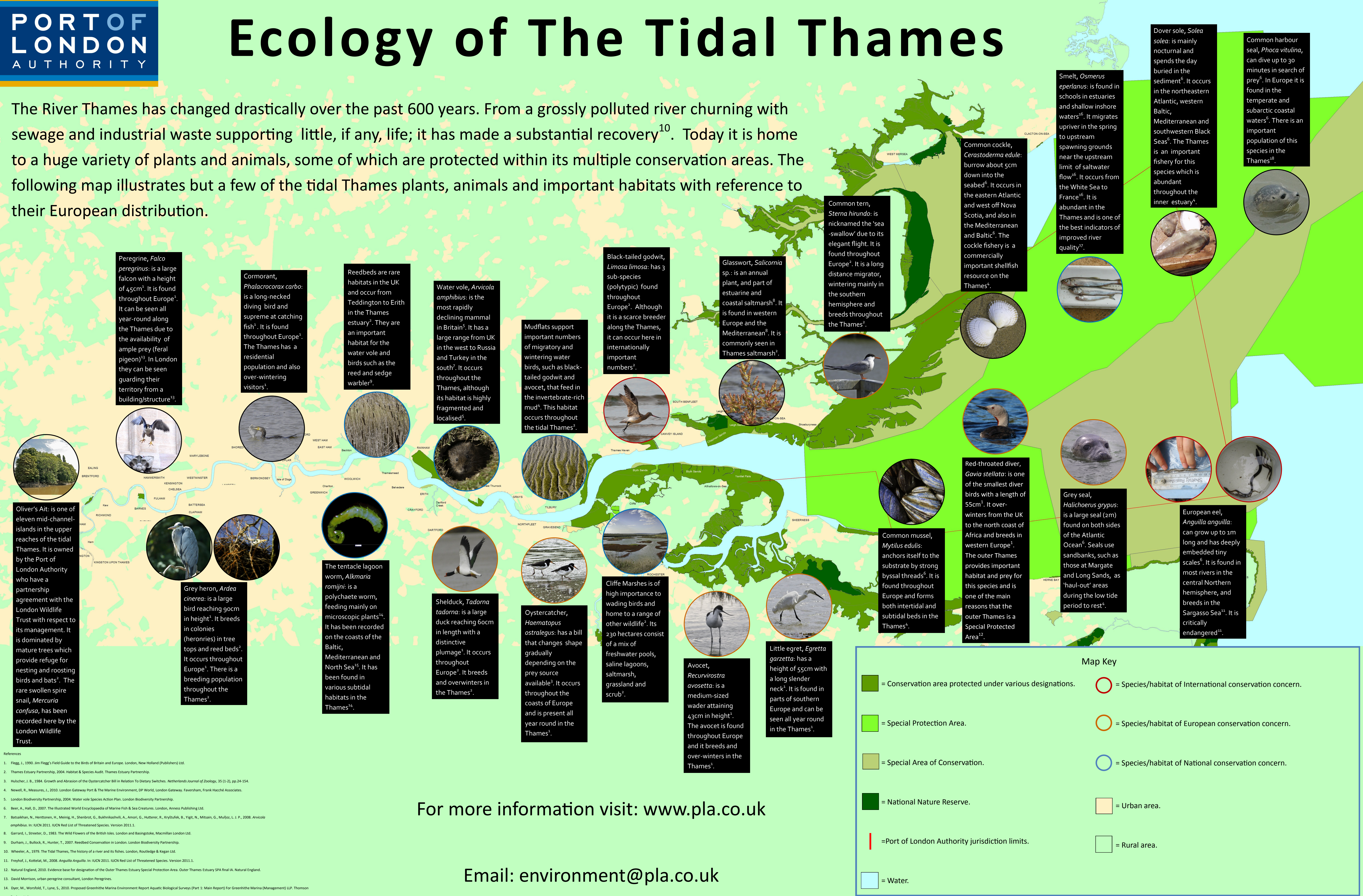


Ecology of The Tidal Thames

The River Thames has changed drastically over the past 600 years. From a grossly polluted river churning with sewage and industrial waste supporting little, if any, life; it has made a substantial recovery¹⁰. Today it is home to a huge variety of plants and animals, some of which are protected within its multiple conservation areas. The following map illustrates but a few of the tidal Thames plants, animals and important habitats with reference to their European distribution.



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