

Morte Platform

Recommended Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Status: Under Consideration



Mussels, Dominic Flint

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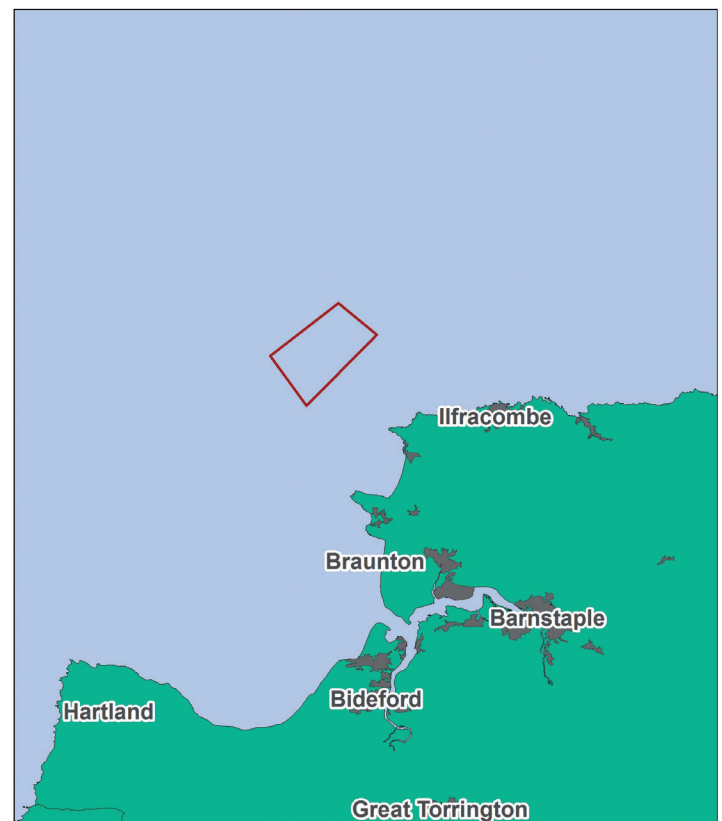
The Morte Platform is an area of rocky outcrops with patches of sediment, approximately 5km off Baggy Point in North Devon. The depth of the area ranges between 35 and 40 metres below sea level.

This site represents an area of higher than average species diversity due to the ridged and varied nature of the seabed. It includes rich communities of subtidal living reefs including ross worm reefs and mussel beds which provide shelter for other marine species. Subtidal sediments here provide a nursery ground for ecologically and commercially important fish species such as flatfish, seabass and sandeel, which in turn support seabird populations.

The mix of biotopes represented here is rarely found anywhere else in the UK. Designation of this site would protect this mix of habitats and the species that live there.

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Location



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25.45km²

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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