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Topic: Oceans, Ecosystems

Category: Original, Coastal Environments 2016

Region: Global

Interest Level: Specialist

Tags: grey seals, marine mammals, northwest Atlantic Ocean, Sable Island, Ocean Tracking Network (OTN), Damian Lidgard, Sara Iverson, tracking, Argos, telemetry, satellite

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Grey Seals of Sable Island: Seal Biologists Collect Data Beneath the Waves

By Damian Lidgard and Anja Samardzic

Squib: The Ocean Tracking Network's grey seal bio-probe project equips seals with tracking technology, giving researchers an unprecedented view of their behavior and environment.



Grey seal outfitted with tracking device on Sable Island. Image Credit: [Damian Lidgard](#)

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References

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[1] B. Klaus and P. Horn, *Robot Vision*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1986.

[2] L. Stein, "Random patterns," in *Computers and You*, J. S. Brake, Ed. New York: Wiley, 1994, pp. 55-70.

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