Devon Avon Estuary

Recommended Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)

Status: Under Consideration

South Efford Marsh, Devon Wildlife Trust

Fact file

The Devon Avon Estuary is a small estuary reaching approximately 4km inland from the coast up to Aveton Gifford. The estuary mouth is coarse sediment with a scoured channel and semi-exposed rock platfoms, supporting characteristic crustacean and worm communities.

The lower estuary is made up of a mixture of different grades of sand, from coarse to fine. Various species of worm, crustacean and shrimp can be found here. The rare tentacled lagoon worm has been recorded here living in the thick, deep mud. These worms live within tubes made of mud and are highly vulnerable to changes in their habitat. Designation of this zone would help to protect this rare and exciting species.

Like most estuaries of the South-West, the Devon Avon is an important nursery area for fish species and is potentially important for seahorse populations as it provides suitable food and shelter.

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1.84km^2

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Tony Juniper
President
The Wildlife Trusts

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