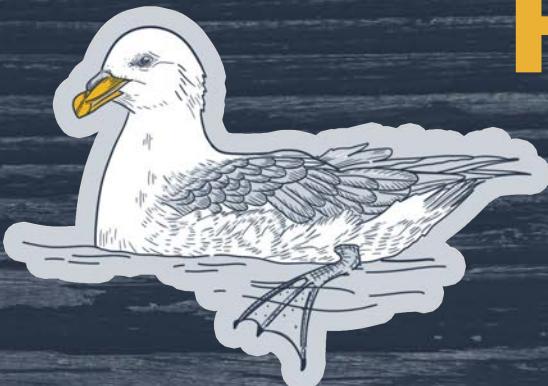


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Practical information
to help industry
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seabird bycatch



Seabird Safe

What's in the toolkit?



The seabird safe toolkit aims to give fishers practical tools to understand more about seabirds and help them take action to reduce seabird bycatch.

Top Tips from Fishers

Tips from industry champions sharing changes they've made to their fishing practices that have helped them reduce their seabird bycatch.



Offal Management Guide

A guide to help fishers store and dispose of offal in a way that reduces the chances of seabirds becoming attracted to their vessels.



Safe Handling Guides

Step by step guides to help fishers safely release birds accidentally caught on hooks, or entangled in nets.



Top Facts from Seabird Scientists

Key facts about seabirds, fishing gear or fishing location that scientists want to share with the fishing industry to help them reduce seabird bycatch.



Seabird ID Guide

Photos and key ID information about UK seabirds – so fishers can learn to recognise the seabirds they encounter at sea.

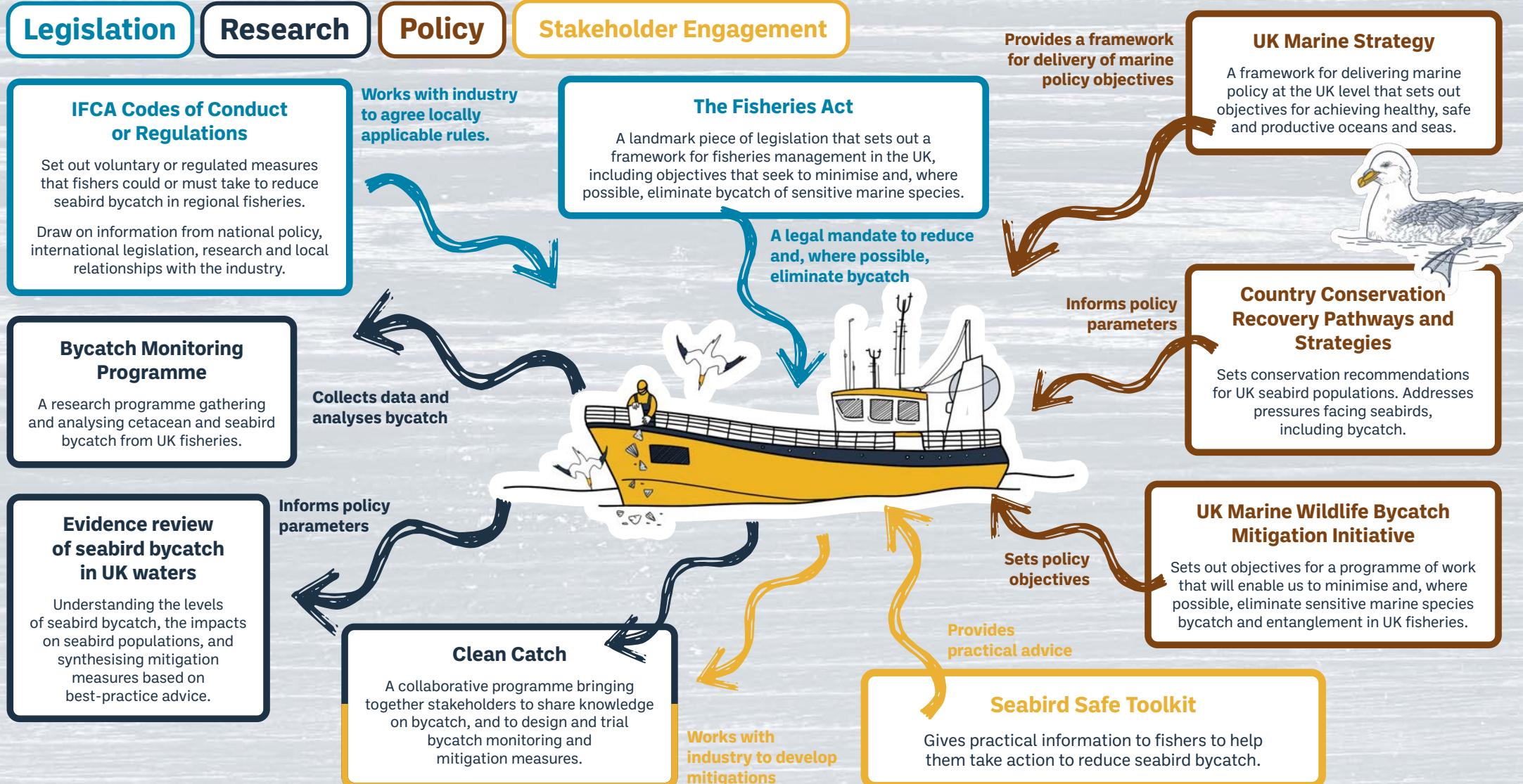


Bycatch in UK Fisheries



Different groups and policies interact with the fishing industry at national and regional levels. This diagram represents the different elements at play, and how the industry feeds back into them.

How can regional rules draw on national policies and programmes?



Case Studies

What works to help reduce bycatch?

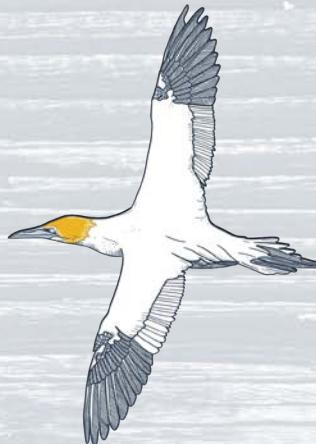
Legislation

Research

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Stakeholder Engagement

These studies showcase different collaboratively-agreed methods that have proved effective at reducing seabird bycatch in a range of fisheries.



Dedicated Bycatch Officers in New Zealand

Dedicated DoC officers from New Zealand work closely with local fishers to develop bycatch management plans for all vessels, as required under the NZ National Plan of Action for Seabirds.

Agreement on the Conservation of Albatross and Petrels

ACAP work with fishers, scientists and regulators to develop best-practice guidelines for reducing seabird bycatch in fisheries. Illustrated guides are one tool which provide clear, visual information for fishers, and have proved particularly effective when supplemented with in-person engagement to explain their use.

Filey Bay & RSPB

Following bird welfare concerns, the RSPB worked with the Filey fishing fleet to explore ideas for bycatch mitigation, trial them in real-time, and work with scientists to support industry-led research in wider circles. This established trust and respect with the industry.

Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources

International regulations to reduce seabird bycatch reward fishers who partake, e.g. by granting them access to premium fishing grounds, showing that incentives can be as effective as disincentives.

Cornwall IFCA

The IFCA worked with fishers to establish a voluntary code of practice as a first-response to seabird bycatch. There is scope for such COPs to be enforced through new regulations, however it is crucial to involve industry in this process.





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