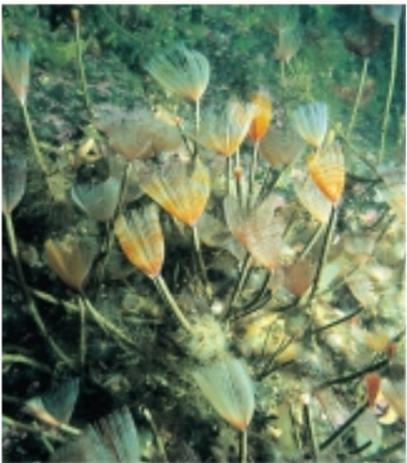


## Sussex Sea Life

Beneath the seas of Sussex there is an array of natural landscapes every bit as varied and beautiful as those we find on land. This is because the different kinds of material making up the seabed offer wildlife a variety of places to live. Sandy sea bed east of Beachy Head, rocky chalk reefs off Littlehampton and the muddy estuary of Chichester Harbour. Each type of seabed is associated with different animals and plants.

Many of the species of fish and shellfish are commercially fished from the Sussex coast. These include sole, plaice, turbot, bass, lobster, edible crab, native oysters, whelk, cuttlefish, squid, red mullet, rays, brill, and spider crab.

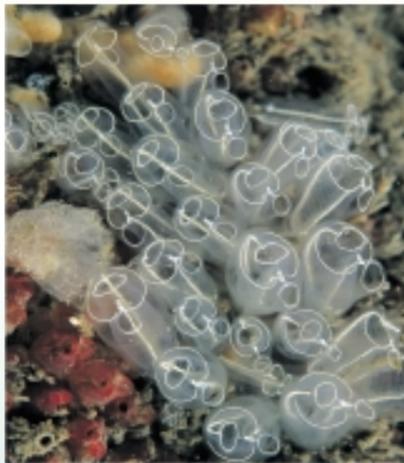
Muddy seabed - Peacock Worm



Sandy seabed - Brittle Star



Rocky seabed - Lightbulb seasquirt



## Further Information

### USEFUL WEB CONTACTS

SUSSEX SEA FISHERIES DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The Sussex Sea Fisheries District Committee manages and conserves inshore fisheries off the Sussex coast - for more information please visit our web site:

[www.sussex-sfc.gov.uk](http://www.sussex-sfc.gov.uk)

### FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

The Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)

[www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk)

[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

The Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Research (CEFAS)

[www.cefas.co.uk](http://www.cefas.co.uk)

### MARINE CONSERVATION

[www.southeastmarine.org.uk](http://www.southeastmarine.org.uk)

[www.jncc.gov.uk](http://www.jncc.gov.uk)

[www.seasearch.org.uk](http://www.seasearch.org.uk)

### MARINE AGGREGATES

further information on marine won sand and gravel can be found on the British Marine Aggregates Producers Association web site

[www.bmapa.org.uk](http://www.bmapa.org.uk)

## FISH FACT 1

**Flatfish** such as sole and plaice actually lie on their sides and are 'right eyed' by having two eyes on the same side. The eye 'migrates' from the left side to the right as the young fish develops.



## FISH FACT 2

**Cuttlefish** are not actually fish but molluscs and are closely related to snails. They have an internal shell which may often be found on the beach during the summer.



## FISH FACT 3

**Red Mullet** has two long feelers, called barbels, on its chin. These help them to find food buried in the muddy seabed.

