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MARINE LIFE NEWS

Reports of marine wildlife from all around the British Isles, with pollution incidents and conservation initiatives as they affect the flora and fauna of the NE Atlantic Ocean.

16-17 January 2006

Twenty four egg cases of the endangered Skate, *Dipturus (=Raja) batis*, were discovered on the shore near the Dounreay nuclear power plant, Caithness, west of Thurso and Scrabster Harbour and John o'Groats on the northernmost coast of mainland Scotland, the first records reported to the Shark Trust and the first records on the mainland Scotland since these egg case occurrences have been recorded.



Egg Cases of the Common Skate

[Shark Trust Eggcase Hunt](#)
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Report by [Paula Gent](#) with photographs by Davey Benson

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FOR THE YOUNGER
AGE GROUP



7-14 years



Norwegian Marine***

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**NATIONAL MARINE
AQUARIUM**



January 2006

Large growths of an invasive species of a didemnid ascidian (sea squirt) called *Didemnum* sp. may* have reached the east coast of Ireland. It appears that large gelatinous growths of a didemnid are appearing practically all around the world and have now cropped up off the north European coasts as well as New Zealand and large parts of the United States of America. These colonial tunicates are regarded as a nuisance and one of many fouling organism species that attach to boat hulls, fishing gear, harbour wharves etc.

[Woods Hole Science Center Information](#)

Liz Sides, from Duchas in Ireland says that one of her tunicate taxonomic friends has found what appears to be a large non-native *Didemnum* sp growing prolifically in a marina on the Irish east coast. (*The identification has not been confirmed yet.)

Report by [Rohan Holt](#)

1 January 2006

Ormers, *Haliotis tuberculata*, with a minimum shell length of 80 mm can be legally collected from the shores of Guernsey.



I discovered an *Ormer* of shell length 11.75 cm on 18 October 2005 on the shore at La Valette on Guernsey's east coast - south of St. Peter Port. I wanted to find out if this *Ormer* was still under the same rock. I was not disappointed. This is the second time I have found an *Ormer* in the autumn which has remained under the same rock through to the New Year. I did not collect it but hope it survives the *Ormer* collecting season which continues during large spring tides until the end of April.

Report by [Richard Lord \(Guernsey\)](#)



[Marine Life Society of South Australia ***](#)



[De Strandwerkgemeenschap](#)

All reports by [Andy Horton](#) unless the credits are given to other observers or reporters.



[Cornish Marine Wildlife \(Ray Dennis Records\) 2004](#)

PICTURE GALLERY

Each month, at least one special marine image will be published from images sent to the BMLSS. This can be of the seashore, undersea world or any aspect of the marine natural world, especially the underwater life, but not restricted to life beneath the waves. Topical inclusions may be included instead of the most meritorious, and images will be limited to the NE Atlantic Ocean and adjoining seas, marine and seashore species and land and seascapes.



A young Black Sea-Bream
[*Spondyliosoma cantharus*](#)



'Strandwerkgroep'
(Beachworkgroup)



Shore Topography Series

The name of the particular coast should be included and the grid reference, if known. Print photographs can be included in [Exhibitions](#) and on the BMLSS Web Sites and electronic publications. Electronic images in *.JPG format can also be considered for the web site. They should not exceed 150K in size.



Lancing Beach, West Sussex

Pictures of the shore and estuaries in the snow would be appreciated if you can brave the snow in Scotland and the east of England

Please send any attractive or interesting coastal scenic, landscape, topographic or faunal photographs specifying location and details



***Bolinopsis* sp.**

Photograph by [Dr Dave Skingsley](#) ([Staffordshire Universities](#))

This ctenophore (sea jelly) was recorded off Great Yarmouth (North Sea) in 2005, but it is not included in my old CD-ROM edition of the [British Marine Species Directory](#). It appears to be a widespread species that may have been overlooked and is [recorded off the Norwegian coast](#). I am not sure I could recognise the animal to any more than the phylum from this photograph though.

[More Information](#)

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[BIOSIS Conference Calendar for Zoology](#)

(Major Link of all biological conferences around the world)

PUBLIC AQUARIA NEWS

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CETACEAN NEWS

? What to do if you find a stranded whale or dolphin ?

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR LIVE CETACEAN STRANDINGS

| | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| ENGLAND | WALES | SCOTLAND |
| 0870 5555 999 | 0870 5555 999 | 0131 339 0111 |

CORNWALL

0845 201 2626

JERSEY

01534 724331

GUERNSEY

00 44 1481 257261

British Divers Marine Life Rescue

01825 765546

[LINK TO THE STRANDINGS PAGE](#)

NEW PUBLICATIONS & WEB PAGES

NEW JOURNALS

The [Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom](#) launched a new full colour magazine, **GLOBAL MARINE ENVIRONMENT** in 2005, which will appeal to people who wish to read accurate, interesting and entertaining articles about the world's oceans and its inhabitants.

Much of the source material for this new magazine is the [Journal of the Marine Biological Association \(JMBA\)](#). Whereas the journal is full of excellent scientific papers, GLOBAL MARINE ENVIRONMENT takes some of the most interesting studies and, in full colour, writes a more understandable summary of the findings.

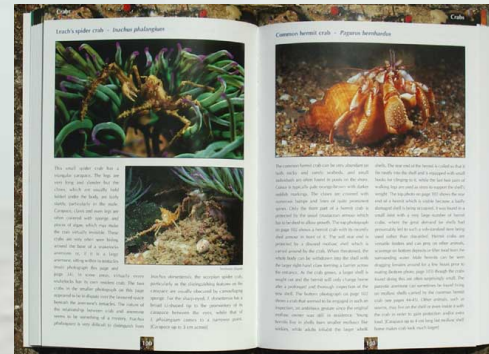
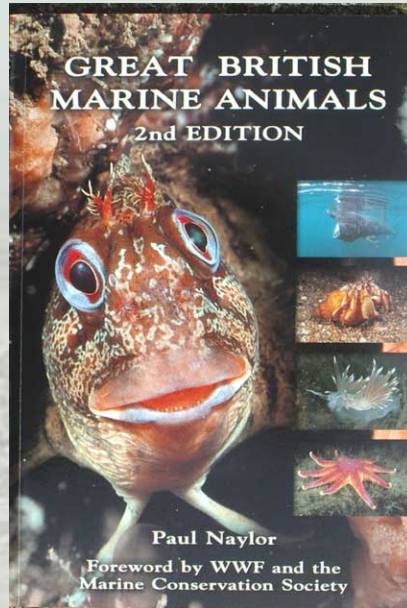
The first issue of Global Marine Environment may be purchased in hard copy for £1.75 (see below) or downloaded from the web at the following address:

<http://www.mba.ac.uk/PDF/mbaglobal%20news.pdf>

Information provided by [Richard Lord](#) (Guernsey)

BOOKS

PUBLICATIONS



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WEB SITES

Encyclopedia of Marine Life of Britain and Ireland
<http://www.habitas.org.uk/marinelife/index.html?item=about>

Marine Fauna of Norway
http://www.seawater.no/fauna/e_index.htm

[BMLSS: Marine Life Articles in Publications \(Link\)](#)

SOCIETY INFORMATION

The British Marine Life Study Society are responsible for producing the journal **GLAUCUS**, which is the first publication exploring the marine life of the seas surrounding the British Isles available to the general public.

We also publish the **SHOREWATCH** Newsletter and the **TORPEDO** Electronic News Bulletin.

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