

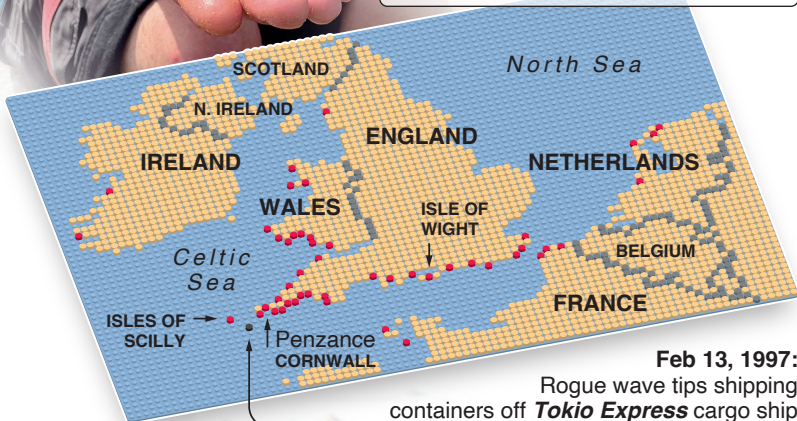
First shark found from great Lego spill

A freak wave tipped 62 containers from a cargo ship off the UK coast 27 years ago, with one filled with five million Lego pieces which are still washing up on beaches today

Aug 2, 2024: First *shark* element caught in fishing net off coast of **Penzance** – there were **51,800** on board ship. Ironically, most of lost Lego is ocean-themed



Where Lego has been found



Feb 13, 1997:

Rogue wave tips shipping containers off **Tokio Express** cargo ship

Feb 5, 2023: **Green Dragon**

found on Cornish coast is rarest find – there were only **514** in shipping container

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR ON BEACHES

- **Minifigure flippers** (of which 352,000 were on board)
- **Scuba tanks** (97,500)
- **Cutlasses** (92,400)
- **Spear guns** (79,680)
- **Life jackets** (26,600)
- **Octopuses** (rare, only 4,200)



Sources: New York Times, Smithsonian Magazine, Marine Conservation Society, Lego Lost at Sea (Facebook), Adrift: The Curious Tale of the Lego Lost at Sea (Tracey Williams). Pictures: Lego Lost at Sea (Facebook)

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