

Studland Bay

Recommended Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Status: Under Consideration



Spiny seahorse, Emma Rance

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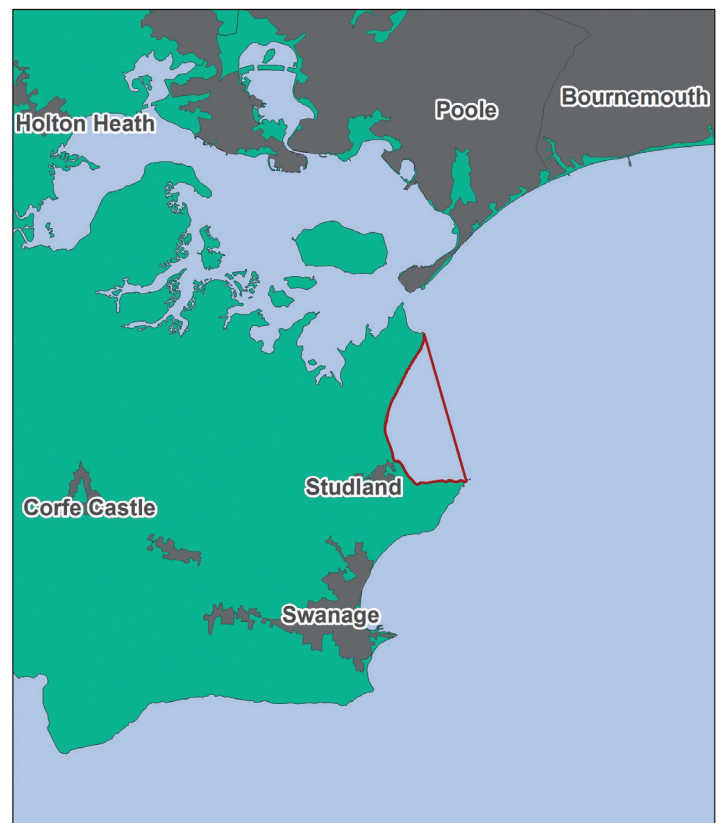
Studland Bay recommended MCZ runs from the iconic Old Harry Rocks to the northern tip of Studland Bay.

Extensive and dense seagrass meadows in the sheltered south of the bay are home to breeding populations of both native seahorse species as well as pipefishes, wrasses and juveniles of commercial fish species such as bass, bream and flatfish. The endangered undulate ray also uses this area as a nursery ground.

In the wider bay, shallow-water, sandy plains support a range of shellfish, including the native oyster, the Chinese-hat shell. Many species of burrowing bivalves and worms such as lugworms and the sandmason worm live within the sand. Sea urchins, starfish, hermit crabs and the masked crab also live at this site and would benefit greatly from designation of this zone as an MCZ.

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Location



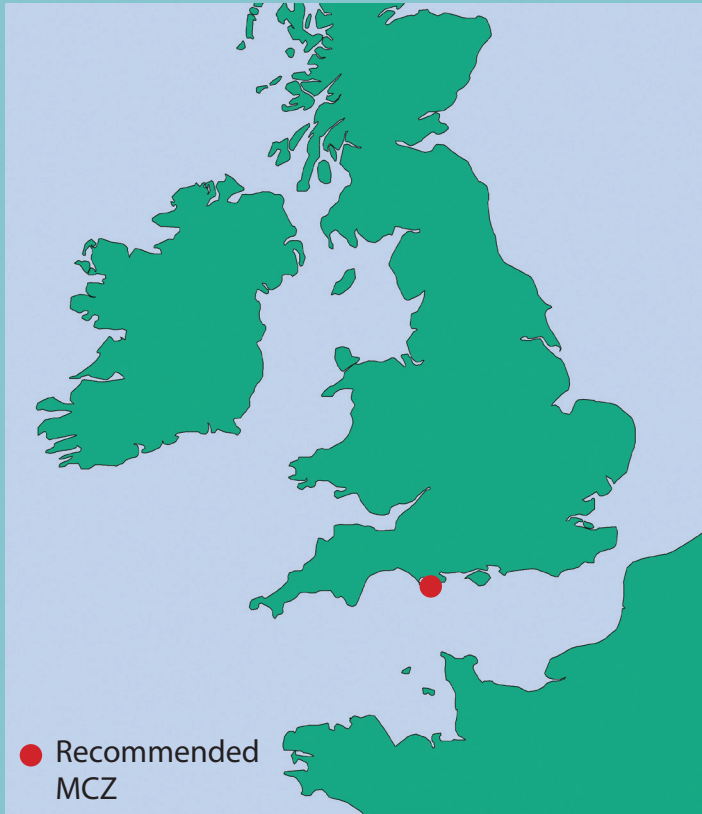
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3.9km²

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UK seas have the potential to be some of the most wildlife rich on Earth, but ambitious protection is needed to reverse the decades of decline.

Great progress has been made in securing protected areas at sea but there's still work to be done.

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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