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# Niarbyl Bay Marine Nature Reserve

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## Spotter Sheet

Limpets



© Lara Howe

These rocky shore snails live in the intertidal zone, grazing on algae when the tide is in. Some species return to their 'home scar' before the tide retreats.

Painted Topshell



© Peter Duncan

This sea snail has a cone-shaped shell with pink/purple and white stripes, and is commonly seen on rocky shores and subtidally.

Snakelocks Anemone



© Caroline Perry

Found underwater on rocks, this greenish-purple anemone uses its purple-tipped, stinging tentacles to catch prey, so don't touch! They also contain photosynthetic algae.

Dog Whelk



© Melissa Parsons

These white shells stand out on rocky shores where they drill holes in barnacle shells, squirt in digestive enzymes and drink the 'soup'.

Rock Pipit



© Amy Lewis

Common on rocky coasts where it feeds on invertebrates and seeds. Larger than a meadow pipit, it is both resident and a winter migrant.

Egg Wrack



© James Cubbon

A brown algae (seaweed) of sheltered mid-level rocky shores. The egg-shaped air bladders are equally spaced and keep the fronds closer to the light.

Prawn



© Amy Lewis

Found in rockpools hiding in plain sight, in cracks or under stones or seaweed. Darts away quickly to avoid predators. Almost transparent, so look carefully!

Sea Lettuce



© Melissa Parsons

Related to gutweed, this bright green, translucent seaweed looks like lettuce leaves. It is edible. Common near nutrient-rich freshwater inputs.

Rock Goby



© Polly Whyte

Small fish (up to 12 cm), mostly black with white blotches. It has two distinct dorsal fins on its back, unlike a blenny which has one. Found in rockpools.

Shore Crab



© Peter Duncan

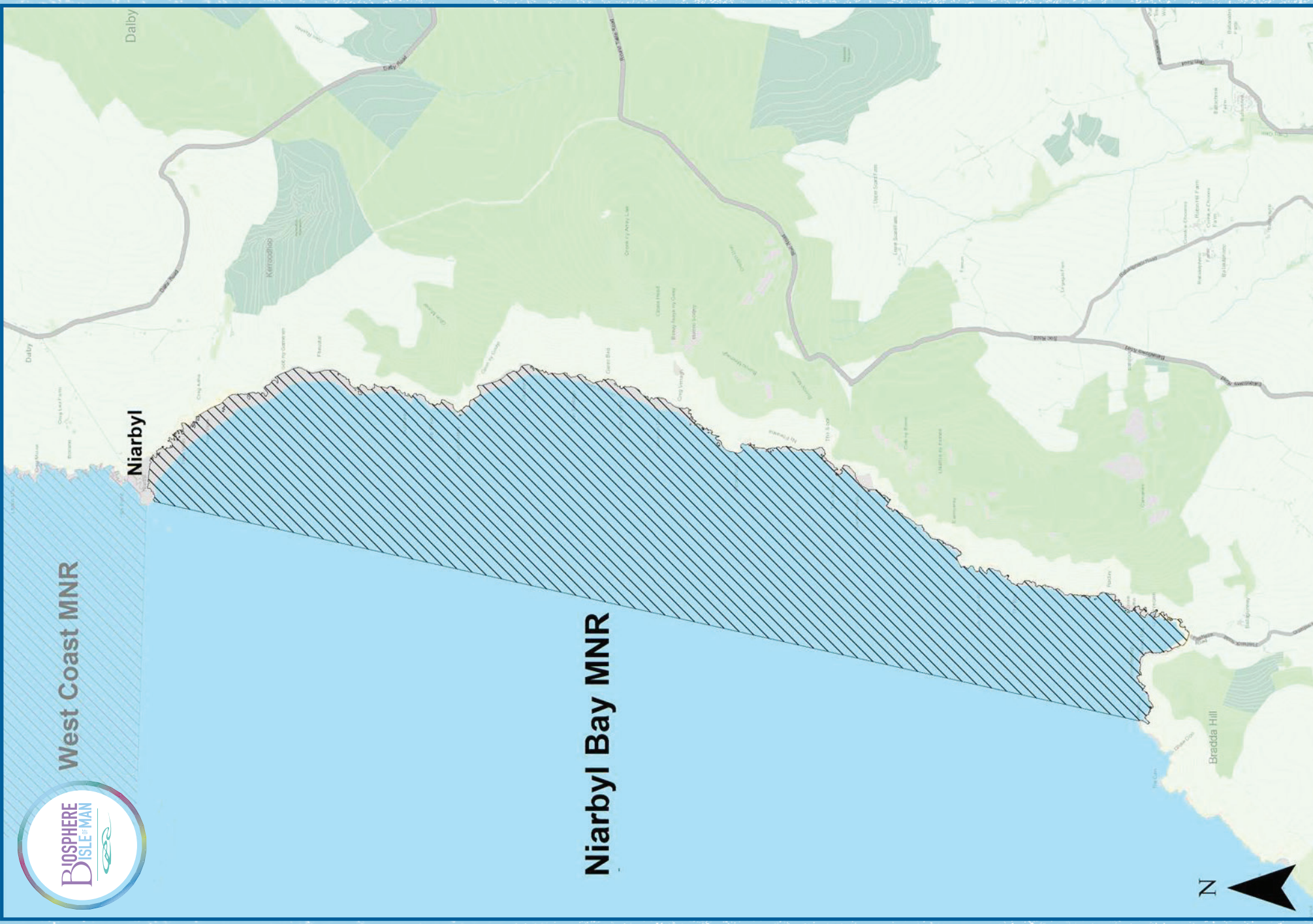
A common, green-coloured crab, found intertidally in rockpools and under rocks. Defensive 'claws-up' response if disturbed. Around 10 cm wide.



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