



Explore Your Shore MAY REPORT, 2024



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This month started in Cleggan, Co. Galway. This was my first outing and I was looking forward to finding something cool!

Have a look at what we found **#ExploreTheShore**



The Sea potato

Echinocardium cordatum

If you are interested in finding the Sea Potato, then Cleggan is the place. We must have found over twenty within five minutes exploring the shore.

These species are perfectly adapted for life in the sand. They are a type of sea urchin that live in a burrow in the sand, feeding on dead animals and plants using their tube feet!

The tests that are found on the strandline have often lost their spines and are white. During life, the spines trap air which helps prevent asphyxiation for the buried urchin.





Breadcrumb sponge

(Halichondria (Halichondria) panicea)



Brown Crab by Sibéal Regan







**Saddle oyster - Mantle
(*Anomia ephippium*)**





The common cockle
(Cerastoderma edule)



VELVET CRAB

Necora puber

Swimming Legs

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A MAD DISCOVERY!

We found an Anemone on a Shore Crab,
and this is really rare!





BIOFACTS BY THE SHORE



#TakePhotos
#LeaveNoTrace



End of report.

This was a truly magical month indeed. With support from European Maritime Day #EMDInMyCountry and Love Your Beach, 2024 we were able to deliver a host of experiences on the shore.

June looks to be another fantastic Month of Explore Your Shore, and we cannot wait to share more secrets of the shore.

Please keep our beaches free from litter.

