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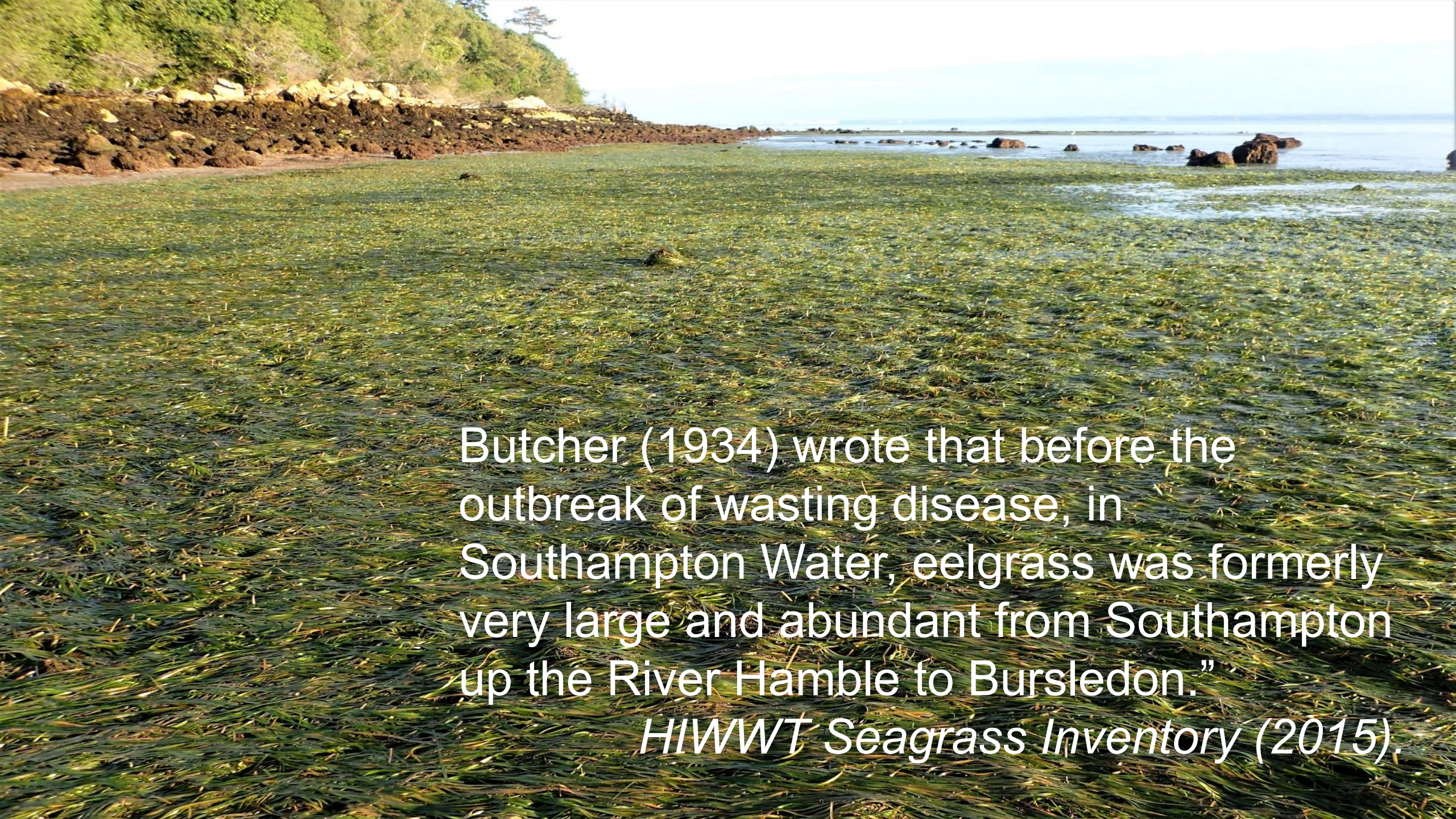


Seagrass Restoration Update

Hamble Estuary Partnership
7th July 2026



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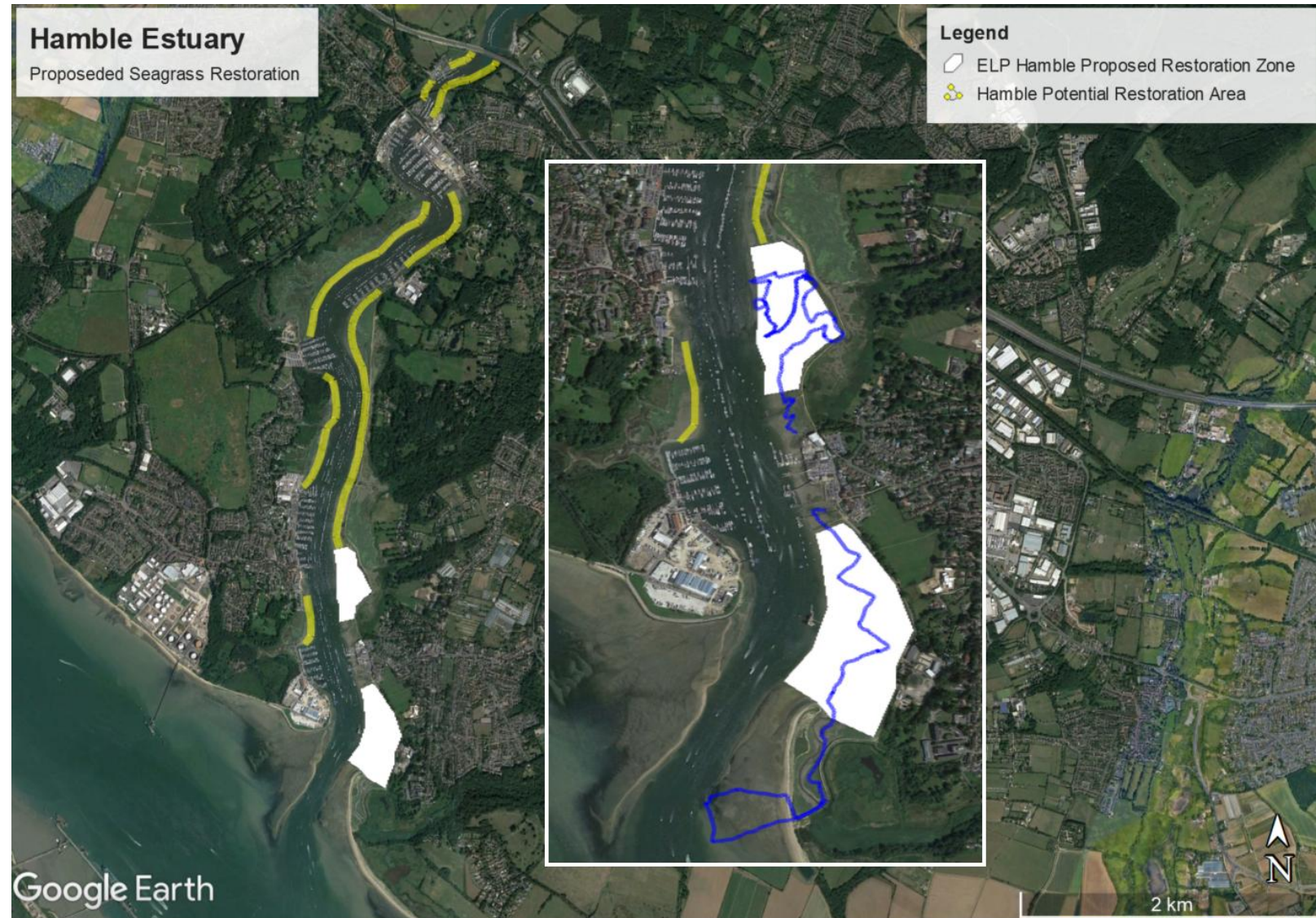


Butcher (1934) wrote that before the outbreak of wasting disease, in Southampton Water, eelgrass was formerly very large and abundant from Southampton up the River Hamble to Bursledon.”
HIWWT Seagrass Inventory (2015).

ELSP Solent Seascape Project

Locations

- Calshot – Seed Collection & Restoration
(*Z. marina*)
- Chilling – Seed Collection & Restoration
(*N. noltei*/Intertidal *Zostera*)
- **Hamble – Restoration**
(*N. noltei*/Intertidal *Zostera*)
- **Pilot Planting Spring 2025**





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On 10 April, 2,000 seagrass seeds were planted directly into the seabed by ... See more



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Hamble Planting 2025

**First seagrass on
the Hamble in
nearly 100 years!**





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Deployments

Seaview, IoW:

Four plantings in in 2022, 2024 and 2025

78,000 *Z. marina* seed in total

This Year – 94,400!

Langstone Harbour (Farlington):

Five plantings in 2021*, 2022, 2023, 2025 and 2025

39,200 Intertidal *Zostera* seed



Calshot:

Two plantings in 2024 & 2025 - 20,000 *Z. marina*

50,000 *Z. marina* seed in total

This year – 100,700!

- Seed “Pod” and “Ravioli” bag
- Dispenser Injection Seeding





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Thank you!
Any questions?

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<https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/seagrass-restoration>