

Jersey Marine Conservation – Submission

We are seeing very few Chancre Crabs during our shallow water surveys. I was quite interested in comments being made by potters. I know of at least one big breeding site on our SW coast. Additionally many of our wreck sites are breeding sites but are targeted by potters. There are of course other factors relating to the female. In particular, disturbance to females with (roe) eggs not being returned to the water. I did warn about the damage to sites from dredging. These areas no longer have food sources on which the juvenile crabs rely. Considering sea temperatures have remained above the norm for this time of year we have seen relatively few hermit crabs and wonder why this is? I am assuming the 15cm restriction ensures crabs are more likely of an adult size. Every little helps as they say.