

## *Sabellaria alveolata* Reefs Action Plan

Objective 1: To determine the existence, extent and condition of *Sabellaria alveolata* reefs around the Kent coast.

Target: To establish whether *Sabellaria alveolata* reefs persist in Kent and to map their extent and condition.

Action	Target Start Date	Target End Date	Lead Partner	Implementers	Cost	Progress	Constraints
1. Revisit sites where <i>Sabellaria alveolata</i> reefs previously recorded.	2005	-	KWT	KWT, Shoresearch		Shoresearch visits planned for ELWS 12 March and 20 Aug 2005	
2. Encourage recording of <i>Sabellaria alveolata</i> by Shoresearch and Seasearch volunteers, conservation organisations with coastal sites or remit, and members of the public.	2005	-	KWT	KWT, Shoresearch and Seasearch			
3. Undertake survey of any reefs found to: map location and extent, assess condition, record community supported by reef.	2005/6	-	KWT	KWT, Shoresearch			

**Objective 2:** To maintain the distribution and quality of any *S. alveolata* reefs found around the Kent coast.

**Target:** To protect any existing reefs through site designation, awareness and practical management measures

Action	Target Start Date	Target End Date	Lead Partner	Implementers	Cost	Progress	Constraints
If <i>Sabellaria alveolata</i> reefs found:							
4. Encourage protection, if possible through SSSI designation, if not already covered, or through other possible statutory or voluntary designations.			KWT, EN	KWT, EN			
5. Depending on condition, raise awareness of the existence, locations, significance and vulnerabilities of reefs.			KWT	KWT, TCP, KCN			
6. Where presence is confirmed, introduce measures to prevent mechanical damage from small craft, and from other beach users.			TCP, MSEP, KCC	TCP Thanet Coastal Warden Scheme, KCN			
7. Ensure presence of reefs is considered in Shoreline Management Plans, coastal defence strategies, beach management, and any coastal developments.			EN, EA, KCC	EN, EA, KCC, TCP, KWT			

**Objective 3:** To encourage/contribute to national BAP research initiatives to establish the habitat conditions required for re-establishment of *S. alveolata* reefs.

**Target:** To investigate re-establishment of reefs in Kent.

Action	Target Start Date	Target End Date	Lead Partner	Implementers	Cost	Progress	Constraints
8. Liaise with national BAP lead partner to encourage and contribute to research into habitat requirements for re-establishment of the species.	2005	-	KWT, EN	KWT, EN			

## Key

EA	Environment Agency
EN	English Nature
KCN	Kent Coastal Network
KCC	Kent County Council
KWT	Kent Wildlife Trust
MSEP	Medway & Swale Estuary Partnership
TCP	Thanet Coast Project

## Definitions

Objective	What a plan aims to achieve
Target	When an objective should be achieved by
Action	How the objective is to be achieved and by whom
Lead Partner (of HAP)	A dedicated lead partner responsible for liaising with the various partners contributing to a specific HAP and/or SAP. The lead partner has overall responsibility for updating the HAP and/or SAP, for facilitating its implementation and for the annual reporting.
Lead Partner (of action within HAP)	In addition to the lead partner of each HAP or SAP, each action has a lead partner. They are not necessarily responsible for undertaking the action alone but may have the responsibility for its co-ordination and reporting to the HAP or SAP lead partner.
Implementers	Partners directly involved in the delivery of an action in the HAP or SAP.