

Conducting intertidal surveys

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Activity	What are the hazards?	Who might be affected?	Risk Level			Control Measures	Risk Level		
			Severity	Likelihood	Risk Level		Severity	Likelihood	Risk Level
Access to and from the survey site	- Slips and trips - Getting stuck in soft sediment - Getting cut off by tide - Drowning - Working on the shore; exposure to cold, sun, heat	Staff, students, volunteers	3	2	6	- Stay on firmer ground where possible - Wear appropriate PPE at all times including lifejacket - Carry an EPERB independent of that located in your life jacket - Avoid areas covered with seaweed where possible - Avoid areas of soft or deep mud - Carry a mobile phone at all times - The IFCA office and line manager must be contacted at the beginning and end of each survey and must be aware of the survey plan - Tide tables must be consulted before each survey - Keep a watch on the tide throughout the survey - Dynamically risk assess environment for suitability of survey	3	1	3
Surveying once in work area	- Slips & trips - Getting stuck in soft sediment - Getting cut off by tide - Drowning	Staff, students, volunteers.	3	2	6	- Stay on firmer ground where possible, avoiding soft or deep mud and sediment - Wear appropriate PPE at all times including lifejacket	3	1	3

	- Working on the shore; exposure to cold, sun, heat - Getting cut off/separated from team members - Manmade hazards (e.g. rubbish, glass, fish hooks) - Water quality.					- Carry an EPERB independent of that located in your life jacket - Avoid areas covered with seaweed where possible - Carry a mobile phone at all times - Remain with team members & maintain regular contact with other teams - If you become separated head back to shore - All survey participants reconvene back on shore no later than 2 hours after low tide - Tide tables should be consulted before each survey - Dynamically risk assess environment for suitability of survey - If safe to pick up or remove rubbish/sharp objects always wear gloves - Ensure relevant vaccinations are up to date - Cover any cuts or abrasions - Wash hands at earliest opportunity after survey			
Processing and recording of samples	- Scratches and cuts - Infections and diseases	Staff, students, volunteers.	3	2	6	- Handle samples carefully - Wear gloves if necessary - If injury occurs clean wound and apply dressing as soon as possible - Wash hands at earliest opportunity after handling - Cover any cuts or abrasions	2	1	2

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