

## Information Data Sheet

**Category** Naval Training Areas

**Description** Offshore naval training and exercise areas may cover large expanses of the marine environment.



### Danger areas for a WWII Naval training area

Often shown on Admiralty charts as submarine exercise, naval training or firing danger areas, the exercises undertaken may include a wide variety of training using both live and practice ordnance.

During WWII, especially in the build-up to D-Day, large Combined Operations exercises involved both practice and live firing during operations off the UK coastline.

Most Naval training areas currently in use have clear range firing protocols within carefully managed and demarcated templates. Exercises and firing only take place when the ranges are considered to be clear of all shipping.



**Hazard** Spent, misfired or abandoned munitions around naval training areas may include small calibre projectiles (up to 0.5mm), medium calibre projectiles (0.5mm to 57mm), large calibre projectiles (>57mm), air and surface missiles and rockets, general purpose, armour piercing or practice bombs, demolition charges, grenades, mines and torpedoes.

These may have been fired at stationary, moored or towed air warfare, surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare or mine warfare targets across the exercise areas.