

Southbourne Rough

Recommended Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Status: Under Consideration



Juvenile Black Sea Bream, Paul Naylor

Fact file

This recommended Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) would cover a portion of Poole Bay in Dorset and is situated slightly further offshore and deeper than the existing Poole Rocks MCZ.

It has been recommended for its importance to black sea bream which nest here. Black sea bream are choosy about their breeding grounds, favouring shallow waters with smooth bedrock and a thin covering of sand or gravel. The male bream digs a shallow hole in which the female lays her eggs. The males guard the eggs, fanning them with his tail to keep them clear of sand and other debris until they hatch.

Black sea bream return to the same site to nest each year. There is evidence that black sea bream have been returning to this site to breed for at least 14 years!

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Location

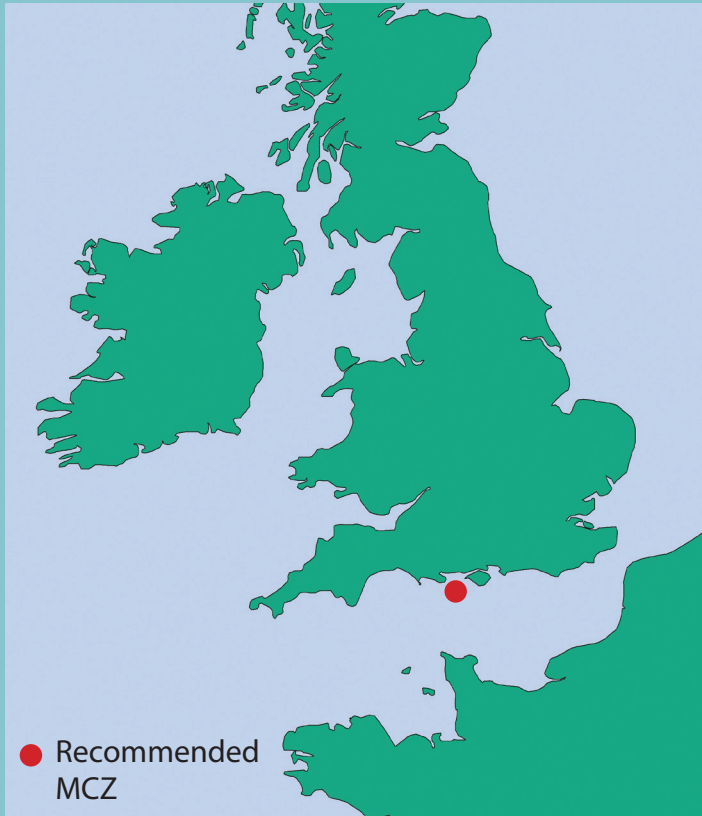


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"With proper protection, UK seas have the potential to be teeming with incredible life and colour, supporting thriving livelihoods and wildlife for generations to come. The return to Living Seas will, however, only be possible with an ambitious third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

Tony Juniper
President
The Wildlife Trusts