

[**News story: Bottom towed fishing gear prohibited over reef habitats in 13 marine protected areas**](#)

The recovery of rare, threatened and important habitats and species in English waters is another step closer from today (Friday 22 March 2024).

[**News story: Bird flu \(avian influenza\): latest situation in England**](#)

Find out about the latest bird flu situation in England and guidance for bird keepers and the public.

[**Guidance: Materials facilities: waste sampling and reporting from October 2024**](#)

From 1 October 2024, more materials facilities will need to sample and report their waste. Sampling and reporting will be more detailed and more frequent under the amended regulations.

[**Guidance: Materials facilities: developing a suitable sampling**](#)

[methodology](#)

Guidance on sampling methods and methodologies for materials facility operators, including information about sampling areas, equipment, schedules and compliance

[Transparency data: Defra: ministerial gifts, hospitality, travel and meetings, October to December 2023](#)

Data on gifts that ministers gave and received, their external meetings and any overseas travel.