

# Goodwin Sands

## Recommended Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)

Status: Under Consideration



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### Fact file

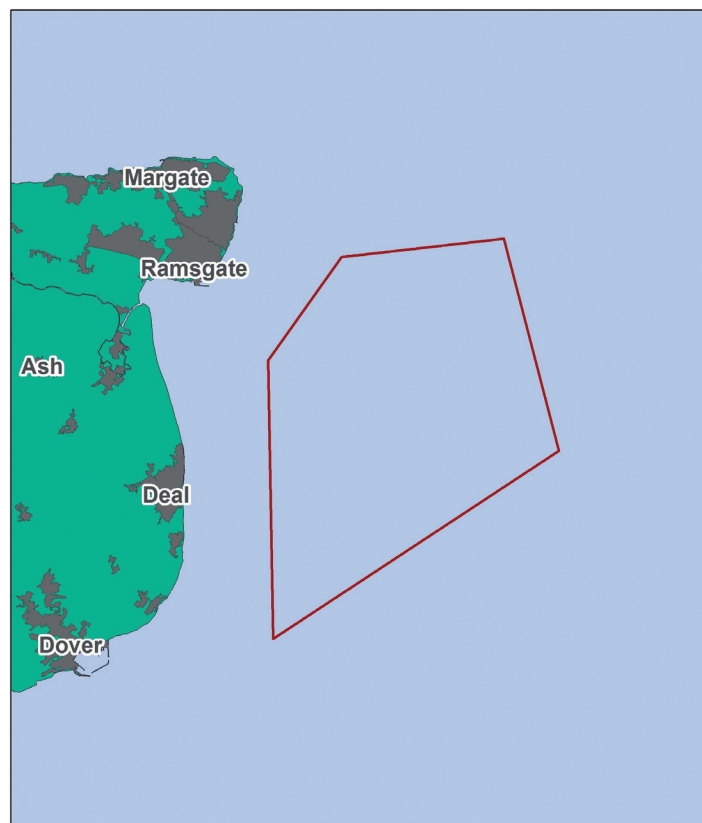
The famous Goodwin Sands that have sheltered many a ship from the ravages of storms and rough seas comprise massive areas of gently rolling sandbanks. The sandbanks are home to a diversity of marine life which attracts predatory fish and both grey and common seals which forage around the banks. The seals haul out to rest when the banks are exposed at low tide and common seals even give birth to their pups here.

Beds of blue mussels are mixed in with ross worm reefs that provide shelter and food for other animals such as crabs, anemones, snails and fish.

Thornback rays lay their 'mermaid purse' egg cases around the Goodwin Sands, and the area is also important for many other fish and for foraging birds.

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### Location



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276.91km<sup>2</sup>

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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  
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The Wildlife Trusts