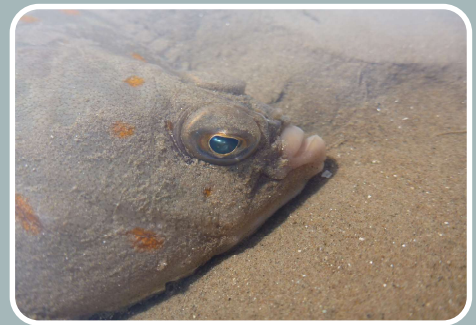


FIELD NAME: HAC NOOSE

FIELD NAME CLASSIFICATION: LANDUSE

Now known as the Kennel Field this field was also recorded as Hac Noose in a list collected over 20 years ago by Adam Gray. This is an interesting alternative that appears to refer to the rocks on the shore below the field and is probably derived from Old English *haca-nōs* meaning hook-nose or hook-shaped headland. The shape of the shore has changed through the centuries but the tide-covered rocks below this field do form a hook shape.

There is another, more intriguing, possibility: 'Hac' might be a rare survival of a Scandinavian-influenced form 'hack' of Old English *hæcc* 'hatch', with the specific meaning 'a fish-trap'. *Noose* could still mean nose or might be Scots *noose* referring to the tightening space of a fish trap. The small bay enclosed by the natural rock outcrop could have been turned into a fish trap similar to the remains of other ancient fish traps found in Kirkcudbright Bay.



Flatfish such as plaice would have been caught in tidal fishtraps.

