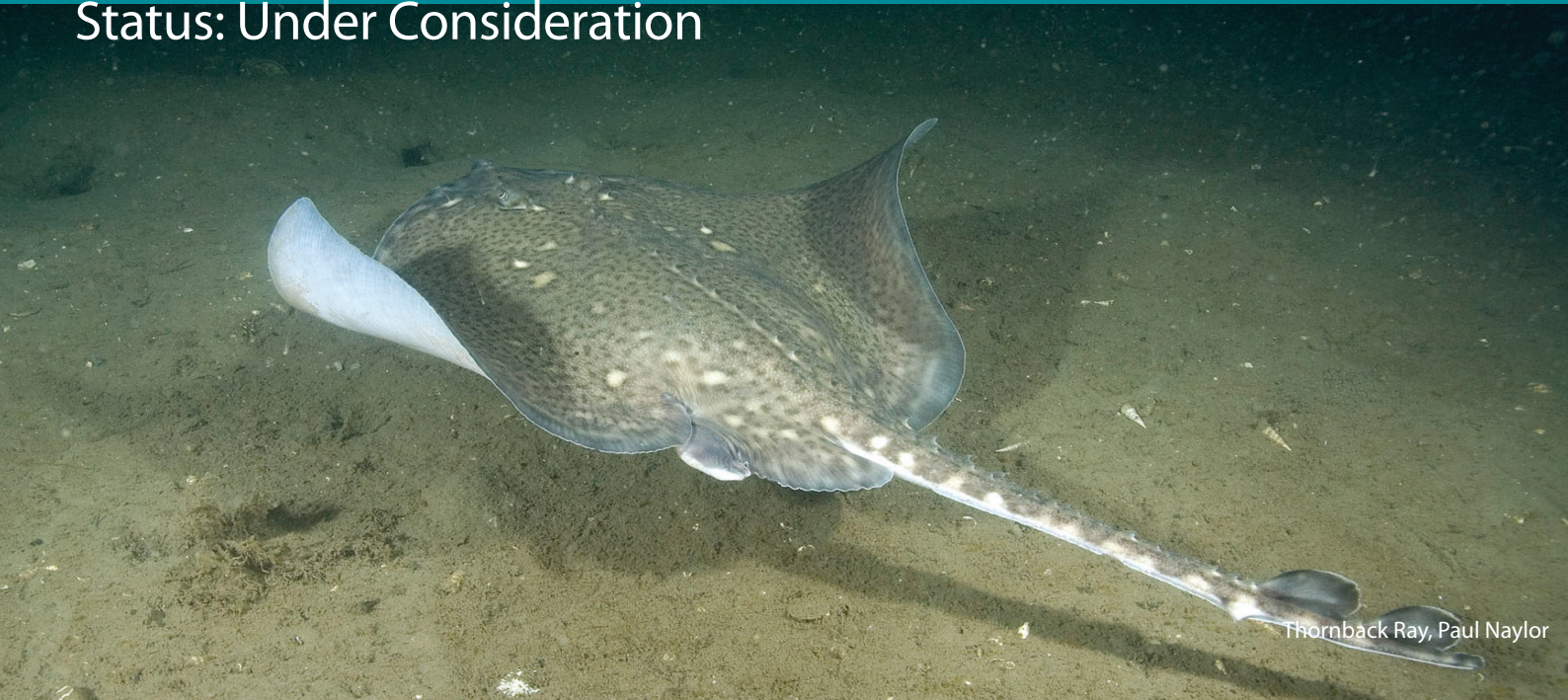


# East of Start Point

Recommended Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)

Status: Under Consideration



Thornback Ray, Paul Naylor

## Fact file

This recommended Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) is an offshore site located approximately 20km off Torquay and 19km south of Lyme Bay in the Eastern Channel region.

The seabed of this site is mostly comprised of subtidal sand which may appear like a barren desert but in fact supports animals both on the surface of the sand and buried within it. Many species of flatfish, bivalves, and worms are reliant on this habitat and it is also an important nursery and spawning ground for a number of fish species including lemon sole, sandeels, mackerel, thornback ray and spotted ray.

All of these species would benefit from designation of this site as an MCZ.

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## Location



 Recommended MCZ

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# Recommended Marine Conservation Zones



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116km<sup>2</sup>

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## Help us secure more Marine Conservation Zones

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"With proper protection, UK seas have the potential to be teeming with incredible life and colour, supporting thriving livelihoods and wildlife for generations to come. The return to Living Seas will, however, only be possible with an ambitious third tranche of Marine Conservation Zones."

Tony Juniper  
President  
The Wildlife Trusts