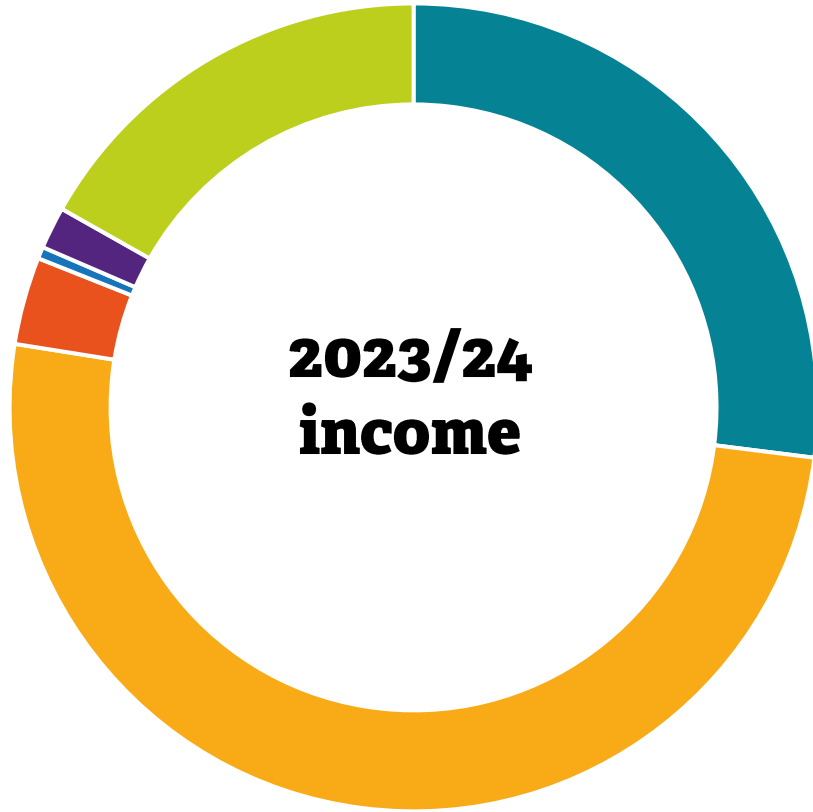
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# Income



## 2023/24 income

Donations, legacies and memberships	£1.58m
Programme grants and contracts	£2.97m
Other trading activities	£0.21m
Investments	£0.03m
Consultancy income	£0.99m
Other	£0.1m
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£5.87m</b>

**£643k**

**Received for nature thanks to our members**  
(membership donations only - excludes appeal donations and other gifts from members)

**£467k**

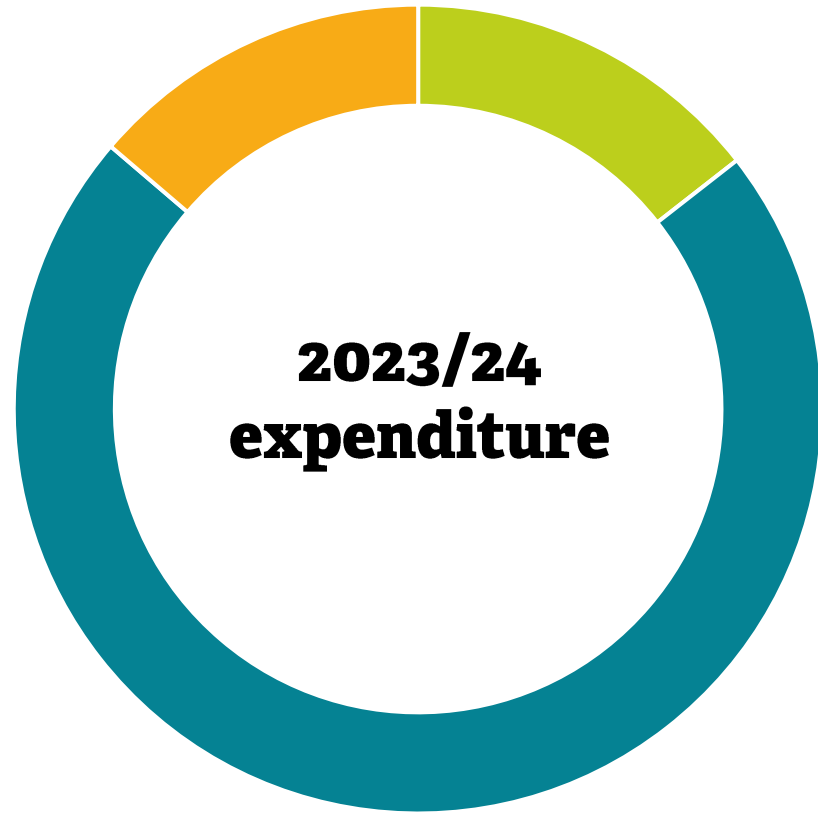
Average annual value (over past four years)  
from those **who kindly remembered**  
**Cornwall Wildlife Trust's work in their Wills**



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# Expenditure



## 2023/24 expenditure

- ▶ Raising funds and increasing awareness £0.83m
- ▶ Charitable activities £4.13m
- ▶ Environmental consultancy £0.79m

**Total: £5.75m**

£5.87m income vs £5.75m expenditure



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# Balance sheet

**£1.37m**

**In reserves and for investment in our 2030 strategy delivery** for nature recovery in Cornwall

**Disclaimer for all finance information:** At the time of print, the annual financial audit was not completed and these figures may be subject to change within the final accounts. The financial summary shown above does not contain sufficient information to allow for the full understanding of the financial affairs of Cornwall Wildlife Trust and its subsidiary company Cornwall Environmental Consultants Ltd. For further information the fully audited financial statements should be consulted once completed, available from Cornwall Wildlife Trust or visiting our website



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	The Group	
	2023/24 (£) Unaudited	2022/23 (£) Final accounts
Fixed assets	7,776,676	7,742,619
Investments	55,949	53,042
<b>Total fixed assets and investments</b>	<b>7,832,625</b>	<b>7,795,661</b>
Current assets	4,049,567	4,975,012
Creditors due within one year	446,869	-1,434,481
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>3,602,698</b>	<b>3,540,531</b>
Creditors due after one year	-75,512	-100,642
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>11,359,811</b>	<b>11,235,550</b>
<b>Funds</b>		
<i>Unrestricted funds:</i>		
General Funds	1,372,123	1,452,719
Designated Funds	1,793,857	1,585,711
Reavulation Reserve	179	179
<i>Restricted funds:</i>	8,193,652	8,196,941
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>11,359,811</b>	<b>11,235,550</b>

# Gill Saunders

**Secretary**

**Cornwall Wildlife Trust**



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# New and returning trustees



**Nick Wylie**  
(election)



**Richard Stokoe**  
(election)



**Veryan Vere Hodge**  
(election)



**Raoul Humphreys**  
(re-election)



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# Q&A



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Photo: Ben Hancock Smith



# Callum Deveney

**Director of Nature Recovery**  
**Cornwall Wildlife Trust**



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# Impact in action

The story of

# Windmill Farm



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A scenic landscape featuring a stone tower with a conical roof on a grassy hill. In the foreground, a calm pond reflects the tower and the surrounding greenery. The sky is a clear, light blue. The word "Questions?" is overlaid in a large, white, cursive font across the middle of the image.

Questions?





# Volunteer awards



# Wildlife Champion award

**Rob Robinson**



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# Group award

## **Marine Strandings Network Coordinators**

Alyson Devonshire, Constance Morris, Debbie de ste Croix, Joyce Edmonds,  
Richard Weeks, Sharon Trew



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# Lifetime achievement award

**Becky David**



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Thank you



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