

YouGov / Oceana Survey Results

Sample Size: 2111 UK Adults
Fieldwork: 23rd - 24th May 2024

	Vote in 2019 GE			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Country				Region in England				Coastal constituencies		
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	England	Wales	Scotland	Nothern Ireland	North	Midlands	London		South	
Weighted Sample	2111	673	494	177	741	783	1024	1087	222	872	524	494	1203	908	1773	103	179	55	496	340	249	688	550	
Unweighted Sample	2111	699	474	181	863	772	962	1149	167	873	543	528	1313	798	1765	107	179	60	498	365	180	722	566	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Some areas of the sea in the UK are designated as 'marine protected areas'. As far as you are aware, do you think each of the following activities are or are not allowed in 'marine protected areas'?

Oil and gas drilling

This is allowed in marine protected areas	8	9	12	6	9	8	10	7	8	6	9	10	9	8	8	12	6	6	9	7	7	9	9
This is not allowed in marine protected areas	58	57	56	63	57	58	59	57	67	59	59	52	59	57	57	60	64	52	56	57	60	58	58
Don't know	34	33	33	32	34	33	31	36	25	34	32	38	33	35	34	29	30	42	35	36	34	33	33

Fishing

This is allowed in marine protected areas	30	31	34	39	36	29	34	27	30	30	32	30	34	26	31	28	27	37	33	28	29	31	30
This is not allowed in marine protected areas	37	37	35	33	33	39	38	36	46	35	36	36	36	38	36	40	42	25	32	41	39	36	38
Don't know	33	32	31	28	31	32	29	37	24	35	31	34	30	36	33	31	31	39	35	31	32	32	32

Bottom trawling (a method of fishing where heavy gear is pulled across the ocean floor to catch fish)

This is allowed in marine protected areas	5	6	6	5	5	5	6	5	8	6	4	4	5	6	5	8	4	5	7	4	5	5	5
This is not allowed in marine protected areas	64	65	64	74	66	66	68	61	68	60	67	68	67	61	64	63	71	53	60	65	64	67	66
Don't know	30	29	30	21	30	28	26	34	24	34	29	28	27	34	30	29	25	42	33	31	31	28	28

Bottom trawling is a method of fishing where heavy gear is pulled across the ocean floor to catch fish. Do you think bottom trawling should or should not be allowed in each of the following?

In 'marine protected areas' in UK waters

Should be allowed	4	5	4	3	3	5	5	3	7	5	3	4	3	5	4	5	4	3	5	4	8	3	6
Should not be allowed	81	81	84	90	85	82	82	81	83	77	85	84	85	76	81	84	83	72	80	80	80	83	80
Don't know	14	14	13	7	11	13	13	16	10	18	13	12	11	18	14	11	12	24	15	17	12	14	14

In areas of UK waters that are not designated 'marine protected areas'

Should be allowed	22	25	18	19	18	23	24	20	32	24	17	18	22	22	22	15	24	22	21	25	25	20	20
Should not be allowed	57	56	61	64	61	57	58	56	53	50	65	64	60	54	57	67	58	42	56	52	57	60	59
Don't know	21	19	20	17	20	19	18	24	15	26	18	18	19	25	21	18	19	36	23	23	18	20	21

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Bottom trawling is currently permitted across the majority of the UK's seabed, including within most marine protected areas. Which of the following words, if any, best describe how you feel about hearing that bottom trawling is allowed in 'marine protected areas'? Please tick two.

Disappointed	41	39	45	53	45	41	44	38	40	41	41	42	43	39	41	41	42	29	43	38	37	44	42
Angry	23	24	23	26	23	25	21	25	19	18	28	28	25	20	23	26	24	19	20	22	28	23	23
Surprised	19	21	18	26	21	20	19	18	10	20	20	20	19	19	19	18	18	16	18	16	17	22	20
Sad	18	19	18	18	19	17	15	20	18	16	18	19	18	17	17	22	18	14	17	17	12	20	19
Unsurprised	18	16	22	15	18	17	20	16	30	18	16	16	18	18	18	17	17	20	19	17	22	17	17
Deceived	9	9	13	8	10	9	9	9	8	9	9	11	9	9	9	9	11	11	7	8	16	8	8
Confused	8	8	7	8	10	5	7	9	11	10	8	5	9	8	8	7	11	13	8	11	10	6	8
Pessimistic	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	5	3	3	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	5	3	2	4	3
Calm	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	1	6	2	0	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	3	2	1	1	1
Understanding	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	3	3	1	1	2	2	2	1	0	2	4	2	2	1	1
Pleased	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	4	1	0	2	0	0
Optimistic	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	1
Happy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Reassured	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
None of these	4	3	3	3	3	5	5	4	0	7	3	3	4	5	4	9	6	8	4	3	5	4	5
Don't know	9	7	8	5	7	7	8	10	12	10	7	6	8	11	9	6	8	12	8	12	7	9	9

*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.