

NOTICE TO FISHERMEN

Tagged Black Bream Study

Reward for information

Working with the fishing community the Sussex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority is commencing studies that involve releasing tagged black bream in Sussex coastal waters. The capture and release location is the newly designated Kingmere Reef Marine Conservation Zone.

The purpose of the tagging is to better understand the behaviour and movements of black bream subsequent to capture. It is hoped information from the studies will contribute toward future management within the MCZ. Information from returned tagged fish is essential for the study's results. The project relies on your involvement and providing details from tagged fish you've caught.

Prize Draw

As well as helping the study and our understanding of black bream, you can have the opportunity to win some great prizes in an annual draw. Each tagged fish details gains an entry in a draw for angling equipment or choice vouchers.

How do I know if I have a tagged fish?

Plastic identification tags attached next to the dorsal fin (top most large spined fin). The tags are either coloured fluorescent green, red or blue. They are about 75mm/3 inches long (**Do not remove the tag**) details include contact details and reference number.

Important - fluorescent green tags are very rare, they mark fish fitted with an internal acoustic tracking device. It is very important you return these fish unharmed, if the fish is unavoidably killed please return the internal transducer.



What should I do when I catch a tagged fish?

1. Please avoid damaging or harming the fish (if possible handle with a wet cloth and carefully unhook).
2. Record the Reference number on the tag and when and where (if possible Latitude and Longitude from your GPS) the fish was capture.
3. Only if it's quick and easy photograph the fish and record length and weight
4. **Return alive**
5. Send details of your capture to the Sussex IFCA.

Thank you and good fishing