

What did you find?

January – December 2025

Following the great success of our oyster citizen science survey launch in 2024, you continued to collect valuable citizen science data which will be used to help inform future oyster restoration work in the Firth of Forth. A huge thank you to everyone who attended a training event, joined us on the beach or submitted a survey!

148 people conducted
45 oyster surveys

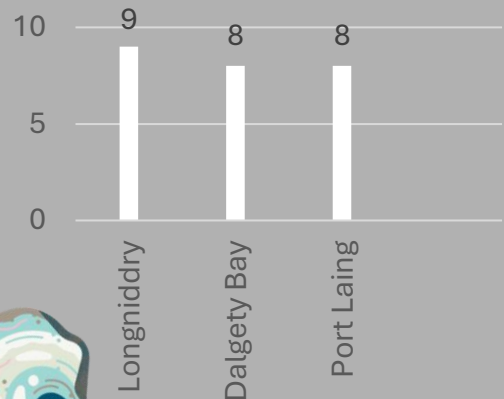
111 people attended citizen science training events, either learning how to conduct the Oyster Observer survey or helping to monitor deployed oysters at intertidal sites. Recent monitoring has found our restored oysters are thriving, with an average survival rate of **83%** across our sites!



Where did you survey?

Surveys were conducted at 10 locations around the Firth of Forth.

Here are the top locations surveyed:



Oyster Observer results

148 of you surveyed European flat oysters, Pacific oysters, saddle oysters and horse mussel shells around the coastline. A staggering **992** shells were counted in 2025, **814** (82%) of which were European flat oyster shells.

This data will help the team at Heriot-Watt University to identify suitable habitats for future oyster restoration.