



Seal flipper tags






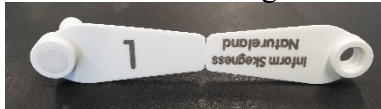
Over 20 centres across Europe rescue seals, many of which deploy flipper tags on release. Although grey seals, in particular can travel >100 km, tags found in the North Sea and west coast of the British Isles were likely tagged in these respective areas. Below is a non-exhaustive list of flipper tags that are/have been used by SMRU, other research institutes and rescue centres across Europe. Many tags include ‘Inform London Zoo’. However, if you can identify the flipper tag deployer, please contact them directly (the relevant rescue centre/research institute) rather than SMRU or London Zoo (which acts as a conduit to SMRU). The exception is for orange 5 digit ‘SMRU’ tags which have also been used by various rescue centres. Please report these via SMRU (using the form) **unless** they start with a 6 (contact RSPCA East Winch), 81 (contact SSPCA), or 80000-80250 (contact RSPCA West Hatch). Please see below for more details. If there are any issues with the information, please email SMRUsealtags@st-andrews.ac.uk

Orange 'SMRU' tags


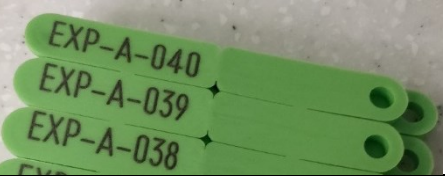




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Scotland	SMRU	UK wide	1) Orange ‘SMRU’ tags (5 digits; see above) 2) Blue or yellow U-tags (5 digits)  3) White ‘Duck’ tags (D***) 	Using form @ https://synergy.st-andrews.ac.uk/smru/sealtags/ SMRUsealtags@st-andrews.ac.uk



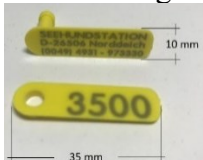

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Scotland	Scottish SPCA		Orange 'SMRU' tags, including 81****	If starts 81****, contact SSPCA (www.scottishspca.org/)
England	RSPCA	Stapeley Grange	 Yellow 3***	lee.stewart@rspca.org.uk
England	RSPCA	West Hatch	1) Orange 'SMRU' tags (80000-80250) 2) As above but red (80251-80500)	paul.oaten@rspca.org.uk
England	RSPCA	East Winch	1) Orange 'SMRU' tags 6****  2) Yellow: 63051 to 63200 3) As pictured but blue: 63101 – 63150	eastwinch@rspca.org.uk
England	Natureland Seal Sanctuary	Skegness	1) Various colours (often 2 colours per tag) (2 digits) e.g.  2) From 2020: white tags 	https://www.skegnessnatureland.co.uk/info@skegnessnatureland.co.uk

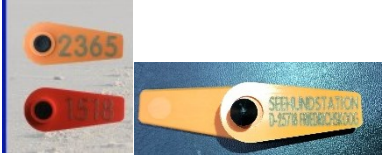


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England	SEA LIFE	Cornish Seal Sanctuary/ Hunstanton /Scarborough	Various colours (2-3 digits)	https://sealsanctuary.sealifetrust.org/en/ https://www.visitsealife.com/hunstanton/ https://www.visitsealife.com/scarborough/
England	Blue Reef Aquarium	Tynemouth	Colours unknown 2 letters followed by 3 digits e.g. BR013	www.blureefaquarium.co.uk
Wales	Welsh Mountain Zoo		 Circular yellow or orange tags	https://welshmountainzoo.org/
Northern Ireland	Exploris		EXP-A-*** 	https://www.explorisni.com info@explorisni.com @Explorisni
Ireland	Seal Rescue Ireland		Various colours – mostly light blue SRI-*_*** (NB first * represents a letter) 	research@sealrescueireland.org http://www.sealrescueireland.org/
Netherlands	Zeehondencentrum Pieterburen		Various colours **-*** first 2 digits are the year 	info@zeehondencentrum.nl www.zeehondencentrum.nl
Netherlands	ASeal		Yellow tags	vincent.serbruyns@aseal.nl

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			NL *** 	jose.vanderknaap@aseal.nl https://www.aseal.nl/?lang=en
Netherlands	WMR – Wageningen Marine Research (Formerly: IMARES, Alterra, IBN, RIN)	Netherlands: tracked seals	Up to 2009 red (4 digits) 2010-2013 pink (4 digits) 2013-2019 light blue (4 digits) 2019 onwards red 19-*** 	WWW.WUR.NL/SEAL
Netherlands	Ecomare	Texel: rehab	Same as above-WMR	Same as above-WMR
Germany	Seal Centre Norddeich		Yellow 4 digits 	Tim Fetting: tf@seehundstation-norddeich.de
Germany	Institute for Terrestrial and Aquatic Wildlife	Research; Tagged in wild	Green D-SH/3-4 digits 	abbo.van.neer@tiho-hannover.de
Germany	Seal Centre Friedrichskoog		Orange or red (previously green) (4 digits)	https://kegelrobber-bingo.de/en/the-personal-seal-sheet/ www.Seehundstation-Friedrichskoog.de

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France	University of La Rochelle & rescue centres		<p>1) Blue (3 digits)</p>  <p>2) White (2 or 3 digits)</p>  <p>3) Orange (2 or 3 digits)</p>	<p>sopie.poncet@afbiodiversite.fr</p>