

# Selsey Bill and the Hounds

Recommended Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)

Status: Under Consideration



Corkwing wrasse, Polly Whyte / earthinfocus

## Fact file

Situated to the south-east of Selsey Bill is the famous Mixon Hole. Thought to be a segment of an ancient river gorge, this almost vertical 20 metre high clay cliff has numerous ledges and crevices which provide homes for many marine species. Species include squat lobsters and crabs along with red algae and kelp in the shallower parts. Selsey is a crucial foraging area for three species of tern and seals also regularly use this area for foraging. Bottlenose dolphins have also been recorded here.

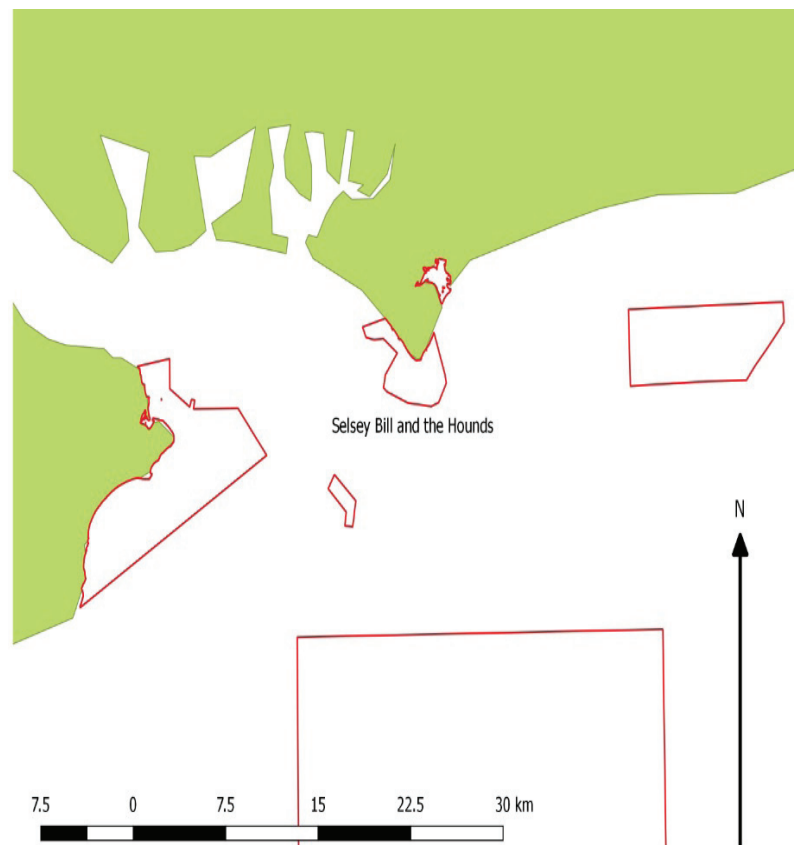
To the north-west of Selsey Bill, the Hounds limestone reef is covered by a fascinating array of sponges, sea squirts and soft coral. Charismatic tompot blennies and leopard-spotted gobies are frequently seen on cliff ledges.

The great news about this recommended MCZ is that the site boundaries have been extended to also offer protection to short-snouted seahorses. This means that even more species and features will be protected if this site is designated.

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## Location



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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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