

Purbeck Coast

Recommended Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)

Status: Under Consideration



Fact file

This site is located in the Eastern channel and extends from Ringstead Bay to Swanage Bay and encompasses the intertidal features that were originally proposed within the Broad Bench to Kimmeridge Bay recommended MCZ.

Purbeck Coast supports a variety of habitats ranging from coarse sediments to rocky habitats comprised of rock pools and boulders. These rocky features provide a home for stalked jellyfish, sea cucumbers, tube worms and beautiful anemones.

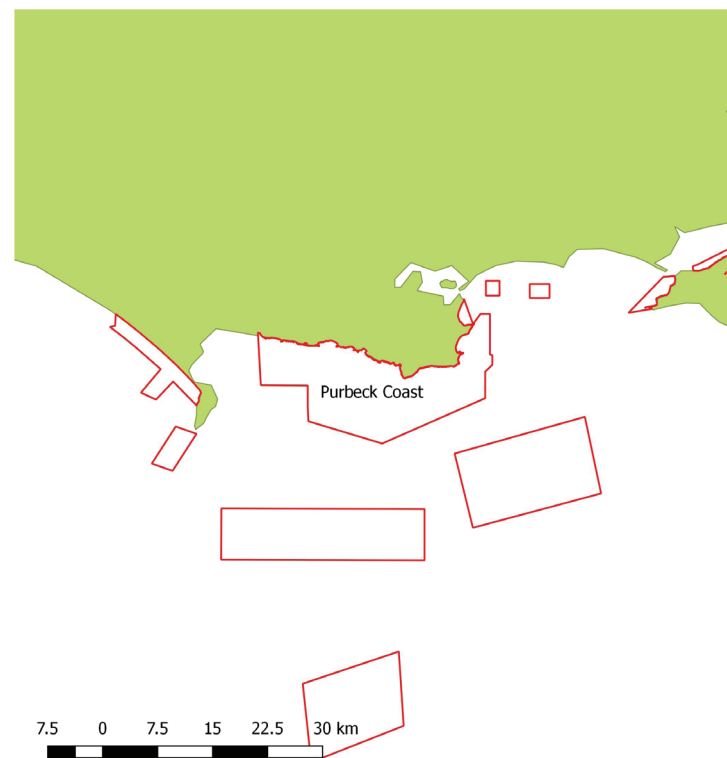
Unusual seaweeds include the iridescent tamarisk weed - also known as magic seaweed - and the rare peacock's tail seaweed. Interesting species of fish are found in the rockpools, including the Montagu's blenny and several clingfish species, and the site is also of ecological importance for nesting black seabream.

Many species and habitats would be protected if this recommended MCZ is designated.

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Location



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282km²

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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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