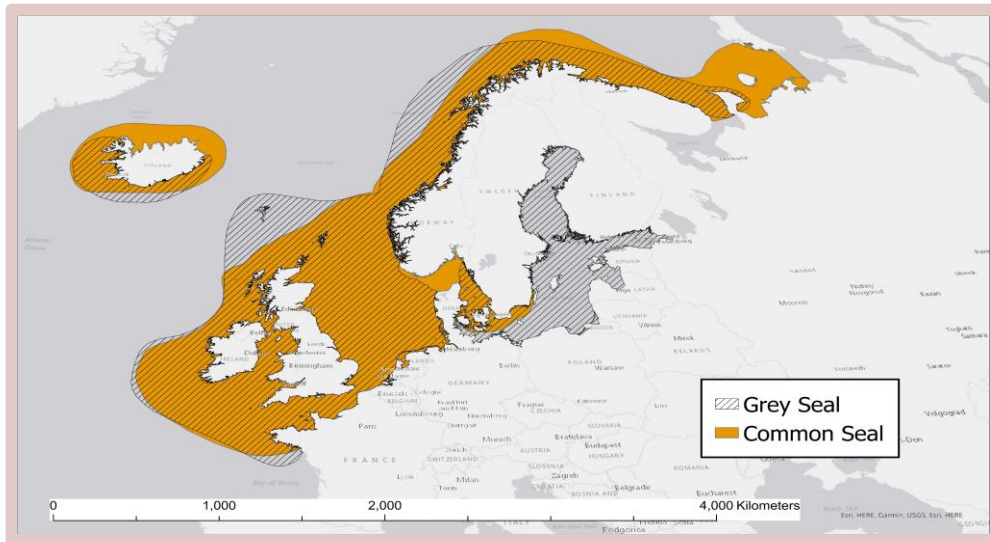


# Know Your Seals

(most commonly seen along the Iveragh coast)



- There are 2 species of seals found in Ireland. Both are protected under the Irish Law.
- Both species 'haul out' on land in groups to rest, nurse and socialise. On land, they are easily scared so watch from a distance to avoid causing them to 'run' into the water.
- They can be curious towards swimmers in the water, but are not known to be aggressive.

## Common seal/ Rón beag



- Grow up to 1.7m (females) and 1.9m (males), slightly smaller than grey seals
- Pup in June and July with pups already wearing their 'waterproofs'
- Weaned after 4-6 weeks but stay with the mother for a couple of more weeks

## Grey seal/ Rón glas



- Grow up to 1.8m (females) and 2.0m (males)
- Pup between Oct. and Feb. with pups in white baby fur (lanugo)
- Pups are left on land while the mother hunts at sea – do not approach or disturb them.
- Weaned after 3 weeks, when pups moult and become 'waterproof'