

# The Amazing European eel

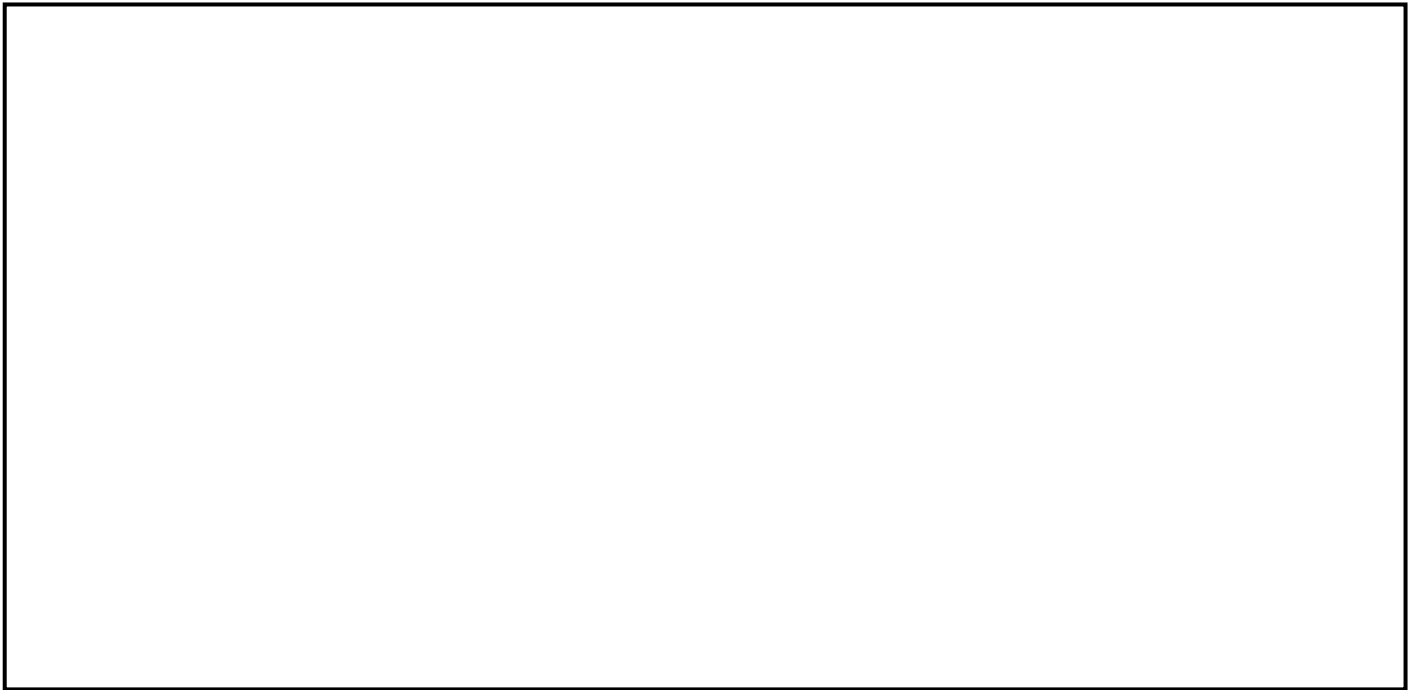


Welcome to Galloway Fisheries Trust's education session on the European eel. There are two videos for you to watch: 'Ellie the eel' and the 'European eel presentation' to learn about the life of the eel. While you watch the second video, you will need this worksheet to complete the activities when prompted.

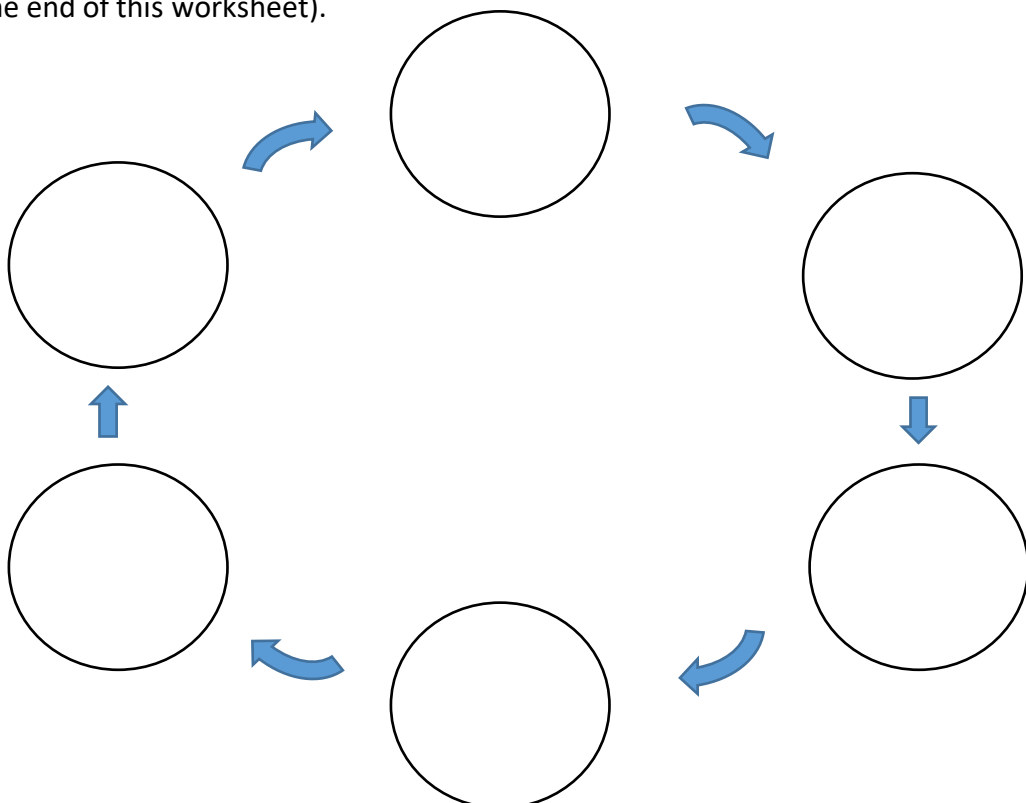
The European eel is a **critically endangered** species that lives in both the sea and our rivers. The eels life consist of a remarkable journey, travelling **5,000 km** across the ocean all the way from the Sargasso sea to spend their lives in our rivers before they return home to spawn.

Watch the video: 'Ellie the eel' <https://vimeo.com/519429613> followed by the 'European eel presentation' video <https://vimeo.com/522778108>

**Can you draw a picture of an eel below? You can choose any stage of its life:**



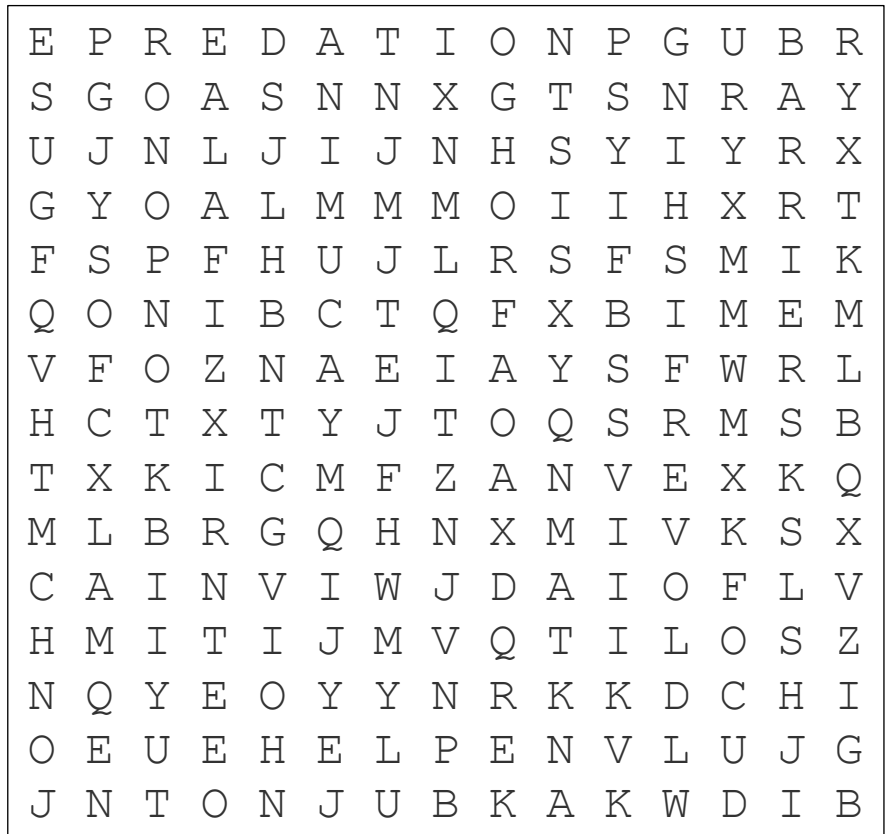
**The Life cycle** – Cut and stick or draw the different life stages in the life cycle below. (You can find the life stages at the end of this worksheet).



# Word search: Challenges of the eel

Throughout their lives eels face a number of challenges. Can you find them hidden in this word search?

BARRIERS  
 CLIMATE CHANGE  
 HABITAT LOSS  
 OVERFISHING  
 POLLUTION  
 PREDATION



**Did you know?** Jellied eels used to be a popular food in the UK? Some people still eat them today.

Use these pictures to fill in the life cycle, you can cut and stick or copy them.



Here's a reminder of the life stages: Egg, Leptocephali, Glass eel, Elver, Yellow eel, Silver eel.

These images were provided by the Forth Rivers trust Forgotten Fish Project

