



OYSTER HABITAT RESTORATION

Oysters were once abundant around Europe, and formed a habitat rich in species, but were fished out many years ago. Now very few oyster habitats remain. Groups around Europe are working to restore this habitat, by returning shell that young oysters grow on to the water, and adding adult oysters. This wordsearch gives details some of the steps undertaken in oyster restoration. Can you find all the words?

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Brooding: oysters mothers look after (brood) their fertilized eggs and release them into the water after they have hatched

Hatchery: oysters can be encouraged to produce young in controlled conditions inside hatcheries

Larvae: oyster mothers brood developing eggs inside their gills and release the hatched larvae

Monitor: native oyster restoration is a learning process; it is important to measure the outcomes of activity through regular monitoring

NORA: the Native Oyster Restoration Alliance is an organization working to support native oyster restoration efforts across Europe.

Spat: when they are ready, larvae attach to rocks and shells and become small oysters called spat



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