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Bottlenose Dolphin



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A fairly regular island visitor with uniform grey colour on top and curved dorsal fin. Pods of 20+ may be seen off the east coast. Mostly in the winter.

Gannet



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Very large (1.8m wingspan), white seabird with black wingtips and a cream head. Seen year round, often circling before diving head-first to catch fish.

Chough



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Chough have distinct red legs and a curved red bill used to probe the ground for invertebrates. Although common on the island, it's not elsewhere.

Gutweed



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Related to sea lettuce, this algae has bright green, tubular fronds ('leaves'), looking like intestines, which are filled with air to enable flotation.

Grey Seal



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The most common seal in Manx waters. Often seen hauled out on land or swimming/bobbing in the water. Pupping occurs in the autumn, September to November.

Eelgrass



© Tony Glen

This marine flowering plant forms meadows in shallow, sandy areas, which are nursery grounds for fish and shellfish and an important 'blue carbon' store.

Shag



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Smaller than the cormorant, shags catch fish with their long, hook-tipped bill. Adults have glossy-green plumage whilst juveniles are brownish.

Channelled Wrack



© Nigel Phillips

This common brown seaweed lives on upper rocky shores and is very tolerant of drying out. It can survive up to eight days out of water.

Harbour Porpoise



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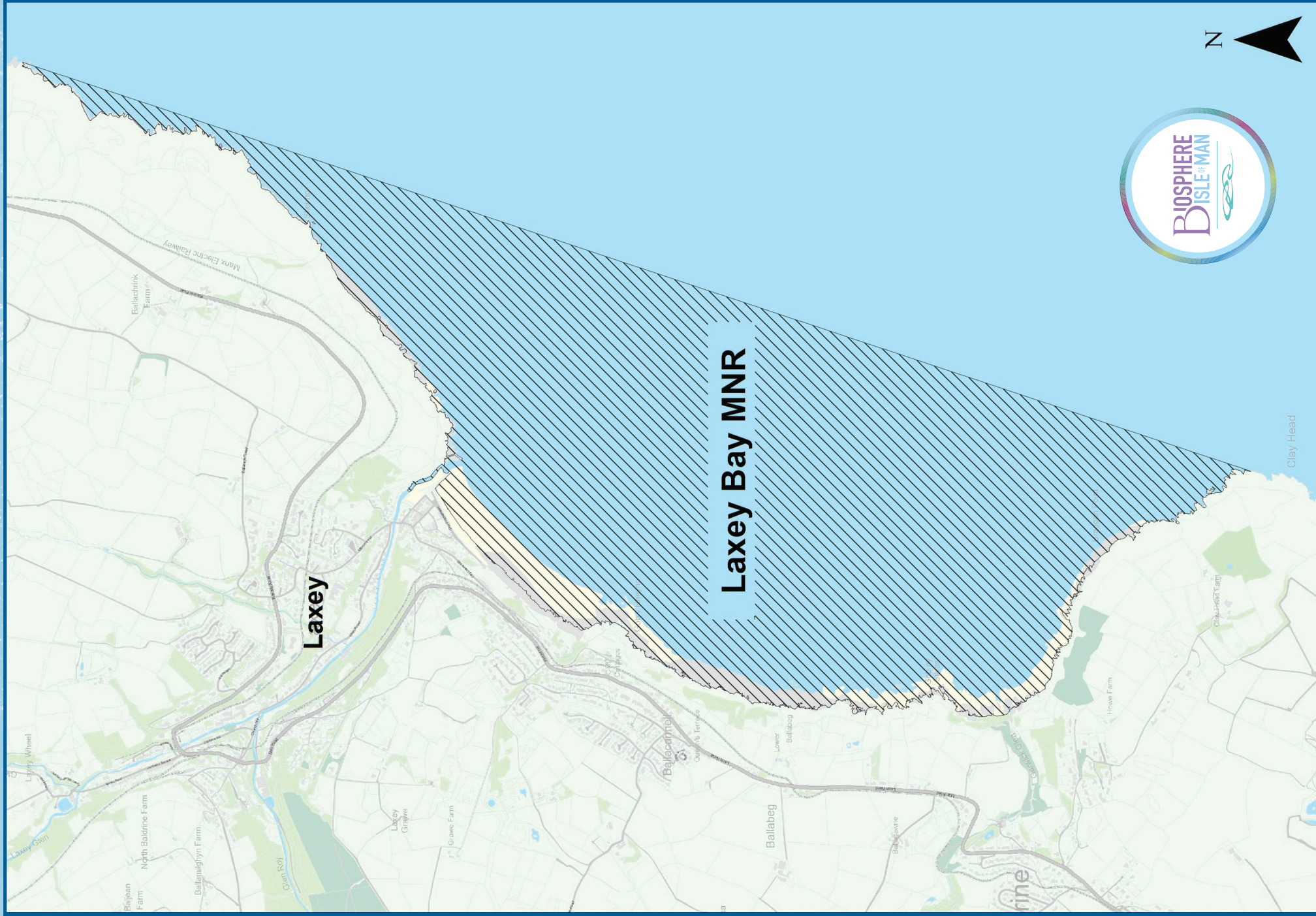
Our smallest (up to 1.9m) and most common cetacean, seen all year round. Recognised by a small, dark, triangular dorsal fin breaking the surface, usually only once.

Lichens



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Lichens are not a single organism, but a fungi-algae collaboration. Found growing on rocks on the upper shore in grey, green, yellow and black varieties.



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