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#### **1** Background

Eastern IFCA completed an assessment of potting activities in Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) in April 2022. The authority concluded that it could not rule out a risk of the activity hindering the conservation objectives for the site in the long term due to interactions with *Subtidal Chalk* features considered rugged in nature, hereafter referred to as rugged chalk and defined as outcropping, raised and structurally complex chalk features visible on the surface of the seabed.

To mitigate this risk Eastern IFCA are taking an Adaptive Risk Management (ARM) approach to the management of potting activities in the MCZ. This is an iterative process whereby management and research will inform each other in a feedback loop over the coming years.

One of the key research objectives of ARM is to:

Determine the locations of chalk features which are sensitive to damage from potting

In 2020 a desk-based study was completed to identify all available evidence sources which could provide information on the extent of rugged chalk features within the MCZ. After analysing available data, officers were able to identify a preliminary and precautionary area to be considered as rugged chalk (Figure 1).

Since completing the review in December 2020, several additional evidence sources have become available that can be used to improve our understanding as to the extent of the rugged chalk features. It is considered appropriate, therefore, to review the preliminary rugged chalk area, taking into account this new evidence. However, it is important to note that this review will not provide a final rugged chalk extent, but will form part of an ongoing process. As we continue with ARM and collect, or obtain, further data and evidence we will continue to review and update the rugged chalk extent to reflect best available evidence.

#### 2 Data sources and methods

Table 1 provides a list of data sources used in this review and summarises the processing and analysis undertaken by Eastern IFCA. Chalk categories used during analysis are detailed in Table 2. Data used in this review is presented in Figure 2.



Table 1: Data sources used to review rugged chalk area

Source	Date	Processing, analysis and incorporation of data	Link/reference to data
		Sources used in 2020 review	
Cefas Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds rMCZ survey	August 2014	<ol> <li>Identified stations identified as A3 or A4 rock features in area of interest using NE Broad Scale Habitat feature point data (2020_04 data release). This came to a total of 18 stations<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>For each of these stations the raw data was obtained. Stills for each station were analysed and assigned a chalk category (Table 2) with an associated confidence level (where confidence was low a precautionary assessment was made) and a station assessment sheet was completed detailing the observations and assessment made (Appendix 1).</li> <li>Start and end positions for each station tow were mapped and colour coded according to chalk category.</li> </ol>	https://data.cefas.co.uk/view/3823 Station assessment sheets provided in Appendix 1 <sup>2</sup>
Eastern IFCA Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ drop down camera survey1) Drop down v MCZ across2) For each of t assigned a c confidence le precautionar assessment		<ol> <li>Drop down video camera surveys completed within the MCZ across a total of 17 stations.</li> <li>For each of these stations video footage was analysed and assigned a chalk category (Table 2) with an associated confidence level (where confidence was low a precautionary assessment was made) and a station assessment sheet completed (Appendix 2).</li> </ol>	Not yet published Station assessment sheets provided in Appendix 2 <sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Station numbers: 11, 12, 38, 39, 30, 32, 56, 60, 43, 44, 6, 10, 64, 4, 5, 16, 28, 17 <sup>2</sup> Available at: T:\D\_Research\WSXX\_Habitat\_Mapping \2020\_Habitat\_Mapping\2014\_Cefas\_ CSCB\_MCZ\_survey\Station sheets <sup>3</sup> Available at: T:\D\_Research\WSXX\_Habitat\_Mapping \2019\_Habitat\_Mapping\2019\_05\_31\_GT \Station sample data sheets

		<ol> <li>Positions for each drop were mapped and colour coded according to chalk category.</li> </ol>	
EA Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ survey	October 2019	<ol> <li>A total of 30 stations <sup>4</sup>were surveyed by the EA. Identified 20 stations of interest based on whether they overlapped or were adjacent to the NE A4 Circalittoral rock extent (2020_04 data release).</li> <li>For each of these stations, identified and analysed video and stills and completed a station assessment sheet and assigned a chalk category (Table 2) and confidence level (where confidence was low a precautionary assessment was made).</li> <li>Start and end positions for each tow were mapped and colour coded according to chalk category.</li> </ol>	Not yet published Station assessment sheets provided in Appendix 3 <sup>5</sup>
Bathymetry data (Cefas)	2012	No further analysis by Eastern IFCA, tiff. files imported and used to inform rugged chalk extent review. Data not presented here.	https://data.cefas.co.uk/view/3330
Bathymetry data (EA)	2011 and 2017	No further analysis by Eastern IFCA, tiff. files imported and used to inform rugged chalk extent review.	https://environment.data.gov.uk/ DefraDataDownload/? Mode=survey&fbclid=IwAR2XIk- tEvjwjzh3dVP7ZL8lfaaMccSl5uW8 g9mumGoXqs27KQfp9pWaOaw

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Station numbers: 27, 11, 10, 8, 9, 7, 28, 6, 29, 12, 13, 14, 5, 30, 4, 15, 16, 21, 3, 26. <sup>5</sup> Available at: T:\D\_Research\WSXX\_Habitat\_Mapping \2020\_Habitat\_Mapping\2019\_EA\_ CSCB\_MCZ\_survey\Station sheets

	Additional sources used in this review (2022)				
Cefas reanalysis of multibeam data Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) Bathymetric Re-gridding and Rugosity Assessment.	2011, 2012, 2014 and 2017 (Reanalysis completed in 2021)	1) 2)	Four bathymetric datasets re-gridded to 0.5m resolution by Cefas and assessed by rugosity Tiff. files imported and used to inform rugged chalk extent review.	Hawes and Pettafor (2021)	
NE Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) Dive survey	2020	1) 2)	Positional data mapped and colour coded according to chalk category based on description provided in report. Data not presented here for sensitivity reasons	Tibbitt <i>et al.</i> (2020) - Available on our website: <u>https://www.eastern- ifca.gov.uk/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2020/10/D2020-</u> <u>00111615-NERR-Human-</u> <u>Impacts-on-the-Cromer-Shoal-</u> <u>Chalk-Beds-MCZ.pdf</u>	
Eastern IFCA Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ ROV surveys	August/September 2021	1) 2) 3)	A total of 87 ROV surveys completed within the MCZ whilst trialling the ROV to look at habitats and interaction with potting gears. Analysis contracted out and completed by Seastar Survey Ltd. Positional data for each drop were mapped and colour coded according to chalk category (Table 2).	O'Dell and Dewey (2022) - Available on our website: <u>https://www.eastern-</u> <u>ifca.gov.uk/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2022/07/2022-</u> <u>Cromer-Shoal-Chalk-Beds-MCZ-</u> <u>Imagery-Analysis.pdf</u> Videos available on Biigle.	
Seasearch dive (2022)	2022	1)	Georeferenced data assigned chalk category and mapped.	Not published or publicly available at the time of writing.	

 Table 2: Chalk categories assigned to seabed imagery

Category	Description	Examples		
Absent	Chalk not observed/mobile sediment			
Pebble/cobble	Seabed predominantly made up of pebble/cobble (likely chalk or flint)			

Chalk pavement	Flat chalk pavement/ veneered chalk observed	
Rugged chalk	Elevated and complex chalk features observed	



#### 3 Data review

All additional and existing data sources have been plotted in QGIS 3.16.4, reviewed and a proposed rugged chalk area drawn based on these data along with expert judgement (Figure 3; Appendix 4: Figures 1-5). Precautionarily, areas have remained in the proposed rugged area where their data is limited, causing uncertainty in determining the ruggedness of the seabed.

The evidence suggests that the structure of the seabed is not uniform throughout and that patches of flatter seabed do exist within rugged features, forming a mosaic of chalk habitat types in places. Managing rugged chalk at a feature level would not be possible, so mapping individual rugged chalk features is not considered necessary for fishery management purposes. As mapping the extent of the rugged chalk is considered more appropriate to inform any spatial management required for the potting fishery, this review focuses on identifying the extent of the rugged chalk.

The most rugged areas of seabed appear to occur very close inshore between Weybourne and Cromer (up to 500m from shore), particularly around Sheringham and West and East Runton. Here, raised chalk outcrops typically form ridges interspersed with gullies running north-south, composed of coarse sediment, flat chalk pavement with a sediment veneer, or pebbles and cobbles. These rugged features can be seen clearly on EIFCA's ROV footage (2021) (O'Dell and Dewey, 2022), dive footage (Tibbitt *et al.*, 2020) and are also visible on the available multibeam data (EA, 2017). Beyond this inshore strip of rugged chalk, the seabed appears to reduce in rugosity and instead forms a relatively flat, and mostly flint, pebble and cobble plain, with the occasional boulder. Again, these observations made from ROV footage (O'Dell and Dewey, 2022) support the multibeam imagery where data are available. These observations are also consistent with the anecdotal information provided by local fishermen and divers.

East of Cromer, the inshore strip of rugged chalk appears to narrow, disappearing altogether just past Overstrand as a deeper channel runs parallel to shore, visible from the available multibeam data (EA, 2017). However, seabed imagery data is limited in this area, and as we only have multibeam data out to 1km from shore the available habitat data beyond this is very limited overall. Cefas's rugosity analysis (Hawes and Pettafor, 2021), using a variety of multibeam data sets, indicates there is another area of rugged ground roughly between Cromer and Trimmingham, between 1 to 2 km offshore, however this does appear to be patchy and largely interspersed with flatter areas. This area has been included in the 2022 proposed rugged chalk area on a precautionary basis, as we cannot yet be confident that this area is not rugged chalk. Eastern IFCA's 2022 habitat surveys have targeted this area to fill in these data gaps and preliminary observations of footage suggest that raised outcropping features do occur in this area but that they are typically of relatively low relief and frequency, forming a less rugged habitat than that observed inshore. This data is currently undergoing analysis and will be considered in the next review.

Outside of these areas, an area off Overstrand and an area off Trimmingam has also been included in the 2022 proposed rugged chalk area. This is because both ROV

footage, multibeam data and rugosity analysis indicate raised rugged chalk outcrops. Other areas identified as rugged chalk by the rugosity analysis, however, have not been included in the proposed rugged chalk areas as other evidence suggests that whilst they may indicate a rugose seabed this is not rugged chalk. For example, rugged areas identified off Bacton appear to lie along pipelines and areas north of the MCZ boundary have subsequently been identified as sand waves.

Whilst all of the datasets have been used when reviewing this proposed 2022 rugged chalk area, they each have their limitations and have been reviewed considering these. Limitations for each of the data sources are set out in Table 3.

Data source	Limitations
Cefas Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds rMCZ survey	<ul> <li>Assessment made using stills which makes it hard to determine the overall structure of the seabed if taken too close to seabed.</li> <li>Size of rock features cannot be quantified and can only be estimated.</li> <li>Data collected in 2014</li> </ul>
Eastern IFCA Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ drop down camera survey	<ul> <li>Size of rock features cannot be quantified and can only be estimated.</li> <li>Data collected in 2019</li> </ul>
EA Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ survey	<ul> <li>Assessment made using stills which make it hard to determine the overall structure of the seabed if taken close to seabed.</li> <li>Size of rock features cannot be quantified and can only be estimated.</li> <li>Data collected in 2019</li> </ul>
Bathymetry (multibeam) data (Cefas)	<ul><li>Data is limited in area.</li><li>Data collected in 2014</li></ul>
Bathymetry (multibeam) data (EA)	<ul> <li>Data is limited to within 1km from the shore. Data collected in 2017</li> </ul>
Cefas reanalysis of multibeam data Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) Bathymetric Re-gridding and Rugosity Assessment.	<ul> <li>Rugosity analysis has not been ground truthed and so must be considered with caution.</li> <li>Areas identified as rugged could indicate areas of seabed with lots of small changes in relief such as a pebble/cobble dominated seabed as well as areas with fewer large changes in relief likely to reflect rugged chalk outcrops.</li> </ul>
NE Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) Dive survey	<ul> <li>Positional data mapped at the start and end of dives (not shown in this report for sensitivity reasons)</li> </ul>
Eastern IFCA Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ ROV surveys	<ul> <li>Size of rock features cannot be quantified and can only be estimated.</li> <li>Accuracy of positional data is low and up to ±100m at times</li> </ul>
Seasearch dive (2022)	<ul> <li>Positional data collected using a floating GPS</li> </ul>

Table 3: Limitations of data sources used to review rugged chalk area



#### 4 Future work

Eastern IFCA have completed a further 177 ROV dives in the MCZ in 2022 which provide further habitat data (2022 planned stations are shown in Figure 4.). These dives have been targeted to fill in data gaps and to ground truth rugosity data. As the ROV footage from these stations are currently being analysed by external contractors, they have not been considered in this review but will be used to inform future reviews. ROV dives completed in 2022 collected altimetry data in addition to seabed video footage. This will allow high-resolution seabed rugosity profiles to be created and provide quantitative data to support visual imagery and multibeam data.



## **5** References

Hawes, J. & Pettafor, A. (2021). Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) Bathymetric Re-gridding and rugosity assessment. Natural England

O'Dell, J. and Dewey, S. (2022). Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ Imagery Analysis Final report. A report to Natural England by Seastar Survey Ltd. 63 pages

Tibbitt, F., Love, J., Wright, J., Chamberlain, J. 2020. Human Impacts on Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ: Chalk complexity and population dynamics of commercial crustaceans. Natural England Research Report number 04412

# Appendix 1: Cefas (2014) Station data sheets <sup>6</sup>

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ			
Cruise ID		2ENC30814			
Date		6 <sup>th</sup> August 2014			
Station number	•	4			
	Tow	Location (Degree	s.DecimalDegre	es WGS1984)	
	Sta	rt		End	
Lat. N	52.95	59	Lat. N	52.95455	
Long. E	1.270	28	Long. E	1.27155	
Distance from s	start to	end (m)	170		
		Exampl	e seabed stills		
Coarse sediment and attached fau Potential for cob	t, pebbuna (sea bles/pe ghout s	FFCA Description les and cobbles. Ma anemones, hydro bbles to be chalk/f	A4.2 Moderate e	heray circalitoral rock	
Initial habit assessmen	at It <sup>7</sup>	EUNIS	A4.2 Moderate e (generally first hat A5.1 Coarse sec	nergy circalittoral rock alf) liment (generally second half)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Images show example stills of the typical seabed observed across the whole tow, as well as the different types of habitats observed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

	FOCI	Not classified	
EIFCA chalk assessment	Chalk cobble and pebble		
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery. Precautionary chalk assessment as unclear from imagery if cobble and pebbles are chalk/flint.		
Confidence assessment			
Image quality High			
Seabed structure		High	
Seabed composition		Low	
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features			

Area/MPA Cromer Shoal Chalk		halk Beds MCZ			
Cruise ID		2ENC30814			
Date6th August 2014					
Station number	r	5			
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.DecimalDegrees	WGS1984)	
	Sta	rt		End	
Lat. N 52.9513		Lat. N	52.95093		
Long. E	1.319	58	Long. E	1.32341	
Distance from t	tow sta	rt to end (m)	260	260	
		Examp	le seabed stills		
Coarse sedimer attached fauna	t, pebb	EFCA Description	Mobile (edible crab, sprvozoa turf)	tarfish, sun star, shrimp) and	
cobbles/pebbles appear to be chalk/flint. Habitat generally consistent throughout stills, although pebbles/cobbles appear smaller at the beginning and larger towards the end.					
		EUNIS	A5.1 Coarse sedime A4.2 Moderate ener	ent (generally first half) ov circalittoral rock	

Initial habitat assessment <sup>8</sup>	EUNIS	A5.1 Coarse sediment (generally first half) A4.2 Moderate energy circalittoral rock (generally second half)	
	FOCI	Not classified	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

EIFCA chalk assessment	Chalk cobble and pebble			
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.			
	Confidence assessment			
Image quality		High		
Seabed structure		High		
Seabed composition		Low		
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)				
Not sensitive - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features				

Area/MPA Cromer Shoal Chalk I		Beds MCZ		
Cruise ID 2ENC30814				
Date		7 <sup>th</sup> August 2014		
Station number		16		
Tow I		_ocation (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)		
Sta		rt End		End
Lat. N 5	52.93572		Lat. N	52.93597
Long. E 1.36185		Long. E	1.35956	
Distance from tow start to end (m)			155	

#### Example seabed stills



EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery

Seabed dominated by pebbles, cobbles, boulders and bedrock, possibly chalk, and some coarse/mobile sediment. Mobile (starfish, edible crab, lobster, sunstar, spider crab, fish) and some attached fauna (sea anemones) observed. Attached algae observed. Some pebble/cobble appears to be chalk/flint, for others it is unclear from imagery. Habitat consistent throughout stills.

Initial habitat assessment <sup>9</sup>	EUNIS	A4.2 Moderate energy circalittoral rock (initially) A5.1 Coarse sediment (majority of tow)	
	FOCI	Not classified	
EIFCA chalk assessment	Chalk pavement		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Precautionary chalk assessment, whilst areas of bedrock are observed it is not completely clear if it is chalk/flint. Good quality imagery. Cefas note that there was static gear in the vicinity.		
Confidence assessment			
Image quality		High	
Seabed structure		High	
Seabed composition		Low	
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features			

Area/MPA Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ				
Cruise ID	2ENC30814			
Date7th August 2014				
Station number	,	12		
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.DecimalDegre	es WGS1984)
	Sta	rt		End
Lat. N	52.89	761	Lat. N	52.89683
Long. E	1.449	47	Long. E	1.4489
Distance from t	ow sta	rt to end (m)	95	
		Examp	le seabed stills	
			Image: state stat	interpretations of the second se
Coarse sediment, pebbles and cobbles and exposed chalk bedrock. Mobile (starfish, hermit crab) and attached fauna (sea anemones, hydroid/bryozoa turf, sponge?) observed. Attached algae observed. Habitat consistent throughout stills.				
Initial habit	at	EUNIS	A4.1 High energ	y circalittoral rock
assessmen	t <sup>10</sup>	FOCI	Not classified	
EIFCA chal assessmer	k nt	Chalk pavement		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.		
Confidence assessment			
Image quality		High	
Seabed structure		High	
Seabed composition		Medium	
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features			

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ			
Cruise ID		2ENC30814			
Date		7 <sup>th</sup> August 2014			
Station number		9			
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.DecimalDegrees	WGS1984)	
	Sta	rt		End	
Lat. N	52.85	321	Lat. N	52.85807	
Long. E	1.4968	36	Long. E	1.49525	
Distance from t	tow sta	rt to end (m)	140	140	
		Examp	le seabed stills		
Example seaded stills			<image/>		
Silt, sand, gravel, shell and pebble – mixed sediment. Fauna rich with mobile (hermit					
crabs, <i>Hyas</i> spp.) and attached fauna observed (slipper limpet, encrusting worms? hydroid/bryozoan turf, sea anemones, sponge and possibly tunicates?). Attached alga observed. Habitat consistent across stills. Potential for pebbles to be chalk/flint.				et, encrusting worms? unicates?). Attached algae es to be chalk/flint.	
Initial habit	at	EUNIS	A5.4 Sublittoral mixed sediment		
assessment	t''	FOCI	Not classified		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

EIFCA chalk assessment	Pebble and cobble		
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery. Precautionary chalk assessment as potential for pebbles to be chalk/flint.		
Confidence assessment			
Image quality High			
Seabed structure		High	
Seabed composition		Low	
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
<b>Not sensitive</b> – absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features			

Area/MPA Crom		Cromer Shoal Cl	ner Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ		
Cruise ID 2ENC		2ENC30814	ENC30814		
Date7th August 2014					
Station number		11			
	Tow	Location (Degree	s.DecimalDe	grees V	VGS1984)
	Star	rt		End	
Lat. N	52.886	618	Lat. N		52.88728
Long. E	1.4893	39	Long. E		1.48767
Distance from t	ow sta	rt to end (m)	170		
		Examp	le seabed stil	lls	
		LIFCA Descriptio	n of naditat fi	rom ima	agery
Coarse sediment with pebbles, potentially a few starfish, edible crab, hermit crab) and attached sponge?) observed. No attached algae observe chalk/flint but unclear from imagery. Habitat co				s and si sea aner ntial for through	It. Mobile (sea spider, mones, hydroid/bryozoa turf, pebbles/cobbles to be out stills.
Initial habitat		EUNIS	A4.1 High en	ergy cir	calittoral rock
assessment	12	FOCI	Not classified	k	
EIFCA chal assessmen	k It	Chalk cobble and pebble			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery. Precautionary chalk assessment as it is unclear from imagery if pebbles are chalk/flint.		
Confidence assessment			
Image quality		High	
Seabed structure		High	
Seabed composition		Low	
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features			

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ			
Cruise ID		2ENC30814			
Date		7 <sup>th</sup> August 2014			
Station numbe	r	10			
	Tow	Location (Degrees.D	ecimalDegrees V	VGS1984)	
	Sta	rt		End	
Lat. N	52.87	745	Lat. N	52.87824	
Long. E	1.507	16	Long. E	1.50426	
Distance from	tow sta	rt to end (m)	210		
		Example se	eabed stills		
EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery					

Coarse sediment with pebbles, potentially a few cobbles and silt. Mobile (spider crab, starfish) and attached fauna (sea anemones, hydroid/bryozoa turf, sponge?) observed. No attached algae observed. Some patches of exposed chalk bedrock observed. Potential for pebbles/cobbles to be chalk/flint but unclear from imagery. Habitat consistent throughout stills.

Initial habitat assessment	EUNIS	A4.1 High energy circalittoral rock		
	FOCI	Not classified		
EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>13</sup>	Chalk pavement			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery. Precautionary chalk assessment as some chalk pavement is observed.				
	Confidence assessment				
Image quality		High			
Seabed structure		High			
Seabed composition		Low			
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)					
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features					

Area/MPA	Area/MPA Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ					
Cruise ID		2ENC30814				
Date		7 <sup>th</sup> August 2014				
Station number	•	7				
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.DecimalDegrees	WGS1984)		
	Sta	rt		End		
Lat. N	52.837	798	Lat. N	52.83915		
Long. E	1.5370	)3	Long. E	1.53498		
Distance from t	ow sta	rt to end (m)	190			
		Examp	le seabed stills			
Image: Provide the second s						
Silt, sand, gravel, shell and peoble – mixed sediment. Mobile (starfish, sunstar, brittlestar) and attached fauna observed ( <i>flustra</i> , hydroid/bryozoan turf, sea anemones, sponges?). Attached algae observed. Habitat consistent across stills. Potential for pebbles to be chalk/flint.						
Initial habit	at	EUNIS	A5.4 Sublittoral mixed sediment			
assessment <sup>1</sup>	τ'-	FOCI	Not classified			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

EIFCA chalk assessment	Pebble and cobble			
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery. Precautionary chalk assessment as potential for pebbles to be chalk/flint.			
Confidence assessment				
Image quality High				
Seabed structure		High		
Seabed composition		Low		
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)				
<b>Not sensitive</b> – absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features				

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ			
Cruise ID		2ENC30814			
Date		7 <sup>th</sup> August 2014			
Station number		17			
Tow Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)					
Start End					
Lat. N	52.95	155	Lat. N 52.95242		
Long. E 1.34747 Long			Long. E	1.34582	
Distance from tow start to end (m)			150		
Example seabed stills					



EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery

Seabed dominated by cobble and pebble with some coarse/mobile sediment. Mobile (starfish, edible crab, sunstar) and attached fauna (sea anemones, hydroid/bryozoan turf) observed. Some attached algae observed. Potential for pebble/cobble to be chalk/flint but unclear from imagery. Habitat consistent throughout stills.

Initial habitat assessment <sup>15</sup>	EUNIS	A4.2 Moderate energy circalittoral rock		
	FOCI	Not classified		
EIFCA chalk assessment	Chalk cobble an	d pebble		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery. Precautionary chalk assessment as unclear from imagery if cobble and pebbles are chalk/flint.			
Confidence assessment				
Image quality		High		
Seabed structure		High		
Seabed composition		Low		
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)				
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features				

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ				
Cruise ID		2ENC30814				
Date		6 <sup>th</sup> August 2014				
Station number		6				
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.Dec	cimalDegree	es N	/GS1984)
	Sta	rt				End
Lat. N	52.93	565	L	Lat. N 52.93473		52.93473
Long. E	1.3870	65	L	Long. E		1.38909
Distance from to	ow sta	rt to end (m)	-	140		
		Examp	ple sea	abed stills		
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EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery						
Coarse sediment with pebbles, potentially a few cobbles. Mobile (hermit crab, edible crabs, sun stars) and attached fauna (sea anemones, hydroid/bryozoa turf). No attached algae observed. Potential for pebbles/cobbles to be chalk/flint but unclear from imagery. Habitat consistent throughout stills.						
Initial habitat		EUNIS	A4.1	A4.1 High energy circalittoral rock		calittoral rock
assessment	16	FOCI	Not classified			
EIFCA chal	k t	Chalk cobble an	and pebble			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

assessment
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery. Precautionary chalk assessment as unclear from imagery if cobble and pebbles are chalk/flint.		
	Confidence assessment		
Image quality		High	
Seabed structure Hig		High	
Seabed composition Low			
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
Not sensitive - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of evidence of			
abrasion or breakage of physical features			

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ			
Cruise ID		2EXY70814			
Date		21 <sup>st</sup> August 2014	Ļ		
Station number	•	44			
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.DecimalDegrees	WGS1984)	
	Sta	rt		End	
Lat. N	52.957	796	Lat. N	52.95824	
Long. E	1.213	53	Long. E	1.21535	
Distance from t	ow sta	rt to end (m)	125		
		Examp	le seabed stills		
Sand/silt, gravel starfish) and atta attached algae o imagery. Habitat	Example seabed stills         Image: Seabel stills         Seabel stills         Seabel stills         Seabel stills         Image: Seabel stills         Seabel stills				
Initial habit	at	EUNIS	A4.2 Moderate ener	gy circalittoral rock	
assessmen		FOCI	Not classified		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

EIFCA chalk assessment	Chalk pebble and cobble		
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Stills generally of reasonable quality, some dark or unclear. Precautionary chalk assessment as unclear from imagery if pebbles/cobbles are chalk/flint.		
Confidence assessment			
Image quality Medium			
Seabed structure High			
Seabed composition Low		Low	
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features.			

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ		
Cruise ID		2EXY70814		
Date		21 <sup>st</sup> August 2014		
Station number	r	38		
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.DecimalDegrees	WGS1984)
	Sta	rt		End
Lat. N	52.95 <sup>-</sup>	167	Lat. N	52.95267
Long. E	1.2916	65	Long. E	1.28990
Distance from	tow sta	rt to end (m)	160	
		Examp	le seabed stills	
	E	EIFCA Descriptio	on of habitat from im	agery
Mobile sediment (sand/silt), pebbles, cobbles, few boulders. Mobile (edible crabs, spider crab) and attached fauna observed (hydroid/bryozoan turf, sea anemones). Some attached algae observed. Some cobbles/pebbles appear to be chalk. Habitat consistent across stills.				
Initial habit assessmen	at t <sup>18</sup>	EUNIS	A4.1 High energy ci start and tow end) A5.1 Sublittoral coal bed)	rcalittoral rock (some at tow
		FOCI	Not classified	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

EIFCA chalk assessment	Chalk pebble and cobble		
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Generally good quality imagery.		
Confidence assessment			
Image quality Medium - High			
Seabed structure High			
Seabed composition Low		Low	
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features			

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk	Beds MCZ	
Cruise ID		2EXY70814		
Date		21 <sup>st</sup> August 2014		
Station number	•	39		
	Tow	Location (Degrees.D	ecimalDegrees V	VGS1984)
	Sta	rt		End
Lat. N	52.95	167	Lat. N	52.95267
Long. E	1.291	65	Long. E	1.28990
Distance from t	ow sta	rt to end (m)	100	
		Example se	eabed stills	
Image: Provide the second				
EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery Chalk bedrock, pebbles, cobbles and some boulders. Mobile (edible crabs, starfish) and attached fauna observed (hydroid/bryozoan turf). Some attached algae observed. Some cobbles/pebbles appear to be chalk. Areas of bright white chalk which appear natural and not resultant of anthropogenic activities. Habitat generally consistent across stills but with pebbles and cobbles appearing smaller is size towards the end of the tow.				

Initial habitat assessment <sup>19</sup>	EUNIS	A4.2 Moderate energy circalittoral rock (first two thirds of tow) A5.1 Sublittoral coarse sediment (last third of tow)
	FOCI	Not classified

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

EIFCA chalk assessment	Rugged chalk		
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Stills generally of reasonable quality. Precautionary assessment – evidence of large boulders, bedrock and elevated structures, however hard to assess level of elevation and complexity due to angle of imagery.		
Confidence assessment			
Image quality Medium			
Seabed structure Medium		Medium	
Seabed composition Medium		Medium	
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
<b>Potentially sensitive -</b> presence of some complex, elevated chalk structures, however, no evidence of anthropogenic abrasion or breakage of physical features. Sensitivity hard to assess as the level of complexity and elevation of chalk features is unclear.			

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ		
Cruise ID		2EXY70814		
Date		21 <sup>st</sup> August 2014		
Station number	r	28		
	Tow	Location (Degrees.D	ecimalDegrees V	VGS1984)
	Sta	rt		End
Lat. N	52.90	181	Lat. N	52.90304
Long. E	1.447	07	Long. E	1.44601
Distance from	tow sta	rt to end (m)	155	
		Example se	eabed stills	
		FIECA Description of	habitat from im	
EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery				
Fine sediment, gravel and cobble. Mobile (fish, hermit crab) and attached fauna (sea anemones, hydroid/bryozoan turf) observed. No attached algae observed. Potential for pebble/cobble to be chalk/flint but unclear from imagery. Habitat consistent throughout stills.				

Initial habitat assessment <sup>20</sup>	EUNIS	A4.1 High energy circalittoral rock	
	FOCI	Not classified	
EIFCA chalk assessment	Chalk cobble an	d pebble	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery. Precautionary chalk assessment as unclear from imagery if cobble and pebbles are chalk/flint. Cefas notes that pots nearby at time of survey.		
	Confidence assessment		
Image quality		High	
Seabed structure High		High	
Seabed composition Low		Low	
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features			

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ			
Cruise ID		2EXY70814			
Date		22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2014			
Station number	r	64			
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.DecimalDegrees	WGS1984)	
	Sta	rt		End	
Lat. N	52.95	311	Lat. N	52.9534	
Long. E	1.163	59	Long. E	1.16529	
Distance from	tow sta	rt to end (m)	120		
		Examp	le seabed stills		
Sand, pebble ar waves. Mobile ( Sabella, sea and chalk/flint but ur	ind cobb emones aclear fr	EIFCA Description	n of habitat from in chalk and some are attached fauna obs gae observed. Poten tat generally consist	magery         as of mobile sand/sand         erved (hydroid/bryozoan turf,         tial for pebbles/ cobbles to be         ent across stills, but changes	
	-	EUNIS	A4.2 Moderate ene	ergy circalittoral rock	

Initial habitat	EUNIS	A4.2 Moderate energy circalittoral rock	
assessment <sup>21</sup>	FOCI	Not classified	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

EIFCA chalk assessment	Chalk pavement		
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.		
	Confidence assessment		
Image quality High			
Seabed structure		High	
Seabed composition		Low	
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features.			

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ		
Cruise ID		2EXY70814		
Date		21 <sup>st</sup> August 2014		
Station number	ſ	43		
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.DecimalDegrees	WGS1984)
	Sta	rt		End
Lat. N	52.952	268	Lat. N	52.95264
Long. E	1.2316	62	Long. E	1.23326
Distance from t	tow sta	rt to end (m)	110	
		Examp	le seabed stills	
Sand/silt, pebbles and cobbles. Mobile (edible crabs, starfish) and attached fauna observed (hydroid/bryozoan turf, sea anemones). Some attached algae observed. Potential for cobbles/pebbles to be chalk but not clear from imagery. Habitat consistent across stills.				
Initial habit	at	EUNIS	A4.2 Moderate ene	rgy circalittoral rock
assessment <sup>22</sup>	FOCI	Not classified		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

EIFCA chalk assessment	Chalk pebble and cobble		
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Stills generally of reasonable quality, some dark or unclear. Precautionary chalk assessment as unclear from imagery if pebbles/cobbles are chalk/flint.		
Confidence assessment			
Image quality Medium			
Seabed structure		High	
Seabed composition		Low	
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features.			

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ			
Cruise ID		2EXY70814			
Date		21 <sup>st</sup> August 2014			
Station number	r	30			
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.DecimalDegrees	s WGS1984)	
	Sta	rt		End	
Lat. N	52.91	610	Lat. N	52.91715	
Long. E	1.400	73	Long. E	1.39979	
Distance from	tow sta	rt to end (m)	130		
		Examp	le seabed stills		
EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery					
Sand waves/mobile sand, with some exposed chalk bedrock, cobble and pebble (3 out of 19 stills). No mobile or attached fauna observed. Some loose hydroid/bryozoa observed. No attached algae observed. Habitat consistent across majority of stills (lats and longs for stills provided at the end of sheet with details of changing habitat).					
Initial habit	at	EUNIS	A4.2 Moderate en A5.2 Sublittoral sa	ergy circalittoral rock nd	
assessment <sup>23</sup>	<b>L</b> <sup>23</sup>	FOCI	Not classified		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

EIFCA chalk assessment	Chalk pavement		
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery. Precautionary chalk assessment as whilst the majority of still shows a sandy habitat, evidence of chalk bedrock beneath.		
Confidence assessment			
Image quality High			
Seabed structure		High	
Seabed composition		Low - Medium	
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features			

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ			
Cruise ID		2EXY70814			
Date		22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2014			
Station number	•	60			
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.DecimalDegrees	WGS1984)	
	Sta	rt		End	
Lat. N	52.950	016	Lat. N	52.95044	
Long. E	1.1837	74	Long. E	1.18163	
Distance from t	ow sta	rt to end (m)	145		
		Examp	le seabed stills		
EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery					
Chalk bedrock, cobbles, pebbles, and some boulders. Mobile (edible crab, starfish) and attached fauna observed (hydroid/bryozoan turf). Attached algae observed. Areas of bright white chalk which appear natural and not resultant of anthropogenic activities. Habitat consistent across stills.					
Initial habit	at	EUNIS	A4.2 Moderate ene	rgy circalittoral rock	
assessment <sup>24</sup>	t <sup>24</sup>	FOCI	Not classified		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

EIFCA chalk assessment	Rugged chalk		
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Stills of reasonable quality. Precautionary assessment – evidence of large boulders, bedrock and elevated structures, however hard to assess level of elevation and complexity due to angle of imagery.		
Confidence assessment			
Image quality Medium			
Seabed structure Medium		Medium	
Seabed composition Medium		Medium	
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
<b>Potentially sensitive</b> - presence of some complex, elevated chalk structures, however, no evidence of anthropogenic abrasion or breakage of physical features. Sensitivity hard to assess as the level of complexity and elevation of chalk features is unclear.			

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ			
Cruise ID		2EXY70814			
Date		21 <sup>st</sup> August 2014			
Station number	•	32			
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.DecimalDeg	grees V	VGS1984)
	Sta	rt			End
Lat. N	52.932	280	Lat. N		52.93387
Long. E	1.4229	96	Long. E		1.42213
Distance from t	ow sta	rt to end (m)	130		
		Examp	le seabed still	S	
Image: Construction of the state of the			alk badrack. Attached fourse		
Nobile sediment (sand/silt), pebbles, cobble, some exposed chalk bedrock. Attached fauna observed (hydroid/bryozoan turf, sea anemone) but no mobile fauna. No attached algae observed. Habitat consistent across stills.					
Initial habit	at	EUNIS	A4.1 High ene	ergy cir	calittoral rock
assessment <sup>25</sup>	FOCI	Not classified			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

EIFCA chalk assessment	Chalk pavement	
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Generally good quality imagery.	
Confidence assessment		
Image quality Medium - High		
Seabed structure High		High
Seabed composition		Low
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)		
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features		

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ		
Cruise ID		2EXY70814		
Date		21 <sup>st</sup> August 2014		
Station number	r	56		
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.DecimalDegrees	WGS1984)
	Sta	rt		End
Lat. N	52.883	341	Lat. N	52.88285
Long. E	1.522	53	Long. E	1.52436
Distance from t	tow sta	rt to end (m)	140	
		Examp	le seabed stills	
EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery				
Sand/silt, gravel, pebbles and cobbles, mixed sediment? Mobile (hermit crab, sunstar, starfish, brittlestars, spider crab) and attached fauna observed (hydroid/bryozoan turf, sea anemones, sponge?). No attached algae observed. No chalk observed. Habitat consistent across stills.				
Initial kakit	ot	EUNIS	A4.1 High energy of	circalittoral rock

Initial habitat	EUNIS	A4.1 High energy circalittoral rock
assessment <sup>26</sup>	FOCI	Not classified

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Taken from NE feature extent point data (April 2020)

EIFCA chalk assessment	Chalk absent	
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Stills generally high quality.	
Confidence assessment		
Image quality Medium High		
Seabed structure High		
Seabed composition	Low	
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)		
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features.		

# Appendix 2: EIFCA (2019) Station data sheets<sup>27</sup>

Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)			
Lat. N	52.8634	Long. E	1.52904
Area -	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ	Station -	1
Date of Video	31 <sup>s⊤</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab	NA
survey -		survey -	
Example seabed stills (extracted from video)			





### Description from video assessment (Abundance scale = SACFOR)

Sand, muddy sand and shell with patches of pebbles and some cobbles. No evidence of chalk. Faunal turf (O), including Flustra and some other bryozoan and hydroid turf. No mobile fauna observed.

EUNIS code	FOCI
A5.4 Mixed sediment	
Chalk assessment	Absent

Notes - Assessment based on video footage, generally reasonable quality

Confidence assessment		
Image quality	Medium	
Seabed structure	High	
Seabed composition Low		
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Images show example stills of the typical seabed observed across the whole video collected, as well as the different types of habitats observed

Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)			
Lat. N	52.8544	Long. E	1.5236
Area -	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ	Station -	2
Date of Video	31 <sup>s⊤</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab	NA
survey -		survey -	
Example cooked stills (extracted from video)			





Description from video assessment (Abundance scale = SACFOR)

Sand, muddy sand and shell mixed with pebbles. No evidence of chalk. Occasional hydroid/bryozoan, sea anemones and shore crabs observed.

EUNIS code	FOCI	
A5.4 Mixed sediment		
Chalk assessment	Absent	
<b>Notes –</b> Assessment based on video footage. Video very fast at times reducing quality		
Confidence	assessment	
Image quality	Medium	
Seabed structure	High	
Seabed composition	Low	
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)		
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features		
evidence of abrasion or breakage of phys	ical features	

Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)			
Lat. N	52.8473	Long. E	1.5162
Area -	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ	Station -	3
Date of Video	31 <sup>s⊤</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab	NA
survey -		survey -	
Example seabed stills (extracted from video)			





Description from video assessment (Abundance scale = SACFOR)

Seabed dominated with pebble and some cobble, evidence of softer sand silt sediments and underneath. Fauna poor - occasional hydroid/bryozoan and sea anemones observed. No mobile fauna observed. Potential for pebbles/cobbles to be chalk/flint.

EUNIS code	FOCI
A5.4 Mixed sediment	
Chalk assessment	Pebble/cobble

**Notes –** Assessment based on video footage. Fast video - hard to observe and id fauna.

Confidence assessment		
Image quality	Low	
Seabed structure	High	
Seabed composition Low		
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)		
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Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)			
Lat. N	52.8783	Long. E	1.4993
Area -	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ	Station -	4
Date of Video	31 <sup>s⊤</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab	NA
survey -		survey -	
Example cooked stills (extracted from video)			





**Description from video assessment (Abundance scale = SACFOR)** 

Sand and muddy sand with pebble covered in silty sediment. Fauna poor – occasional hydroid/bryozoan and sunstar and frequent sea anemone observed. Possible chalk cobble observed.

EUNIS code	FOCI
A5.4 Mixed sediment	
Chalk assessment	Chalk pebble and cobble

**Notes –** Assessment based on video footage. Poor video quality, seabed not observed through whole tow.

### **Confidence assessment**

Image quality	Low
Seabed structure	High
Seabed composition	Low

# Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)

Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)			
Lat. N	52.8711	Long. E	1.4931
Area -	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ	Station -	5
Date of Video	31 <sup>s⊤</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab	NA
survey -		survey -	
Example seabod stills (extracted from video)			





Description from video assessment (Abundance scale = SACFOR)

Coarse sand with patches of pebble and cobble. Fauna poor – occasional hyroid/bryozoan observed. Possible chalk pebble/cobble.

EUNIS code	FOCI
A5.1 Coarse sediment	
Chalk assessment	Chalk pebble and cobble

**Notes –** Assessment based on video footage. Seabed not observed through whole tow. Precautionary chalk assessment.

Confidence assessment		
Image quality	Medium	
Seabed structure	High	
Seabed composition Medium		
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)		
Not sensitive - absence of complex elevated chalk structure and absence of		

Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)			
Lat. N	52.8606	Long. E	1.4843
Area -	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ	Station -	6
Date of Video	31 <sup>s⊤</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab	NA
survey -		survey -	
Example seabed stills (extracted from video)			





Description from video assessment (Abundance scale = SACFOR)

Coarse mobile sand with some clusters of pebble/cobble and occasional boulder. Fauna poor – occasional sea anemone observed, and some hydroid/bryozoan attached to cobbles/boulders. Some pebbles/cobbles/boulders appear to be chalk/flint.

EUNIS code	FOCI
A5.1 Sand and muddy sand	Subtidal chalk
Chalk assessment	Chalk pebble and cobble

Notes - Assessment based on video footage. Fast video

#### **Confidence assessment**

Image quality	Medium – High	
Seabed structure	High	
Seabed composition Medium		
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)		

Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)			
Lat. N	52.8886	Long. E	1.4676
Area -	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ	Station -	8
Date of Video	31 <sup>s⊤</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab	NA
survey -		survey -	
Example coched stills (extracted from video)			





**Description from video assessment** 

Sand and muddy sand with pebble, cobbles and occasional boulders inc. chalk and evidence of chalk pavement seabed with overlying soft sediment. Fauna rich abundant attached faunal turf/hydroid/bryozoans, common sea anemones and occasional edible crab, Asterias rubens and sunstar.

EUNIS code from seabed imagery	FOCI
A3 Infralittoral rock	Subtidal chalk
Chalk assessment	Chalk pavement

Notes - Assessment based on video footage. Fast video giving poor quality imagery

Confidence assessment		
Image quality	Medium	
Seabed structure High		
Seabed composition Medium		
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)		
Not sensitive - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of		

evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features

Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)			
Lat. N	52.8792	Long. E	1.4543
Area -	Cromer Shoal	Station -	9
	Chalk Beds MCZ		
Date of Video	31 <sup>s⊤</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab	NA
survey -		survey -	
Example seabed stills (extracted from video)			





Description from video assessment

Sand and muddy sand with some loose gravel and pebble and occasional cobble. Potential for pebble/cobble to be chalk. Fauna poor, some hydroid/bryozoan turf attached to pebbles and cobbles and frequent sea anemones.

EUNIS code from seabed imagery	FOCI
A5.2 Sand and muddy sand	
Chalk assessment	Pebble/cobble

Notes - Assessment based on video footage. Fast video, hard to observe fauna

### **Confidence assessment**

Image quality	Medium	
Seabed structure	High	
Seabed composition	Medium	

# Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)

Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)			
Lat. N	52.9028	Long. E	1.4397
Area -	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ	Station -	11
Date of Video	31 <sup>s⊤</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab	NA
survey -		survey -	
Example cooled stills (extracted from video)			





**Description from video assessment** 

Seabed dominated by cobbles and pebbles, and possibly some boulders. Chalk pavement and chalk pebbles and cobbles present. Lots of attached fauna and frequent sea anemones. Weed observed suggesting infralittoral.

EUNIS code from seabed imagery	FOCI
A3 Infralittoral rock	Subtidal chalk
Chalk assessment	Chalk pavement

Notes - Assessment based on video footage. Video very fast providing poor quality imagery and making it hard to observe fauna. Camera frame on its side for majority of video.

Image quality	Low
Seabed structure	Medium
Seabed composition	Medium
Seabed structure Seabed composition	Medium

# Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)

Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)			
Lat. N	52.8963	Long. E	1.4314
Area -	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ	Station -	12
Date of Video	31 <sup>s⊤</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab	NA
survey -		survey -	
Example cooked stills (extremented from video)			





**Description from video assessment** 

Seabed dominated by cobbles and pebbles. Chalk pavement and chalk pebbles and cobbles present. Frequent attached fauna and sea anemones, occasional sunstar. Weed observed suggesting infralittoral.

EUNIS code from seabed imagery	FOCI
A3 Infralittoral rock	Subtidal chalk
Chalk assessment	Chalk pavement

Notes - Assessment based on video footage. Video very fast providing poor quality imagery and making it hard to observe fauna.

Confidence assessment		
Image quality	Medium	
Seabed structure	High	
Seabed composition Low		
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)		
Not sensitive - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of		

evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features.

Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)			
Lat. N	52.9230	Long. E	1.4194
Area -	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ	Station -	13
Date of Video	31 <sup>s⊤</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab	NA
survey -		survey -	
Example seabed stills (extracted from video)			





**Description from video assessment** 

Coarse sand over chalk pavement with pebble and cobble. Frequent attached faunal turf and sea anemones. Weed observed suggesting infralittoral.

EUNIS code from seabed imagery	FOCI
A3 Infralittoral rock	Subtidal chalk
Chalk assessment	Chalk pavement

Notes - Assessment based on video footage. Video very fast providing poor quality imagery and making it hard to observe fauna.

Confidence assessment			
Image quality	Medium		
Seabed structure	High		
Seabed composition Medium			
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
Not sensitive - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of			

Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)			
Lat. N	52.9146	Long. E	1.4128
Area -	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ	Station -	14
Date of Video	31 <sup>s⊤</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab	NA
survey -		survey -	





Description from video assessment

Coarse sand with cobbles, pebbles and occasional boulders (including chalk) over chalk pavement. Frequent attached faunal turf and sea anemones. Weed observed suggesting infralittoral.

EUNIS code from seabed imagery	FOCI
A3 Infralittoral rock	Subtidal chalk
Chalk assessment	Chalk pavement

**Notes –** Assessment based on video footage. Video very fast providing poor quality imagery and making it hard to observe fauna.

# Confidence assessment

Image quality	Medium
Seabed structure	High
Seabed composition	Medium
Seabed composition	Medium

# Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)

Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)			
Lat. N	52.9346	Long. E	1.3917
Area -	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ	Station -	16
Date of Video	31 <sup>s⊤</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab	NA
survey -		survey -	
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Description from video assessment

Sand and muddy sand seabed dominated with pebble and cobble. No evidence of chalk. Occasional attached faunal turf, occasional *Asterias rubens* and frequent sea anemones.

EUNIS code from seabed imagery	FOCI
A5.4 Mixed sediment	
Chalk assessment	Absent

Notes - Assessment based on video footage.

### **Confidence** assessment

Image quality	High
Seabed structure	High
Seabed composition	Low

# Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)

Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)			
Lat. N	52.9248	Long. E	1.3835
Area -	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ	Station -	17
Date of Video	31 <sup>s⊤</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab	NA
survey -		survey -	





Description from video assessment

Chalk pavement with overlying sand and muddy sand, pebbles, cobbles and large chalk boulders. Frequent attached faunal turf and occasional sea anemones. Weed present suggesting infralittoral.

EUNIS code from seabed imagery	FOCI
A3 Infralittoral rock	Subtidal chalk
Chalk assessment	Rugged chalk

**Notes –** Assessment based on video footage. Video very fast providing poor quality imagery and making it hard to observe fauna.

# Confidence assessment

Image quality	Medium
Seabed structure	Medium
Seabed composition	Medium
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# Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)

**Potentially sensitive** – evidence of some complex, elevated chalk structure. No evidence abrasion or breakage of physical features.

Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)			
Lat. N	52.9471	Long. E	1.3539
Area -	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ	Station -	19
Date of Video	31 <sup>s⊤</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab	NA
survey -		survey -	



Description from video assessment

Pebble and cobble dominated seabed. Attached faunal turf, frequent *Asterias rubens* and sea anemones, and occasional sunstars and crabs. Possible rocky reef. Potential for pebble and cobble to be chalk.

EUNIS code from seabed imagery	FOCI
A5.1 Coarse sediment	
Chalk assessment	Chalk pebble and cobble

**Notes** – Assessment based on video footage. Video very fast providing poor quality imagery and making it hard to observe fauna. Precautionary chalk assessment.

### **Confidence assessment**

Image quality	Medium
Seabed structure	High
Seabed composition	Low

# Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)
Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)						
Lat. N	52.9392	Long. E	1.3486			
Area -	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ	Station -	20			
Date of Video	31 <sup>s⊤</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab	NA			
survey -	survey - survey -					

Example seabed stills (extracted from video)





Description from video assessment

Chalk pavement seabed with pebble and cobble. Abundant attached faunal turf, occasional *Asterias rubens* and sea anemones. Weed present suggesting infralittoral.

EUNIS code from seabed imagery	FOCI
A3 Infralittoral rock	Subtidal chalk
Chalk assessment	Chalk pavement

**Notes –** Assessment based on video footage. Video very fast providing poor quality imagery and making it hard to observe fauna.

## **Confidence assessment**

Image quality	Medium
Seabed structure	High
Seabed composition	Medium

# Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)

**Potentially sensitive** - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure but some evidence of breakage of chalk features – angular clean white rubble

Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)			
Lat. N	52.8438	Long. E	1.5111
Area -	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ	Station -	E1
Date of Video survey -	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Date of Grab survey -	NA
Example seabed st	ills (extracted from	video)	
Description from v	ideo assessment (A	bundance scale = SA	ACFOR)
Sandy seabed domi occasional sea aner	nated with gravel and none observed. Poter	pebble, possibly mixential for pebbles to be	ed. Fauna poor – chalk/flint.
EUNIS code FOCI			
A5.4 Mixed sediment			
Chalk assessment		Pebble/cobble	
<b>Notes –</b> Assessment based on video footage. Seabed not observed through whole tow.			
Confidence assessment			
Image quality		Medium	
Seabed structure		Hi	gh
Seabed composition	on	Mec	lium
Initial as	ssessment of sensit	ivity to potting (spec	culative)
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features			

# Appendix 3: EA (2019) Station data sheets<sup>28</sup>

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk	Beds MCZ		
Cruise ID		2ENC31019			
Date		23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019			
Station number	r	11 Replicate A1			A1
	Tow	Location (Degrees.D	ecimalDegrees V	VGS1	984)
	Sta	rt	End		
Lat. N	52.89	85	Lat. N	t. N 52.89716	
Long. E	1.423	98	Long. E	1.42	895
Distance from s	start to	end (m)	370		
		Example se	eabed stills		
			seabed stills		
Sand, mud, pebble and cobble, some chalk pavement. Mobile (starfish) and attached fauna (sea anemones, hydroid/bryozoa turf) observed. Some attached algae observed. Potential for cobbles/pebbles to be chalk/flint but unclear from imagery. Habitat generally consistent throughout stills.					

EIFCA assessment of habitats present	EUNIS	A5.4 Sublittoral mixed sediment (first two thirds of tow) A4 Circalittoral rock (last third of tow)
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Images show example stills of the typical seabed observed across the whole tow, as well as the different types of habitats observed

	FOCI	Subtidal chalk	
EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>29</sup>	Chalk pavement		
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.		
Confidence assessment			
Image quality	hage quality High		
Seabed structure	High		
Seabed composition	abed composition Medium		
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
Not sensitive - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of evidence of			
abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ				
Cruise ID		2ENC31019				
Date		23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019				
Station number	r	7	Replicate		A2	
	Tow	Location (Degrees	.DecimalDegree	s WGS1	984)	
	Sta	rt		End		
Lat. N	52.91	636	Lat. N	52.9	1641	
Long. E	1.435	74	Long. E	1.43	843	
Distance from	start to	end (m)	180			
		Example	seabed stills			
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EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery

Coarse mobile sand, sand waves, some pebble and cobble, chalk pavement. Mobile (edible crab, fish) and attached fauna (hydroid/bryozoa turf) observed. Some attached algae observed. Some cobbles/pebbles appear to be chalk/flint. Habitat generally consistent throughout stills.

EIFCA assessment of habitats present	EUNIS	A5.2 Sublittoral sand and muddy sand	
	FOCI	Subtidal chalk	
EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>30</sup>	Chalk pavement		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.		
Confidence assessment			
Image quality High		High	
Seabed structure High			
Seabed composition Medium			
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
Not sensitive - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of evidence of			

abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ				
Cruise ID		2ENC31019				
Date		23 <sup>rd</sup> October 201	19	)		
Station number	•	10		Replicate		A1
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.De	cimalDegrees V	VGS19	984)
	Sta	rt			En	d
Lat. N	52.89	235		Lat. N	52.89	9135
Long. E	1.439	65		Long. E	1.442	249
Distance from s	start to	end (m)		220		
		Examp	ole se	abed stills		
Sand, silt, pebble and cobble, occasional boulder, chalk pavement. Mobile (sun star, edible crab, spider crab) and attached fauna (sea anemones, hydroid/bryozoa turf) observed. Some attached algae observed. Some cobbles/pebbles appear to be chalk/flint. Habitat generally consistent throughout stills, more chalk pavement observed towards ends of tow.						
EIFCA assessment of habitats present		A5.4 half A4 (	4 Sublittoral mixe of tow) Circalittoral rock (	d sedi (genera	ment (generally first ally last half of tow)	
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Subtidal chalk

FOCI

EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>31</sup>	Chalk pavement			
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.			
	Confidence assessment			
Image quality	High			
Seabed structure	High			
Seabed composition	composition Medium			
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)				
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ				
Cruise ID 2EN		2ENC31019				
Date	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019					
Station number	•	8		Replicate		A1
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.De	cimalDegrees V	VGS19	984)
	Sta	rt		End		
Lat. N	52.902	224		Lat. N	52.90	)091
Long. E	1.4456	68		Long. E	1.448	300
Distance from s	start to	end (m)		215		
		Examp	le se	abed stills		
Sand, silt, pebbles	e and c oid/bryc	bble. Mobile (states to be chalk/flint.	arfish, ed. Sc Habit	habitat from ima edible crab) and at generally cons	agery attack asistent	hed fauna (sea erved. Some throughout stills.
FIFCA assess	ment	EUNIS	A5.4	4 Sublittoral mixe	d sedi	ment
of habitats present		FOCI				

EIFCA assessment of habitats present	EUNIS	A5.4 Sublittoral mixed sediment		
	FOCI			
EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>32</sup>	Chalk pebble and cobble			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.				
Confidence assessment					
Image quality		High			
Seabed structure		High			
Seabed composition		Low			
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)					
Not sensitive absence of complex algorithm structure and absence of evidence of					

**Not sensitive** - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.

Area/MPA Cromer Shoal Chalk B			Beds MCZ				
Cruise ID		2ENC31019					
Date		23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019					
Station number	•	9 Replicate A1					
Tow Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)					984)		
Start			End				
Lat. N	52.89729		Lat. N	52.89640			
Long. E 1.44785			Long. E	1.450	)30		
Distance from start to end (m)			190				

#### Example seabed stills



#### **EIFCA** Description of habitat from imagery

Sand, gravel, pebble and cobble, some exposed chalk bedrock. Mobile (sun star, goby, velvet swimming crab) and attached fauna (sea anemones, hydroid/bryozoa turf) observed. Some attached algae observed. Some cobbles/pebbles appear to be chalk/flint. Habitat generally consistent throughout stills, with more gravel/coarse sediment observed at the first half, patches of exposed chalk bedrock in the middle and larger pebbles and cobbles in the second half.

EIFCA assessment of habitats present	EUNIS	A5.1 Sublittoral coarse sediment A4 Circalittoral rock			
	FOCI	Subtidal chalk			
EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>33</sup>	Chalk pavement				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.			
Confidence assessment				
Image quality		High		
Seabed structure		High		
Seabed composition		Low		
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)				
Not consitive absonce of complex algorithmic structure and absonce of evidence of				

**Not sensitive** - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ					
Cruise ID		2ENC31019					
Date		23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019					
Station number	ſ	12	Replicate		A1		
	Tow	Location (Degrees.D	ecimalDegrees V	VGS19	984)		
	Sta	rt		En	d		
Lat. N	52.89	941	Lat. N	52.89	9755		
Long. E	1.462	09	Long. E	1.464	167		
Distance from s	start to	end (m)	420				
		Example se	eabed stills				
		LIFCA Description of	habitat from ima	agery			
Sand waves of coarse mobile sand, gravel, patches of pebble and cobble. Mobile (goby) and attached fauna (sea anemones, hydroid/bryozoa turf) observed. Some attached algae observed. Some cobbles/pebbles appear to be chalk/flint. Habitat generally consistent							

throughout stills.

EIFCA assessment of habitats present	EUNIS	A5.2 Sublittoral sand and muddy sand		
	FOCI			
EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>34</sup>	Chalk pebble and cobble			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.					
	Confidence assessment					
Image quality		High				
Seabed structure		High				
Seabed composition		Medium				
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)						
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.						

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ					
Cruise ID		2ENC31019					
Date		23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019					
Station number	r	6		Replicate		A1	
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.De	cimalDegrees V	VGS19	984)	
	Sta	rt			En	d	
Lat. N	52.91	186		Lat. N	52.91	346	
Long. E	1.465	46		Long. E	1.464	73	
Distance from s	start to	end (m)		185			
		Examp	le se	abed stills			
Coarse sand, gr	avel, pe	EFCA Description	on of I some	habitat from ima	agery	k and occasional	
sponge/ascidian) observed. Some attached algae observed. Some cobbles/pebbles appear to be chalk/flint. Habitat generally consistent throughout stills.							
			A5.2	2 Sublittoral sand	and n	nuddy sand	

EIFCA assessment of habitats present	EUNIS	A5.2 Sublittoral sand and muddy sand A4. Circalittoral rock			
	FOCI	Subtidal chalk			
EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>35</sup>	Chalk pavement				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.					
	Confidence assessment					
Image quality		High				
Seabed structure		High				
Seabed composition		Medium				
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)						
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.						

Area/MPA	Cromer Shoal Chalk	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ		
Cruise ID	2ENC31019	2ENC31019		
Date	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019		
Station number	13	13 Replicate A1		
Tow Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)				
Start		End		nd
Lat. N 52	88499	Lat. N	52.88	3316
Long. E 1.47088		Long. E	1.474	106
Distance from start to end (m)		295		

### Example seabed stills



EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery

Silt, sand, gravel, pebble, cobble, one chalk boulder. Mobile (edible crab, starfish) and attached fauna (sea anemones, hydroid/bryozoa turf) observed. Some attached algae observed. Some cobbles/pebbles appear to be chalk/flint. Habitat generally consistent throughout stills.

EIFCA assessment of habitats present FOCI	EUNIS	A5.4 Sublittoral mixed sediment
	Subtidal chalk	
EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>36</sup>	Chalk cobble and pebble	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.			
Confidence assessment				
Image quality		High		
Seabed structure		High		
Seabed composition		Low		
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)				
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structure and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.				

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ				
Cruise ID		2ENC31019				
Date		23 <sup>rd</sup> October 201	<sup>3rd</sup> October 2019			
Station number	•	14		Replicate		A1
	Tow Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)					
	Sta	rt			Er	nd
Lat. N	52.88	637		Lat. N	52.88	3442
Long. E	1.487	41		Long. E	1.49 <sup>-</sup>	116
Distance from a	start to	end (m)		330		
		Examp	ole se	abed stills		
Silt, sand, gravel, pebble and some cobble. Mobile (hermit crab, harbour crab, starfish) and attached fauna (sea anemones, hydroid/bryozoa turf, ascidian) observed. Some attached algae observed. Some cobbles/pebbles appear to be chalk/flint. Habitat generally consistent throughout stills.				our crab, starfish) and ved. Some attached tat generally		
FIFCA assess	ment	EUNIS	A5.4	4 Sublittoral mixe	ed sedi	ment
of habitats pre	esent	FOCI				
EIFCA cha assessmen	lk t <sup>37</sup>	Chalk cobble and pebble				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.			
Confidence assessment				
Image quality		High		
Seabed structure		High		
Seabed composition		Low		
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)				
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.				

Area/MPA	Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ				
Cruise ID		2ENC31019			
Date		23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019			
Station number	r	17 Replicate A1			
Tow Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)					
Start End					
Lat. N	52.85794		Lat. N	52.85	5963
Long. E 1.49641 Long. E 1.49629			629		
Distance from start to end (m) 190					
Example seabed stills					



EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery

Predominantly mobile sand, gravel, pebble and cobble, some exposed chalk pavement. Fauna poor, occasional mobile (shore crab, hermit crab) and attached (sea anemone, hydroid/bryozoan turf, possible *sabellaria*) fauna observed. No attached algae observed. Habitat generally consistent throughout stills, predominantly sand, gravel and pebble with some areas of mobile sand and some exposed chalk pavement.

EIFCA assessment	EUNIS	A5.4 mixed sediment
of habitats present	FOCI	Subtidal chalk
EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>38</sup>	Chalk pavement	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery. Potential for pebble/cobble to be chalk/flint.		
Confidence assessment			
Image quality		High	
Seabed structure		High	
Seabed composition		Medium	
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)			
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.			

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ				
Cruise ID		2ENC31019				
Date		23 <sup>rd</sup> October 201	9			
Station number	•	5	Rep	olicate		A1
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.Decima	alDegrees V	VGS19	984)
	Sta	rt			En	d
Lat. N	52.899	921	Lat.	Ν	52.90	)01
Long. E	1.502	53	Lon	g. E	1.500	)46
Distance from s	start to	end (m)	170			
		Examp	le seabec	d stills		
		EIFCA Descriptio	n of habit	tat from ima	agery	
Silt, sand, gravel and pebble. Mobile (crab, shrimp, squat lobster?, hermit crab, edible crab, painted topshells) and attached fauna (sea anemones, hydroid/bryozoa turf) observed. Some attached algae observed. No clear indication that chalk/flint is present. Habitat consistent across stills.			ermit crab, edible bryozoa turf) alk/flint is present.			
EIFCA assess	ment	EUNIS	A5.4 Sub	olittoral mixe	d sedi	ment
of habitats pre	esent	FOCI				
EIFCA cha assessmen	lk t <sup>39</sup>	Chalk absent				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.			
Confidence assessment				
Image quality		High		
Seabed structure		High		
Seabed composition		Low		
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)				
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.				

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ			
Cruise ID		2ENC31019			
Date		23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019		
Station number	r	16	Replicate		A1
	Tow	Location (Degrees.D	ecimalDegrees \	NGS19	984)
	Sta	rt		Er	nd
Lat. N	52.87	789	Lat. N	52.87	7925
Long. E	1.504	74	Long. E	1.502	265
Distance from	start to	end (m)	220		
Example seabed stills					

EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery

Silt, sand, gravel, pebble and cobble, exposed chalk pavement. Mobile (star fish, crab, goby, painted topshells) and attached fauna (sea anemones, hydroid/bryozoa turf, sabellaria) observed. Some cobbles and pebbles appear to be chalk flint. Some attached algae observed. First half of tow appears to be mixed sediment and second half chalk pavement overlaid with mobile sediments, pebble and some cobble.

EIFCA assessment of habitats present	EUNIS	A5.4 Sublittoral mixed sediment A4 Circalittoral rock
	FOCI	Subtidal chalk
EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>40</sup>	Chalk pavement	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.			
	Confidence	assessment		
Image quality		High		
Seabed structure		High		
Seabed composition		Medium		
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)				
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.				

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ				
Cruise ID		2ENC31019				
Date		24 <sup>th</sup> October 2019				
Station number	ſ	22		Replicate		A1
Tow Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)					984)	
	Sta	rt			En	d
Lat. N	52.84	792		Lat. N	52.84	887
Long. E	1.507	13		Long. E	1.504	1975
Distance from s	start to	end (m)		180		
		Examp	le se	abed stills		
Sand, gravel and (starfish) and att attached algae of chalk/flint.	d pebbl ached observe	<b>FFCA Description</b> e, possibly mixed (sea anemone, hy d. Habitat consister	n of sedir droid ent th	habitat from imatement. Fauna poor //bryozoan turf) fa	agery r, occa bome p	sional mobile beserved. Some
FIFCA assess	EUNIS A5.4 sublittoral mixed sediment			nent		

EIFCA assessment	EUNIS	A5.4 sublittoral mixed sediment		
of habitats present FOCI				
EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>41</sup>	Chalk pebble/cobble			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery. Potential for pebble to be chalk/flint – precautionary chalk assessment.			
Confidence assessment				
Image quality		High		
Seabed structure		High		
Seabed composition		Low		
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)				
Not sensitive - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of				

abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ				
Cruise ID		2ENC31019				
Date		23 <sup>rd</sup> October 201	)			
Station number	,	15	Replic	cate		A1
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.DecimalD	egrees V	VGS19	984)
	Sta	rt			En	d
Lat. N	52.88	544	Lat. N		52.88	3298
Long. E	1.509	60	Long.	E	1.512	287
Distance from s	start to	end (m)	350			
		Examp	le seabed s	tills		
EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery						
Silt, sand, gravel, shell, and pebble. Mobile (p painted topshells) and attached fauna (hydroi obvious chalk observed. Some attached alga across stills.			le (pink shrir ⁄droid/bryozc algae observ	np, edible a turf, sa ed. Habit	e crab, bellaria at gen	sunstar, crab, a) observed. No erally consistent
FIFCA assess	ment	EUNIS	A5.4 Sublitt	oral mixe	d sedi	ment
of habitats pre	esent	FOCI				
EIFCA chal	<b>k</b> t <sup>42</sup>	Chalk absent				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.					
	Confidence assessment					
Image quality		High				
Seabed structure		High				
Seabed composition		Low				
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)						
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.						

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MC7				
		2ENC31019				
Date		23 <sup>rd</sup> October 201	9			
Station number	•	20 October 201	5	Poplianto A1		Δ1
Station number	Тож	+			VG910	84)
	10W		5.De	cillaiDegrees v	VG318 En	104) .d
	52.000				E1	
	52.88	100			52.85	7104
Long. E	1.519		_	Long. E	1.517	39
Distance from s	start to	end (m)	-	1/5		
	1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1	Examp	le se	abed stills	Carlot and	
		FIFCA Description	n of	habitat from ima		
					gery	
Silt, sand, gravel, shell, and pebble. Mobile (starfish, pink shrimp, edible crab, sunstar, crab, painted topshells, squat lobster) and attached fauna (sea anemone, hydroid/bryozoa turf, <i>sabellaria</i> ) observed. No obvious chalk observed. Some attached algae observed. Habitat generally consistent across stills.					ble crab, sunstar, one, hydroid/bryozoa I algae observed.	
EIFCA assess	ment	EUNIS	A5.4	4 Sublittoral mixe	d sedi	ment
of habitats pre	esent	FOCI				

EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>43</sup>	Chalk absent
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.					
	Confidence assessment					
Image quality		High				
Seabed structure		High				
Seabed composition		Low				
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)						
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.						

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ				
Cruise ID		2ENC31019	2ENC31019			
Date		24 <sup>th</sup> October 2019				
Station number	•	21	21 Replicate A1			
Tow Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)						
Start			End			
Lat. N	52.87083		Lat. N	52.87	7224	
Long. E 1.52294			Long. E	1.520	)78	
Distance from start to end (m)			213			

#### Example seabed stills



#### EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery

Coarse sand, gravel and shell, patches of exposed chalk bedrock, clay exposures and deposits. Mobile (sunstar, crab, painted topshells) and attached fauna (sea anemone, hydroid/bryozoa turf, sabellaria) observed. Some attached algae observed. Varying habitats observed throughout stills, initially coarse sediment with areas of exposed bedrock, followed by a stretch of mixed sediment and an area of clay exposures and deposits.

EIFCA assessment	EUNIS	A5.1 Sublittoral coarse sediment A5.4 Sublittoral mixed sediment A4 Circalittoral rock
of habitats present	FOCI	Subtidal chalk Peat and clay exposures

EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>44</sup>	Chalk pavement			
Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.			
Confidence assessment				
Image quality High				
Seabed structure		High		
Seabed composition Medium				
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)				
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ					
Cruise ID		2ENC31019					
Date		24 <sup>th</sup> October 2019					
Station number		18	Replicate		A1		
Tow		Location (Degree	ation (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)				
	Sta	rt	End				
Lat. N 52.83		631	Lat. N 52.83775		3775		
Long. E 1.527		32	Long. E 1.52474		174		
Distance from start to		end (m)	260				
Example seabed stills							
		FFCA Description	Image: second				
Silt, sand, gravel and pebble, possibly mixed sediment. Occasional mobile (fish) and attached (hydroid/bryozoan turf) fauna observed, <i>sabellaria</i> observed throughout. Some attached algae observed. Habitat consistent throughout stills.							
EIFCA assess of habitats pre	ment	EUNIS	A5.4 sublittoral mixed sediment				
	esent	FOCI					
EIFCA chal assessment	<b>k</b> t <sup>45</sup>	Chalk pebble/cobble					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery but very silty. Potential for pebble to be chalk/flint – precautionary chalk assessment.				
Confidence assessment					
Image quality		High			
Seabed structure		High			
Seabed composition		Low			
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)					
Not consider a share of complex, alcusted shall structures and shares of a vidence of					

**Not sensitive** - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.
Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ				
Cruise ID		2ENC31019				
Date		23 <sup>rd</sup> October 201	9			
Station number 3		Replicate	Replicate A1			
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.DecimalDeg	rees W	/GS19	984)
	Star	rt			En	d
Lat. N 5	52.872	209	Lat. N		52.87	/299
Long. E 1	.5357	7	Long. E		1.533	351
Distance from sta	art to	end (m)	180			
		Examp	le seabed stills	\$		
			n of habitat fro	mima	gerv	
Silt, sand, gravel, s anemone, hydroid Habitat consistent	e (squat lobster a) observed. Sor ear observation	) and a me atta of chal	ittache ached lk.	ed fauna (sea algae observed.		
EIFCA assessme	ent	EUNIS	A5.4 Sublittora	I mixed	d sedi	ment
of habitats pres	ent	FOCI				
EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>46</sup>	5	Chalk absent				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Reasonable quality imagery, slightly blurred.				
	Confidence assessment				
Image quality		Medium - High			
Seabed structure		High			
Seabed composition		Low			
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)					
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.					

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ			
Cruise ID		2ENC31019			
Date		24 <sup>th</sup> October 2019			
Station number 26			Replicate		A1
	Tow	Location (Degrees.D	ecimalDegrees V	VGS19	984)
	Sta	rt		Er	nd
Lat. N	52.87	244	Lat. N	52.87	7289
Long. E	1.537	05	Long. E	1.534	451
Distance from	start to	end (m)	180		
		Example se	eabed stills		
				agery	
Silt, sand, gravel, shell and pebble. Mobile (crab, pink shrimp, squat lobster, top shell) and attached fauna (sea anemone, hydroid/bryozoa turf, <i>sabellaria</i> ) observed. Some attached algae observed. Habitat consistent throughout stills. No clear observation of chalk.					

EIFCA assessment of habitats present	EUNIS	A5.4 Sublittoral mixed sediment
	FOCI	
EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>47</sup>	Chalk absent	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.					
	Confidence assessment					
Image quality		High				
Seabed structure		High				
Seabed composition		Low				
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)						
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.						

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ						
Cruise ID		2ENC31019						
Date		24 <sup>th</sup> October 201	19					
Station number 27				Replicate			A1	
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.Dec	cimalDegre	ees V	GS19	984)	
	Sta	rt				Er	nd	
Lat. N	52.90 <sup>°</sup>	131	1	Lat. N		52.90	)124	
Long. E	1.4114	44	I	Long. E		1.41169		
Distance from s	tart to	end (m)	2	20				
		Examp	le sea	abed stills				
EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery								
Mobile sand. No mobile or attached fauna observed. No attached algae observed. H consistent throughout stills. No clear observation of chalk.					gae observed. Habitat			
EIFCA assessm	nent	EUNIS	A5.2	Sublittoral	sand	and n	nuddy sand	
of habitats pres	sent	FOCI						
EIFCA chall assessment	<b>k</b> 48	Chalk absent	absent					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery. Only two stills provided.			
Confidence assessment				
Image quality		High		
Seabed structure		High		
Seabed composition	High			
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)				
Not sensitive - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of				

abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ			
Cruise ID		2ENC31019			
Date		24 <sup>th</sup> October 2019			
Station number	r	28 <b>Replicate</b> A1			
Tow Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)					984)
Start			End		
Lat. N	52.91	292	Lat. N	52.91	1121
Long. E	1.446	95 <b>Long. E</b> 1.45319			
Distance from start to end (m) 460					

## Example seabed stills



EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery

Mobile sand, gravel, pebble, and cobble, occasional boulder, patches of exposed chalk bedrock. No mobile fauna, but attached (sea anemone, hydroid/bryozoan turf) fauna observed. Some attached algae observed. Habitat generally consistent throughout stills.

EIFCA assessment of habitats present	EUNIS	A5.2 Sublittoral sand and muddy sand A4 Circalittoral rock
	FOCI	Subtidal chalk
EIFCA chalk assessment <sup>49</sup>	Chalk pavement	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.					
	Confidence assessment					
Image quality		High				
Seabed structure		High				
Seabed composition		Medium				
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)						
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.						

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ					
Cruise ID		2ENC31019					
Date		24 <sup>th</sup> October 201	19				
Station number		29		A1			
	Tow	Location (Degree	es.De	cimalDegree	s WG	S19	84)
	Sta	rt				En	d
Lat. N	52.91 <sup>-</sup>	150		Lat. N	52	2.90	927
Long. E	1.4768	3		Long. E	1.	481	28
Distance from s	start to	end (m)	:	390			
		Examp	ole sea	abed stills			
			on of h	abitat from	image	ry	
Silt, sand, shell, pebble. No mobile fauna, but attached (sea anem turf, <i>sabellaria</i> ) fauna observed. No attached algae observed. Hat throughout stills.				anem d. Hab	one	, hydroid/bryozoan generally consistent	
EIFCA assess	ment	EUNIS	A5.4	Sublittoral m	nixed s	edin	nent
of habitats pre	esent	FOCI					
EIFCA cha assessmen	lk t <sup>50</sup>	Chalk absent					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.					
	Confidence assessment					
Image quality		High				
Seabed structure		High				
Seabed composition		Low				
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)						
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.						

Area/MPA		Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ					
Cruise ID		2ENC31019					
Date		24 <sup>th</sup> October 2019					
Station number		30	Replicate			A1	
Tow		Location (Degrees.DecimalDegrees WGS1984)					
	Sta	rt End					
Lat. N 52.89		538	Lat. N 52.8		52.89	9330	
Long. E 1.519		6	Long. E	Long. E 1.52		579	
Distance from s	start to	end (m)	365				
Example seabed stills							
EIFCA Description of habitat from imagery							
Silt, sand, shell, pebble. Mobile and (edible crab, pink shrimp, star fish, top shells) attached (sea anemone, hydroid/bryozoan turf, <i>sabellaria</i> ) fauna observed. Some attached algae observed. Habitat generally consistent throughout stills.							
EIFCA assess	ment	EUNIS	A5.4 Sublittoral mixed sediment				
of habitats pre	esent	FOCI					
EIFCA cha assessmen	lk t <sup>51</sup>	Chalk absent	<a>bsent</a>				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Highest level of chalk observed across stills

Notes	Stills obtained from seabed video tow. Good quality imagery.					
Confidence assessment						
Image quality		High				
Seabed structure		High				
Seabed composition		Low				
Initial assessment of sensitivity to potting (speculative)						
<b>Not sensitive</b> - absence of complex, elevated chalk structures and absence of evidence of abrasion or breakage of physical features from anthropogenic activities.						

## Appendix 4: Proposed 2022 Rugged Chalk Area

See charts overleaf detailing proposed rugged chalk area (2022) with data sources overlaid.



2022 Rugged Chalk Area (proposed)





2022 Rugged Chalk Area (proposed)



