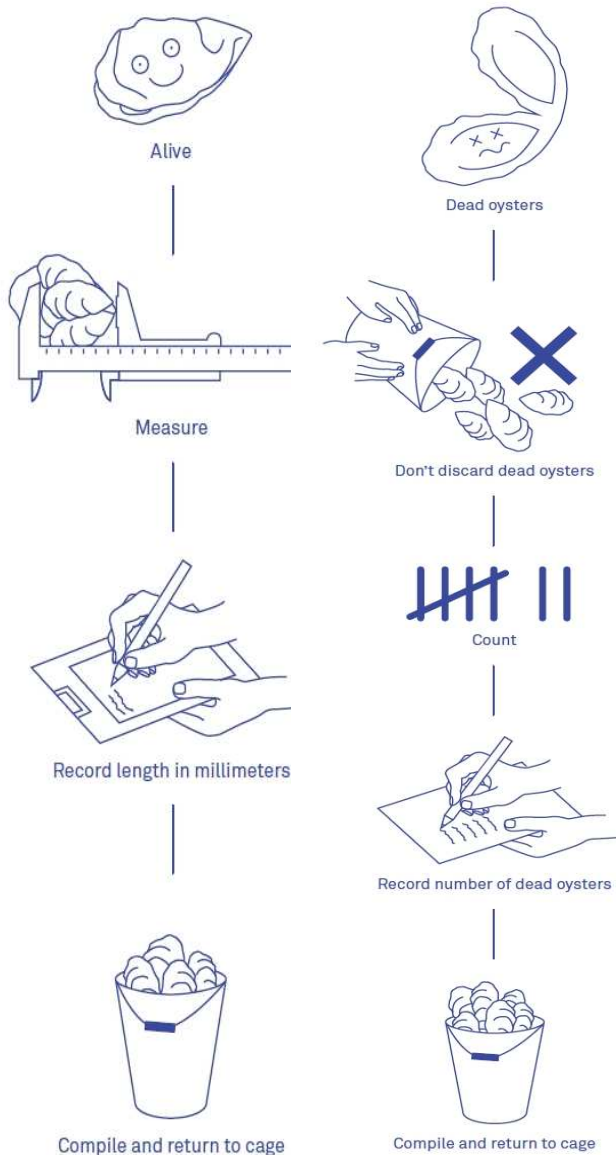


Measuring and Recording your Data

Besides maintaining your oyster gardens, you are asked to make another contribution by collecting data on your Sydney rock oysters, which you will need to do twice a year, anytime in **November** and **April**.

At these times you should open your oyster garden, select 50 rock oysters at random and measure the shell length (Fig. 1) of the **live** ones with the calipers provided. You should also count the number of live vs dead oysters *from the same fifty oysters*.



Some tips for measuring live oysters and counting dead ones from <http://www.billionoysterproject.org/>



Fig 1. Measuring shell length in a Sydney rock oyster

Collate these data on a piece of paper, then enter the data into the Excel file we have developed for recording survival, growth and associates. Copies of these sheets can be downloaded from <http://restorepumicestonepassage.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Oystergardeningdatasheet.xls>

Once you have entered the data into the excel file, save a copy of the file for your own records and also submit it as an attachment to info@restorepumicestonepassage.org, where we will compare your data with information from other growers in order to gain information on growth, survival and the health of Bribies canal systems.