



*30 Years of Synergy  
Between Industry and Nature*

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# INCA

Industry Nature Conservation Association

- **Founded in 1989 – 2019 is our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**
- **INCA's aim** - to build trust between industrial developers and conservationists.
- **The INCA model** - A member-funded, non profit-making organisation, supplying ecological advice to its membership.
- **Membership** - 31 Businesses; 6 Nature Conservation Organisations; 3 Regulators / Local Authorities



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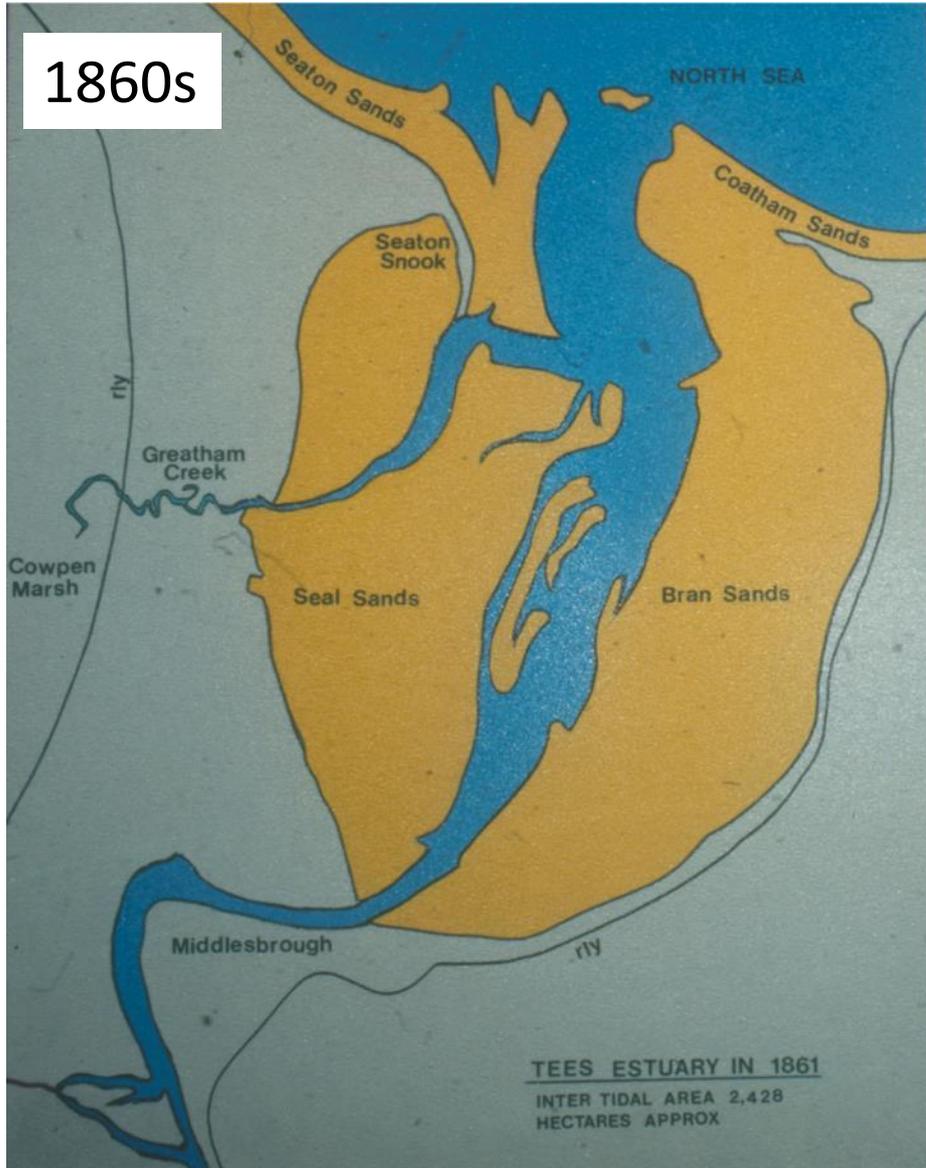
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## What INCA Does

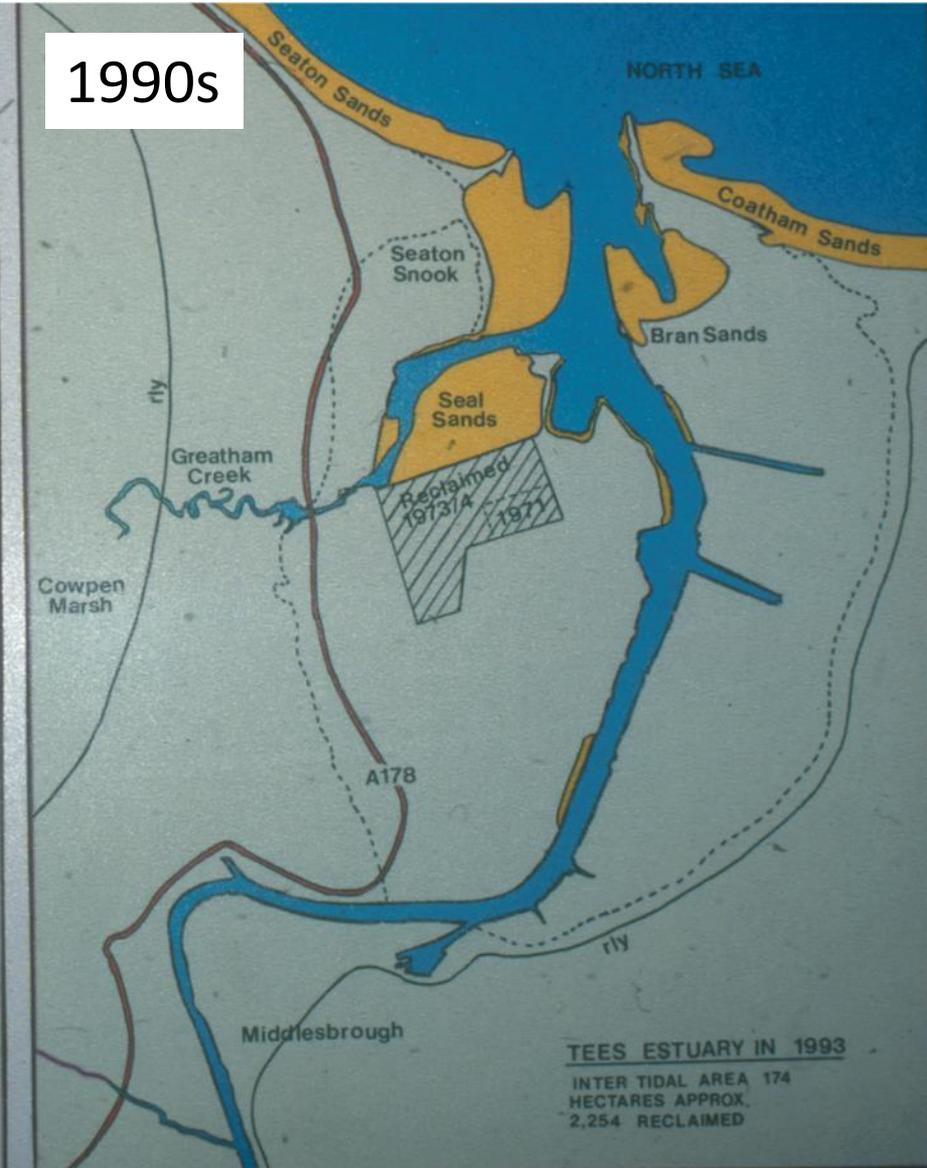
- Works with developers to facilitate economic development
- Provides ecological advice to businesses
- Carries out ecological surveys
- Habitat Management / Creation on our members sites
- Key independent role in Partnerships
- Promotes positive aspects of Tees Valley's environment and the contribution made by Industry

# Past to Modern Day – A Story of Habitat Loss

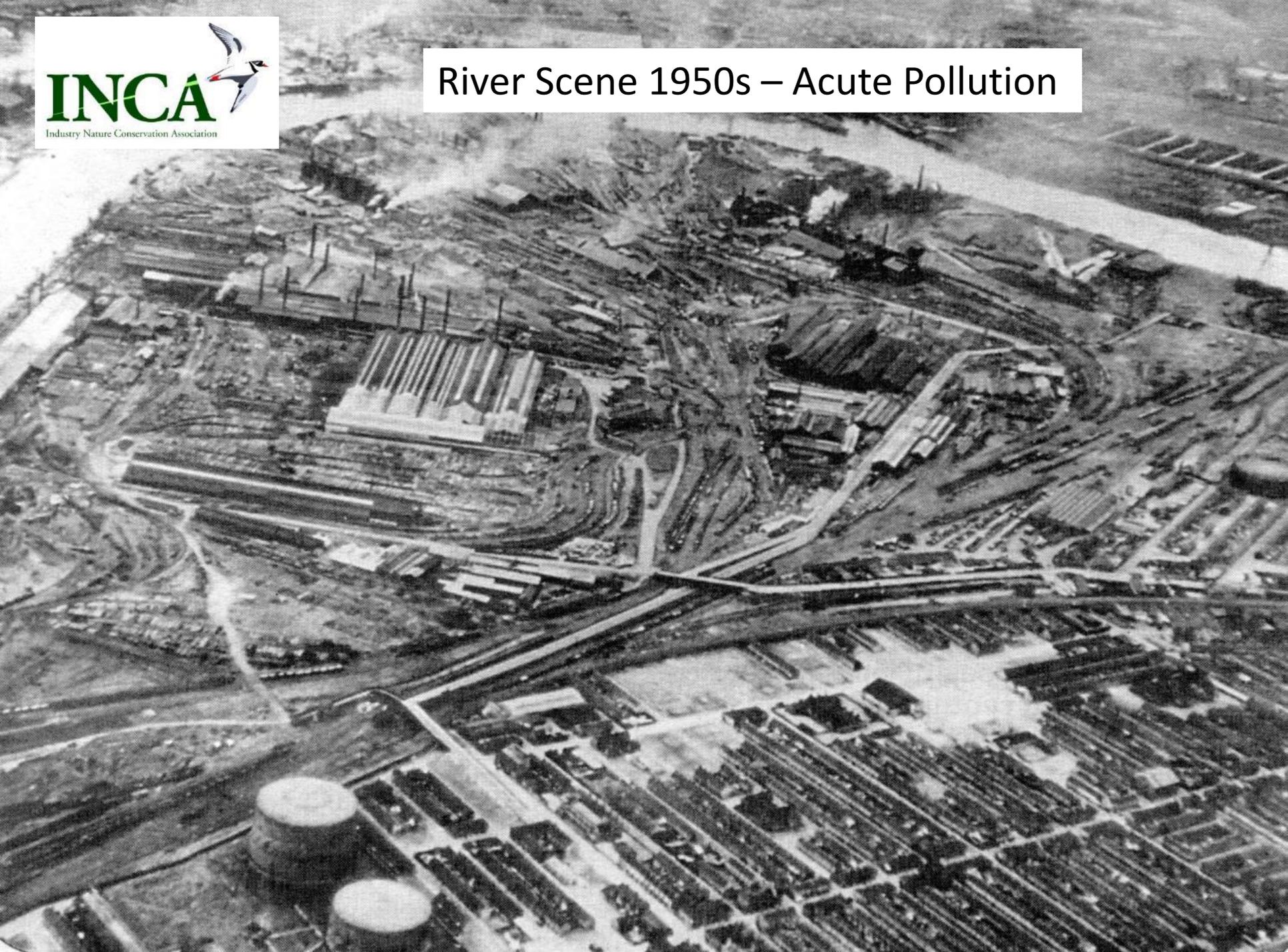
1860s



1990s



# River Scene 1950s – Acute Pollution





Today – Nature & Industry Successfully Co-exist



# SPA - Designated Area in the Tees Estuary



Teesmouth & Cleveland Coast SPA & Ramsar site: designated for its internationally important overwintering waterbird assemblage of 20,000 birds

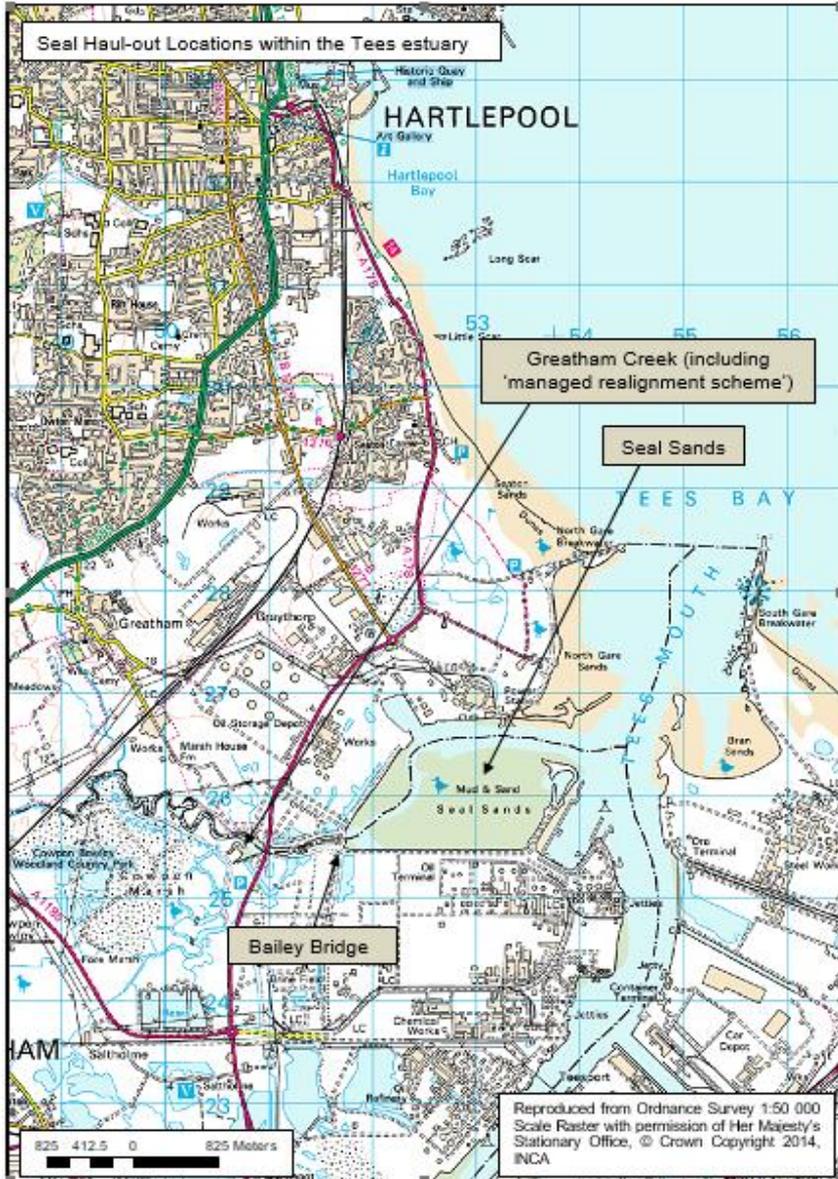
Numbers of some species have increased, *e.g.* Wigeon, Common Tern, colonisation of Avocet.

Overwintering populations of some species have declined, *e.g.* Knot, Dunlin, Shelduck.

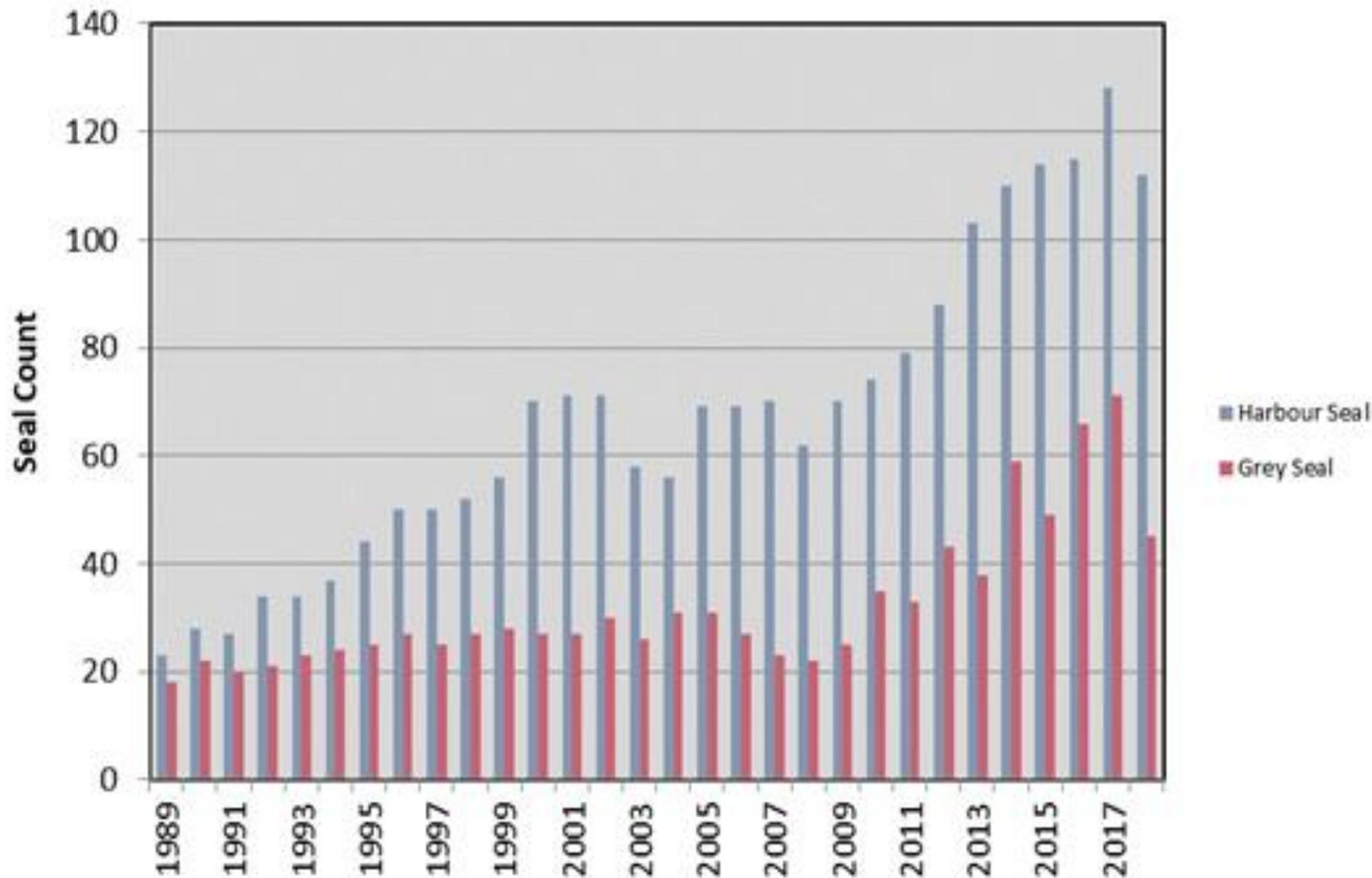
## **Tees Estuary Partnership**

- A group of key stakeholder organisations (industry, regulators, LAs, conservation NGOs) formed in 2016 with a vision to meet the enhanced needs of all stakeholder groups in respect of Natural England's statutory review of the existing SPA boundary.
- Process facilitated by INCA.
- Certainty and clarity for industry through Tees MoU with a vision and mechanism for a better, more strategically connected network of habitats through Habitat Banking

# Seals – A Key Indicator of a Healthy Tees



## Maximum Number of Harbour Seals and Grey Seals Counted at Teesmouth





# Dabholme Gut – An Important Intertidal Area Because of Industry



## SABIC Brinefields

Avocet....a rare species which nests here because of SABIC's positive husbandry



c/o John Bridges; North-east Wildlife





# Industrial Site Biodiversity Action Plans

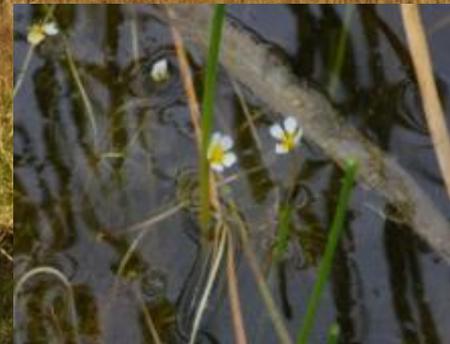
## ICL Boulby

Land under industrial tenure provides a variety of habitats which can be excellent as havens for wildlife – some of our members have Biodiversity Action Plans to manage these.





# Venator – Greenabella Marsh





# Lucite – Habitat Creation





- Made up of a cross section of the working population
- Meet on a Quarterly Basis to discuss CATS Environmental Performance and monitor progress on Green Team Objectives
- INCA provide support to the Green Team on an ongoing basis:
  - Biodiversity Action Plan
  - Wild Life Survey
  - Family ‘night’ bat and moth event

wood.

# CATS Terminal



An important site for invertebrates .....



# Year of Green Action, 2019



Estuary plastic litter-pick on 7<sup>th</sup> June by industrial organisations. In partnership with Tees Rivers' Trust:

- Wilton & Redcar
- 75 people
- 5 organisations



**Thank you for your attention. Hopefully this has helped you to appreciate:**

- **just how successfully industry co-exists with wildlife on the Tees**
- **how important such sites are for wildlife**
- **some of what industry does to support wildlife**

**and .....**

- **INCA's continuing role in it**