

Unidentified wreck off Hillsea Point
50°17.70 N 04°15.10 W (GPS)
13/07/05, 19:30 – 13-14°C, 4-8m visibility

Sea weed

Brown (Phaeophyta)

Kelp species **C**

Red (Rhodophyta)

Sea beech – *Delesseria sanguinea* **P**

Red algae – *Griffithsia floscula* **C**

Dichotomous branching red algae **C**

Green (Chlorophyta)

None

Sponges

Boring sponge – *Cliona celata* **O**

Sea orange – *Suberites domuncula (fiscus)* **O**

Elephant hide sponge – *Pachymatisma johnstonia* **R**

Sponge – *Polymastia boletiformis* **O**

Breadcrumb sponge – *Halichondria panicea* **O**

Hydroids

Sea beard – *Nemertesia antennina* **C**

Sea fir – *Nemertesia ramosa* **O**

Bougainvillia species **C**

Anemones and corals

None

Soft corals

Dead men's fingers – *Alcyonium digitatum* **C/O**

Sea fans and sea pens

Pink sea fan – *Eunicella verrucosa* **R/O**

Jellyfish

Blue jellyfish – *Cyanea lamarckii* **R/O**

Worms

Segmented worm – *Chaetopterus variopedatus* **R**

Barnacles

None

Shrimps and prawns

None

Crabs and lobsters

Common (spiny) spider crab – *Maja squinado* **R**

Edible crab – *Cancer pagurus* **R**

Velvet swimming crab – *Necora puber* **O**

Squat lobster – *Galathea squamifera* **O**

Galathea species **O**

Molluscs

Painted top-shell – *Calliostoma zizyphinum* **O**

Gastropods and bivalves

None

Scallops

None

Nudibranchs

None

Cephalopods (squid, cuttlefish, octopus)

None

Bryozoans

Ross coral – *Pentapora fascialis* **O**

Starfish and brittlestars

Spiny starfish – *Marthasterias glacialis* **C**

Bloody Henry starfish – *Henricia oculata* **C/O**

Unidentified brittlestar species **R**

Urchins

Edible sea urchin – *Echinus esculentus* **C**

Common heart urchin (sea potato) – *Echinocardium cordatum* **P**

Sea cucumbers

Cotton spinner – *Holothuria forskali* **C/P**

Sea gherkin – *Pawsonia saxicola* **C**

Sea squirts

Sea squirt – *Ascidiella aspersa* **C**

Compound ascidian – *Aplidium punctum* **O**

Colonial sea squirt – *Distaplia rosea* **C**

Compound ascidian - *Botryllus schlosseri* **O**

Baked bean ascidian – *Dendrodoa grossularia* **C**

Fishes

Goldsinny – *Ctenolabrus rupestris* **O/C**
Cuckoo wrasse – *Labrus bimaculatus* (*Labrus mixtus*) **O/C** (female) **C**
Corkwing wrasse – *Crenilabrus melops* **C**
Ballan wrasse – *Labrus bergylta* **O**
Bib (pouting) – *Trisopterus luscus* **C/O**
Pollack – *Pollachius pollachius* **R**
Poor cod – *Trisopterus minutus* **C**
Fish fry (various) **C**
Tompot blenny – *Parablennius gattorugine* **O**

Birds and mammals

None

Others

None

Main habitat type

- 1: Rocky reef (dominant), cobbles and pebbles, mixed ground
- 2: Boulders, mixed ground, wreckage (dominant)
- 3: Rocky reef, wreckage
- 4: Rocky reef (dominant), cobbles and pebbles, sand and gravel

Seabed cover types

- 1: Short animal turf, tall animal turf, mixed seaweeds
- 2: Short animal turf, tall animal turf, mixed seaweeds, sediment with life apparent
- 3: Kelp park, mixed seaweeds, encrusting pink algae
- 4: Short animal turf, tall animal turf, mixed seaweeds, encrusting pink algae, sediment with life apparent

Anything unusual or noteworthy?

- 1: Pink sea fans x 4
- 2: A few smashed urchins – and some VERY large bib eating them! Bib 50cm+!
- 3: Bib was of a good size (generally), large variety of small seaweeds
- 4: Couldn't find the reported wreck!

Any litter or man-made objects?

- 1: 1 x weight belt with SMB attached (still furled)
- 2: Wreck, plastic box
- 3: Leisure battery under stern of wreck
- 4: Lost lobster pots and rope