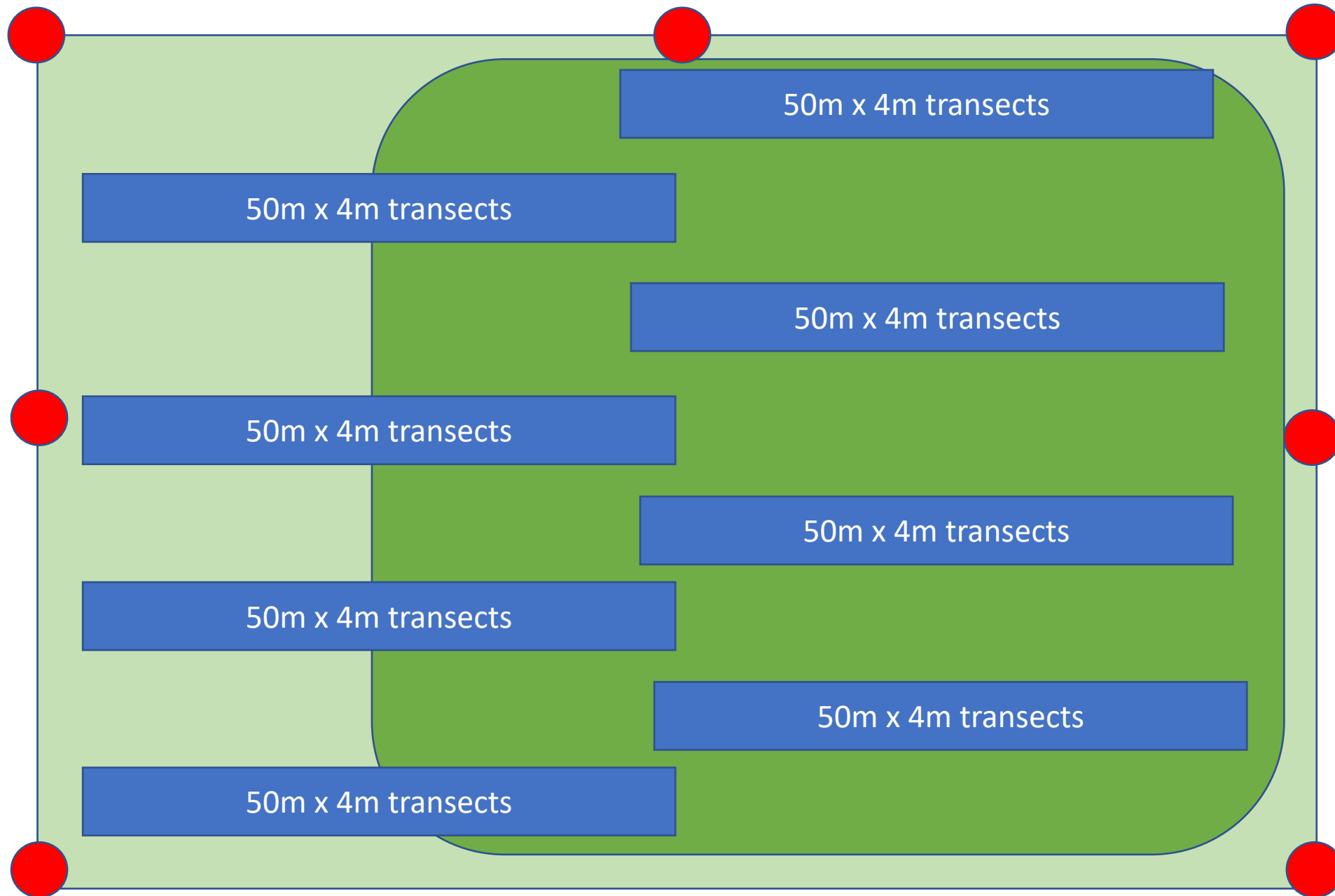
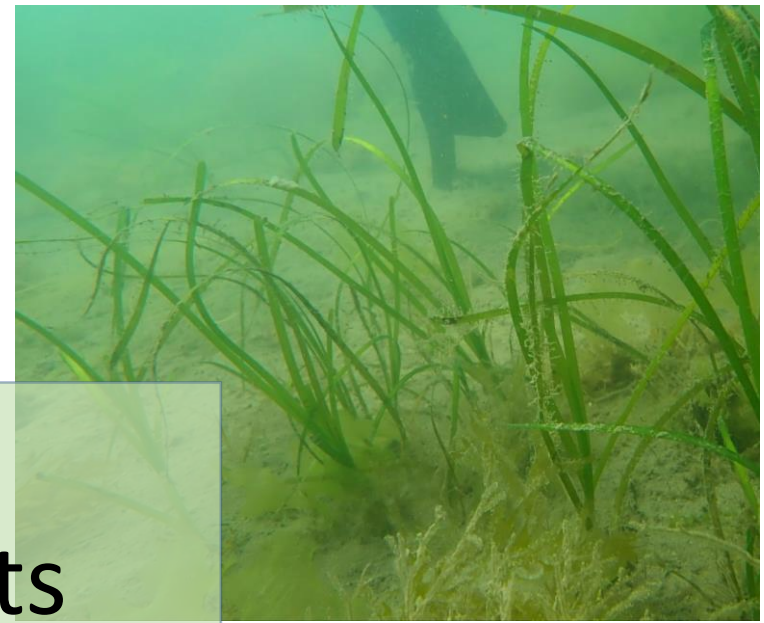


# Dale seagrass

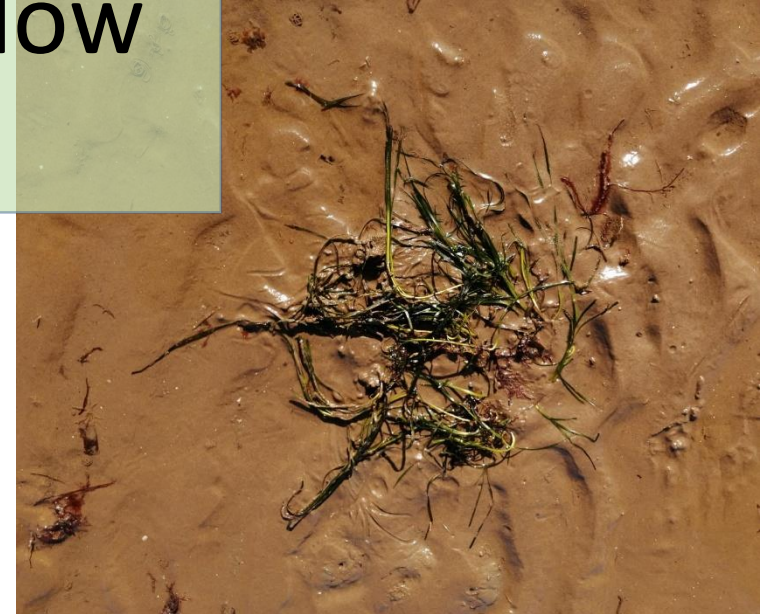
An update

Diver  
Surveys  
September  
2020





Mature seagrass plants  
starting to form a meadow





## Planting Results

First seed planting hasn't been as good a success as we'd hoped for

Density in early September was 0.2 shoots per m<sup>2</sup> (varied as some places very dense and some places none) – very poor visibility

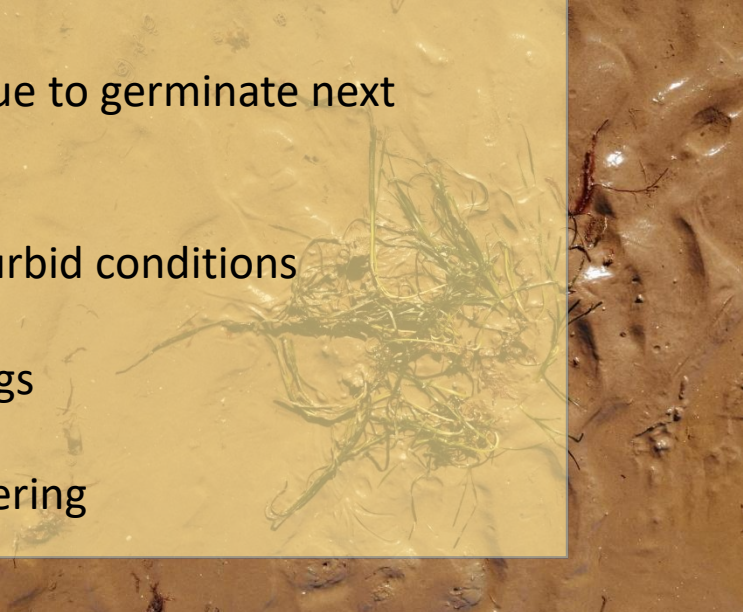
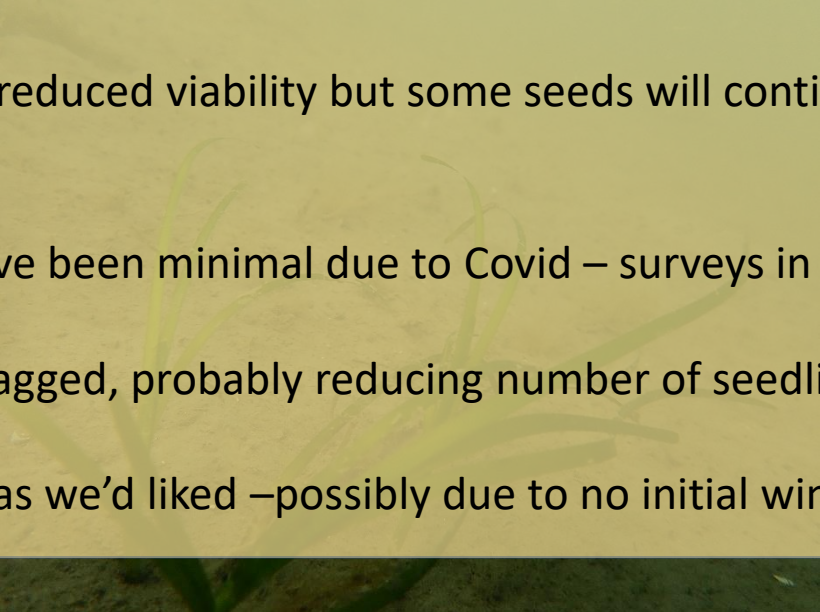
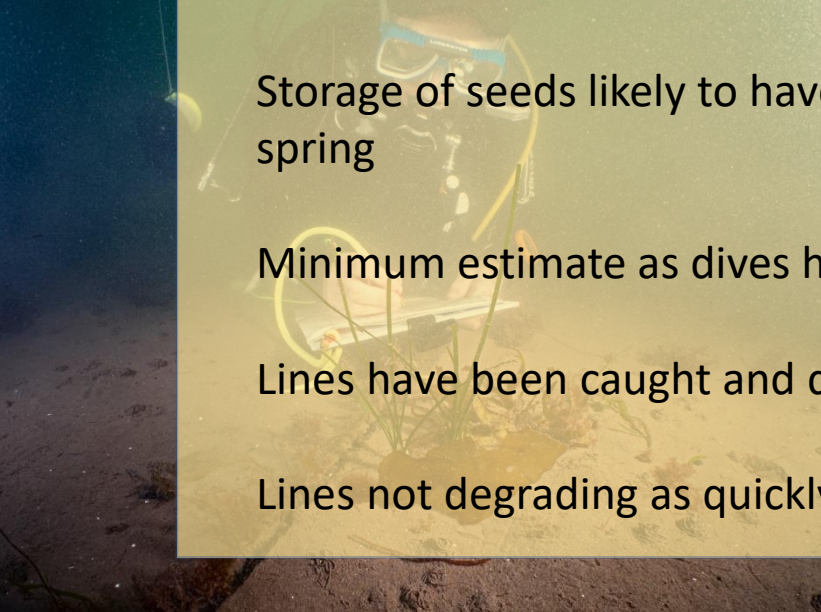
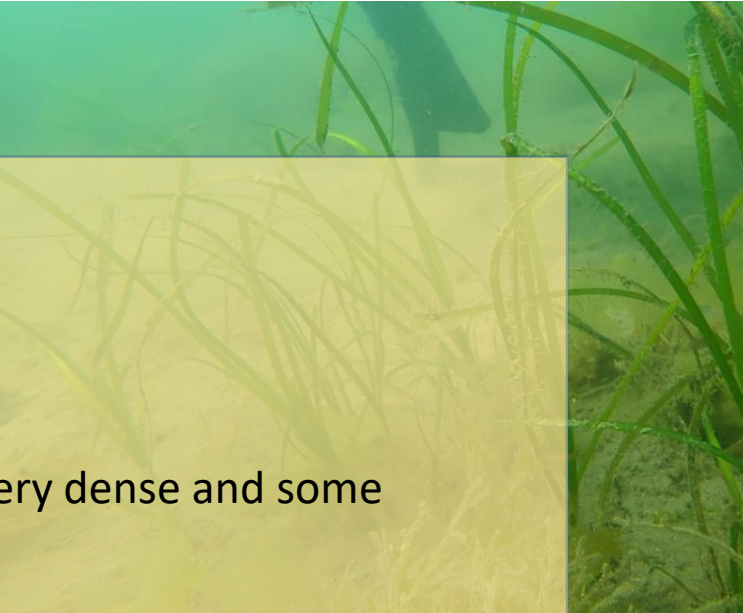
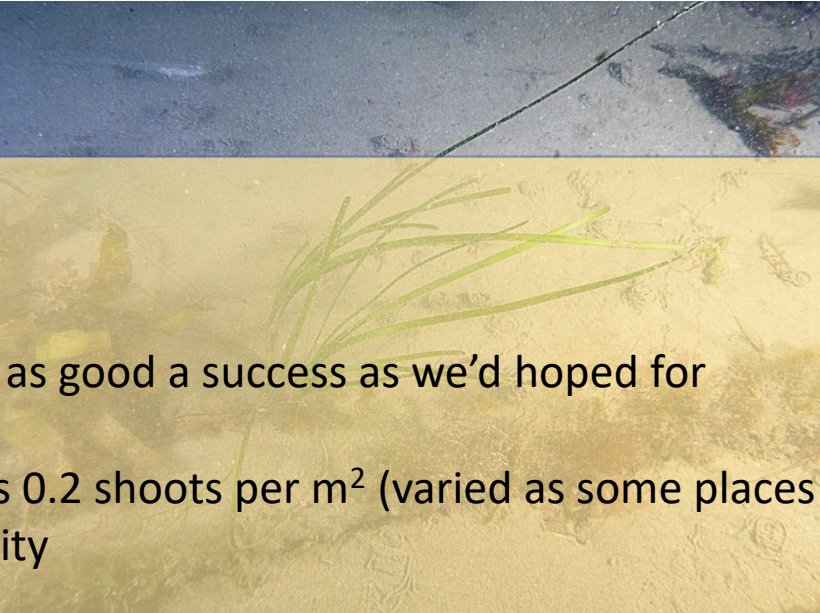
Shoots in clumps of up to 10 and averaging around 25cm in length

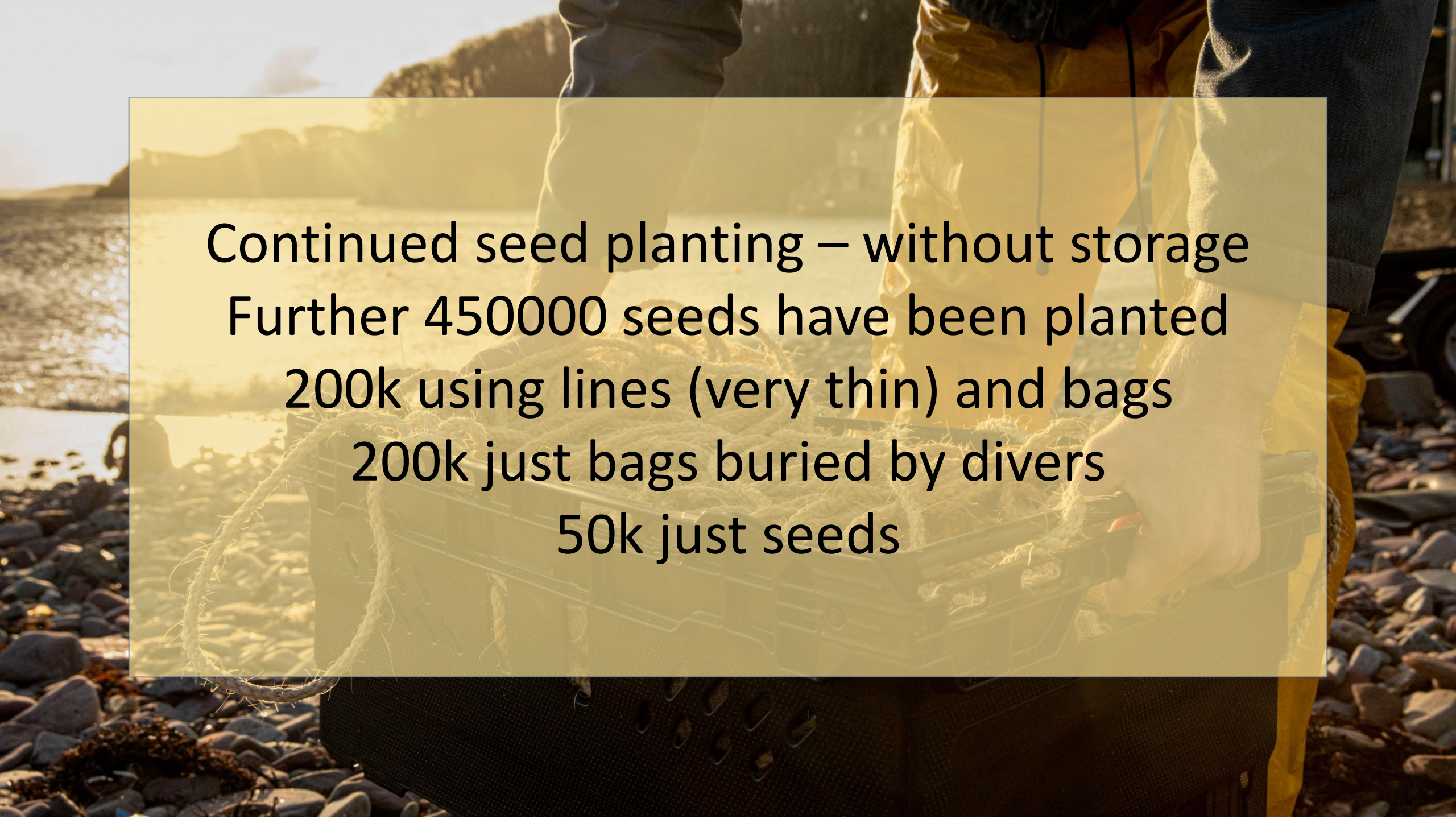
Storage of seeds likely to have reduced viability but some seeds will continue to germinate next spring

Minimum estimate as dives have been minimal due to Covid – surveys in turbid conditions

Lines have been caught and dragged, probably reducing number of seedlings

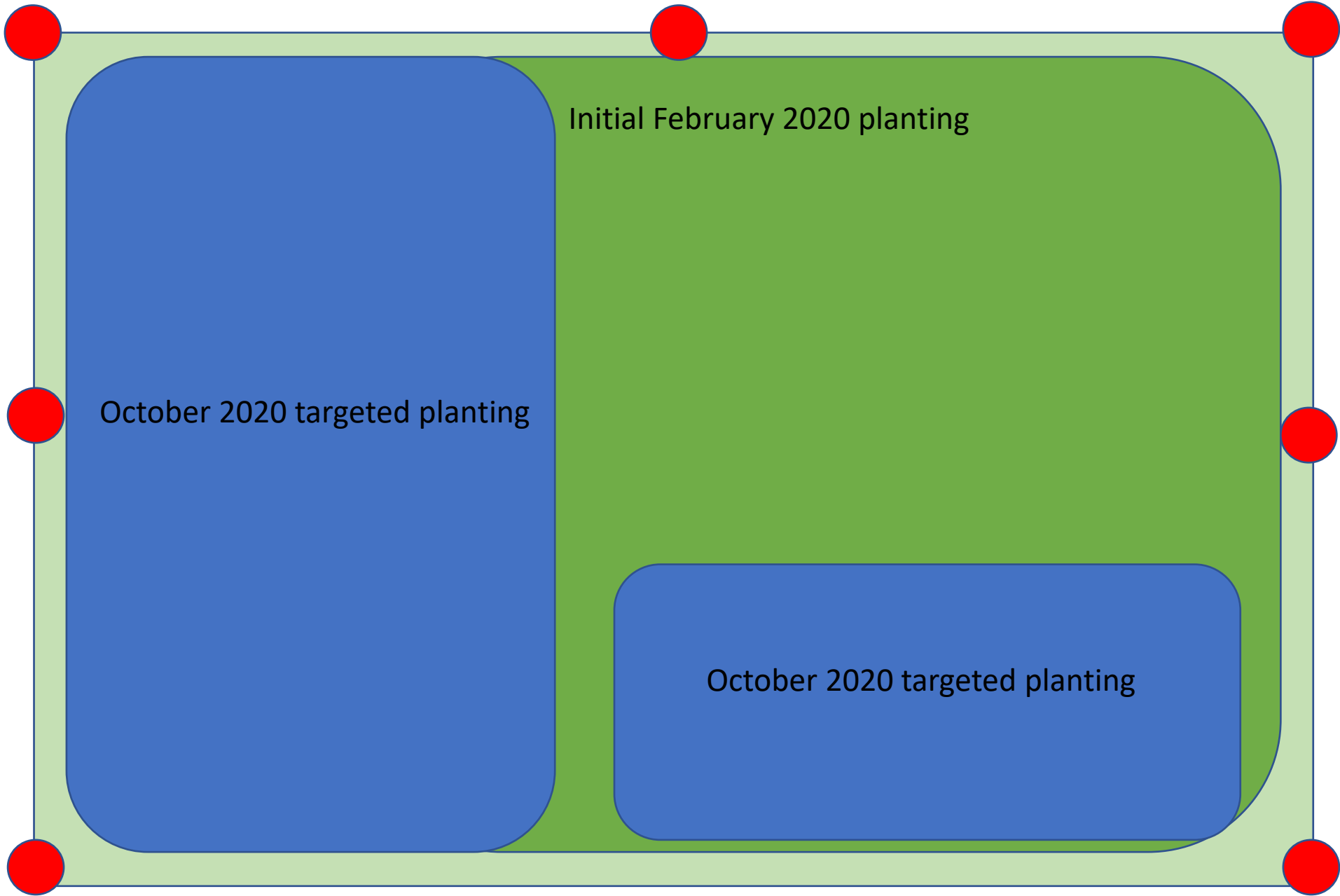
Lines not degrading as quickly as we'd liked –possibly due to no initial wintering





Continued seed planting – without storage  
Further 450000 seeds have been planted  
200k using lines (very thin) and bags  
200k just bags buried by divers  
50k just seeds

Surveys  
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- Further biodiversity data collection
    - Seine netting September 2020
    - Collection of Carbon and invertebrate cores

## Old trials in Frenchman's Bay

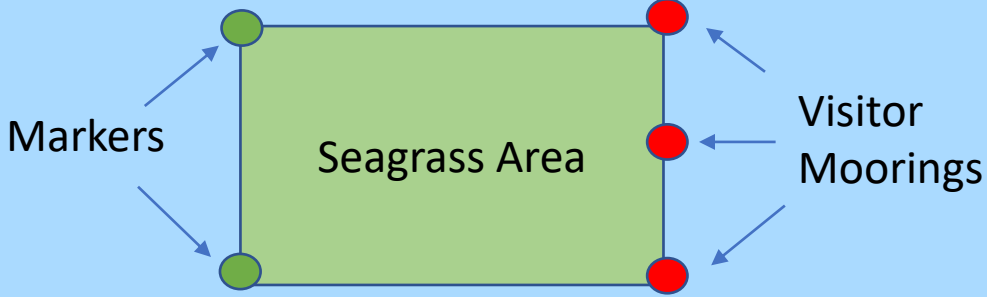
Still committed to their removal to restoration site

Delays initially in 2019 then further delayed due to Covid

Plans are to move them in April or May 2021 in line with promise in MOU



Moorings finally approved and licenced by TCE

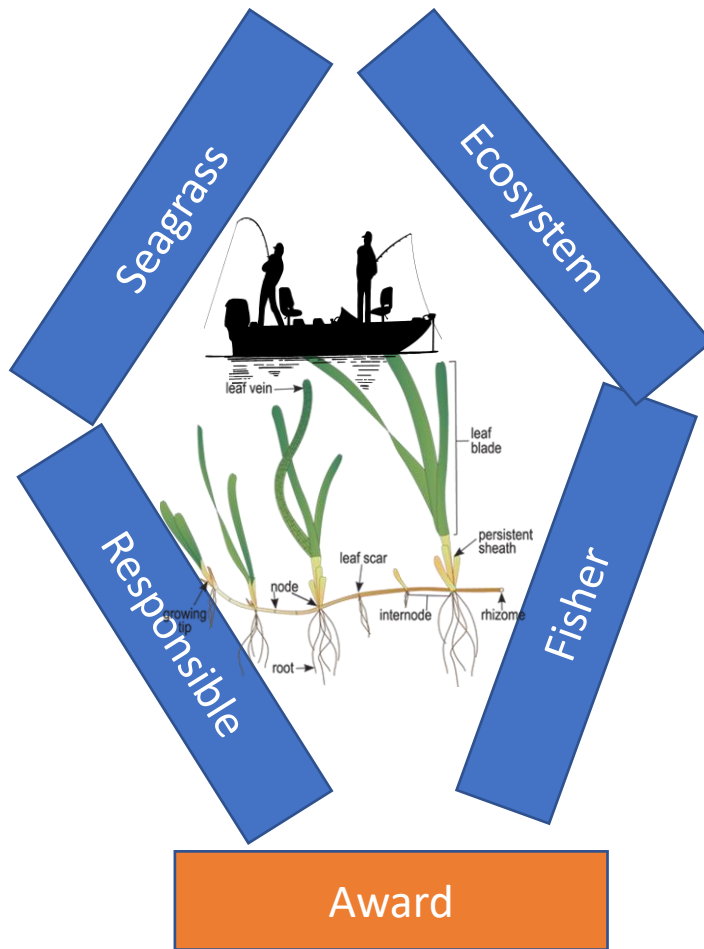


Plan was to deploy this November  
Rudders have requested Feb/march  
deployment

Moorings will be available on MHPA  
materials also on project Seagrass  
website and on Google Maps

Dale Mooring Area

Milford Haven



Agreement in principle to a code of conduct to facilitate awarding the first Seagrass Ecosystem Responsible Fisher Award through Project Seagrass to a Dale Fisher.

Proposed timeline:

Final Agreement by end of 2020 (local fisher to circulate with interested parties)

Initial 'one fisher' launch by end of March 2021

## Draft concept:

# The Seagrass Ecosystem Responsible Fisher Award (SERF) Award

by Project Seagrass

Aims to have this endorsed by WWF, WSA, WT, SEAFISH, SeagrassWatch, CMS and MCS???

Award needs initial sponsor?

Proposal to launch this in Dale (West Wales) and align it to future projects. PS have a fisher keen to be the first SERF awardee.

## Longer term

Continued monitoring and assessment

Further removal of remaining ropes

Reporting to the community

Maintenance of moorings and commitment to community

Continued Dale SSG

Work with Fishers through SERF Award

A pint in the pub in Dale