



Seashore Snapshots Survey Recording Form

You can complete this survey at any time of year!

YOUR DETAILS:

Your Name:

Survey Site:

e.g. Hook Head, Co. Wexford

Survey Date:

Site Grid Ref:

6 Figure Irish Grid Ref or Decimal Lat/Long

SURVEY DETAILS:

Visit number in current year: (How many times have you surveyed this site this year?)

- Please complete a new survey form for **each new site visited and each new survey at that site (sites should be surveyed once every 3 months at most)**.
- Please record your **details** and the **site details** above. Please record your **Snapshots** on page 2.
- The aim of the survey is to take **10 snapshots – 5 on the middle-shore and 5 on the lower shore** using our Seashore Snapshot **Printable Frame** of one or both of the **2 target species**.
 - **Take 5 snapshots on the middle-shore and 5 snapshots on the lower shore.** Take your snapshots where barnacle or limpet cover is most dense – i.e. areas where 50% or more of the rock surface is covered by the species (unless no such areas can be found).
 - Select **Frame A** for barnacles or **Frame B** for limpets.
 - Use blue tack to stick your frame in place.
 - Ensure that in your image you can just see all four sides of the frame.
 - Ensure that your image is in focus and take several shots of each frame.
 - Select the **sharpest, clearest shot** for each frame (zoom in on image to check for sharpness) and delete the rest before moving on to your second frame. Play around with your camera setting – try using macro and with flash on or off.
 - Repeat for each frame.
 - Submit your **10 selected frame photos – 5 from the middle shore and 5 from the lower shore** for **each species** via our online form.

When to Survey

- Preferably **1-2 hours before low tide** – please check your tide tables to ensure that the strandline and a reasonable area of the beach is safe to survey, and that you are not in danger of being cut off.
- Please avoid surveying where **weather warnings** are in place for your survey area!

Please enter your results and photos online at:

www.ExploreYourShore.ie

Barnacles - Middle Shore

- Photo 1
- Photo 2
- Photo 3
- Photo 4
- Photo 5

Barnacles - Lower Shore

- Photo 1
- Photo 2
- Photo 3
- Photo 4
- Photo 5

Limpets - Middle Shore

- Photo 1
- Photo 2
- Photo 3
- Photo 4
- Photo 5

Limpets - Lower Shore

- Photo 1
- Photo 2
- Photo 3
- Photo 4
- Photo 5

How do I know if I am on the Middle Shore or the Lower Shore?

The **middle shore** lies half-way along the slope of the beach between high water and low water. Look for classic middle shore seaweeds such as **egg wrack** and **bladder wrack**.



Egg Wrack

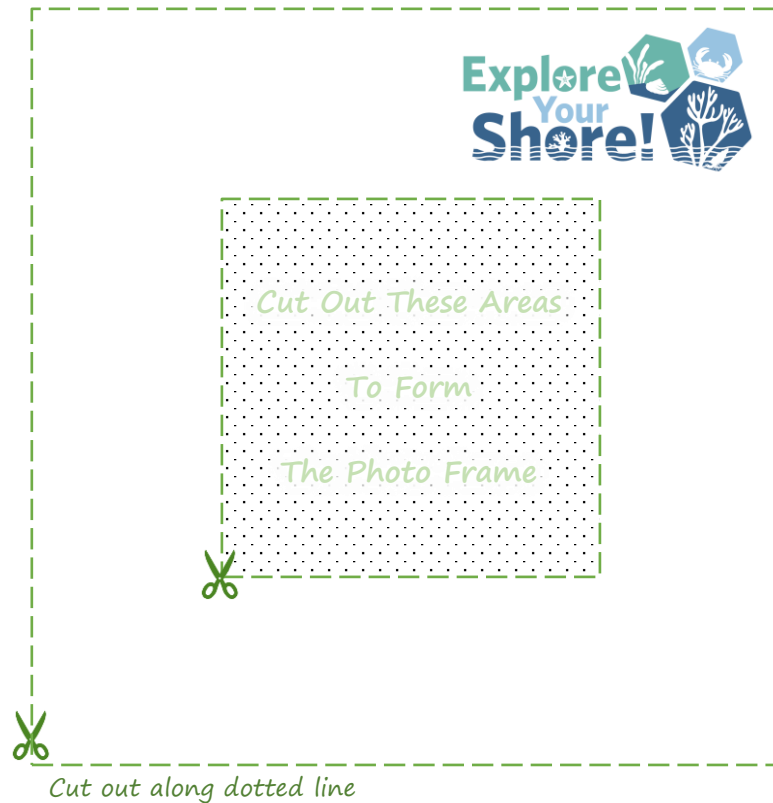


Bladder Wrack

The **lower shore** lies adjacent to the sea at low water. Look for classic lower shore seaweeds such as **serrated wrack** and **dulse**.



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Seashore Snapshots – Photo Frame A

Barnacles

Seashore Snapshots – Photo Frame B

Limpets



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*Cut Out These Areas
To Form
The Photo Frame*



Cut out along dotted line