



Sussex
Wildlife Trust

Sussex Seasearch

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Coordinating Seasearch in Sussex:

- Act as principal point of contact for all Seasearch goings-on
- Arrange training courses
- Arrange targeted Seasearch diving
- Coordinate data collection and input
- Champion independent Seasearch activities

What is Seasearch?

- Volunteer recreational divers / snorkelers collecting information about species and habitats in coastal waters of Britain and Ireland
- Partnership led by Marine Conservation Society using local coordinators and partner organisations
- It's fun, informative and award-winning!



Why do we do it?

- Data provides important evidence for nature conservation
- Creation of long-term datasets and habitat maps
- Look out for trends – invasive species and climate change indicators
- Public awareness / engagement tool

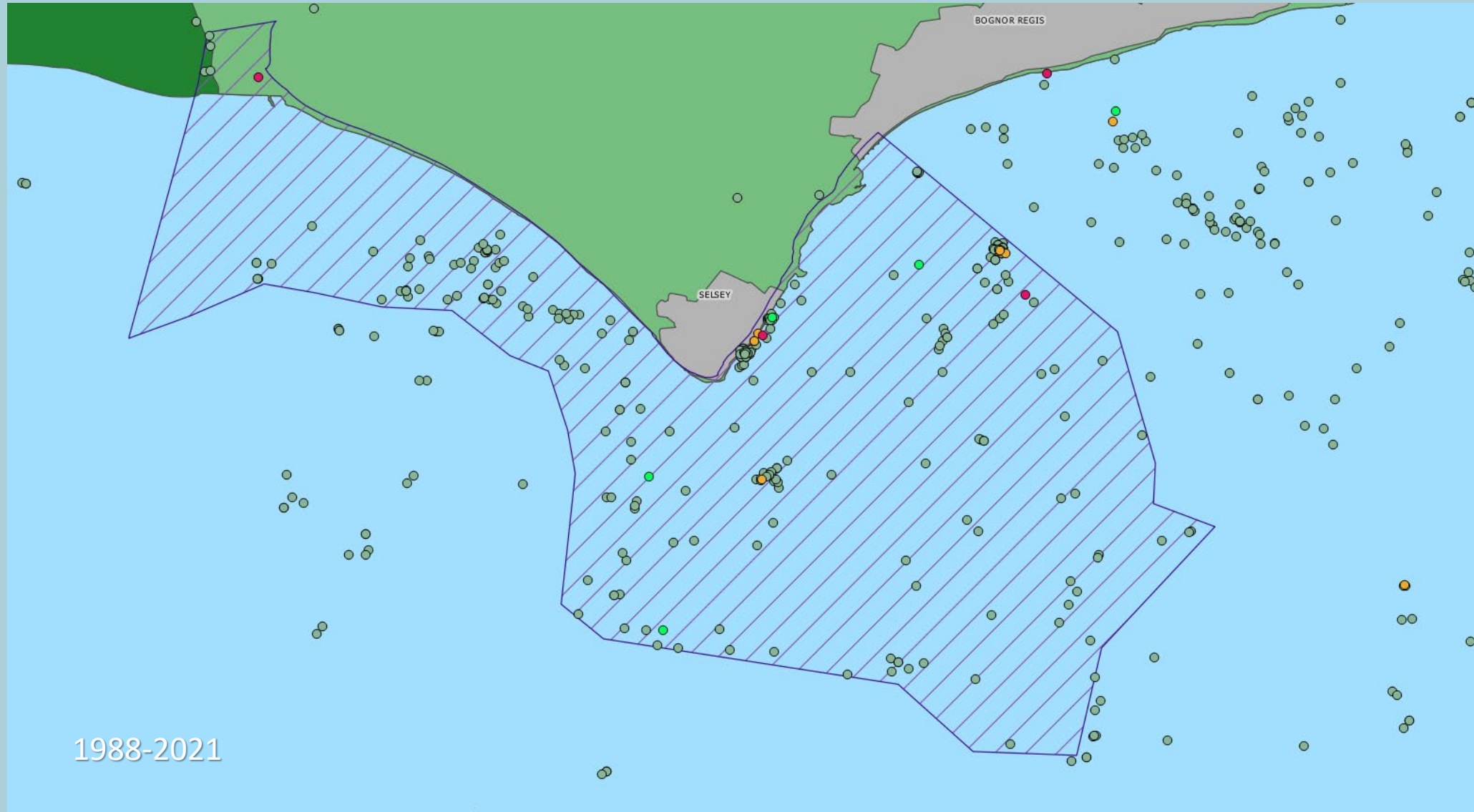


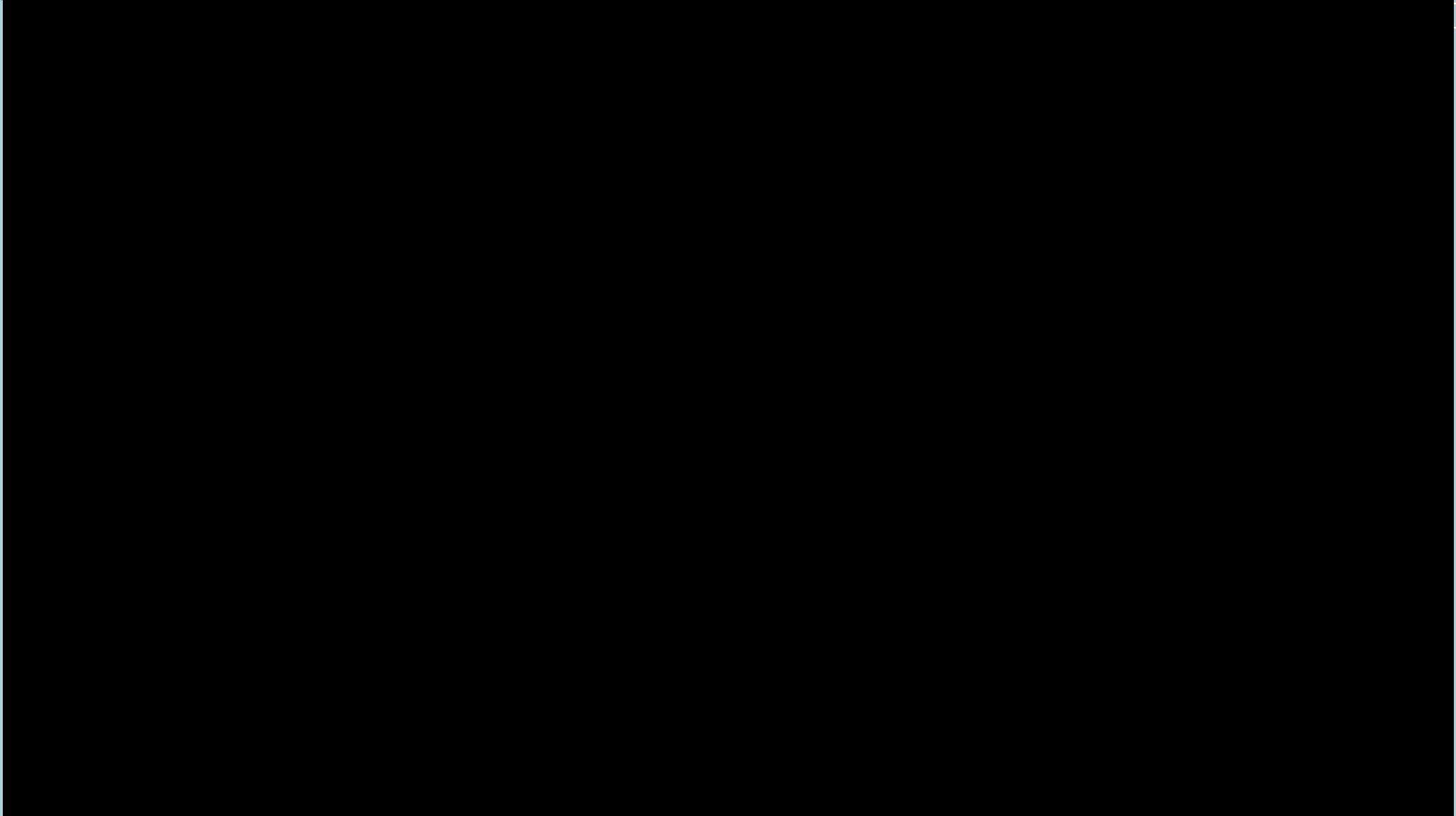
What about the data?

- ✓ Volunteers complete a classroom course to learn about survey techniques
- ✓ Divers complete a form after their dive which is sent to the local coordinator for 'sanity checking'
- ✓ Data then entered into Marine Recorder
- ✓ Annual snapshot for each district is sent to National Coordinator
- ✓ Sent annually to National Biodiversity Network (NBN) Atlas

Seasearch and CHASM

- ✓ Looking at historical Seasearch data
- ✓ Targeted Seasearch dives





Thank You

Any questions?