

SAERI hit the beach for a school science fieldtrip

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The SAERI scientists, Shallow Marine Surveys Group's Paul Brewin and Steve Brown, and Falklands Conservation's Mike Ford headed out to Surf Bay to assist with a recent Falkland Islands Community School (FICS) Year 7 science fieldtrip – and what a great day it was!

The brief? Assess the biodiversity of different marine habitats by comparing rocky shores with sandy shores: placing quadrats along transects and looking at species richness and abundance in each quadrat.

The students are working toward their Bronze CREST Awards for science. CREST Awards is a scheme that inspires young people to think and behave like scientists and engineers, and the Bronze Award introduces students to project work. A huge thanks to Paul Brewin, Steve Brown and Mike Ford for lending their time and expertise; to all the teachers involved on the day, and Science Head Teacher, Liam Ledger for approaching us to help out with this exciting initiative. We look forward to heading back to the beach again next year, especially if the weather matches this year's efforts!



Images L-R: SAERI's Amy Guest assists the FICS students on the sandy shore at Surf Bay; A FICS student with a specimen found on the rocky shore; SAERI's Paul Brickle and Falkland Conservation's Mike Ford assist the FICS students with setting up their quadrat on the rocky shore.