

South Rigg

Recommended Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Status: Under Consideration



Ocean quahog, Bernard Picton/Ulster Museum

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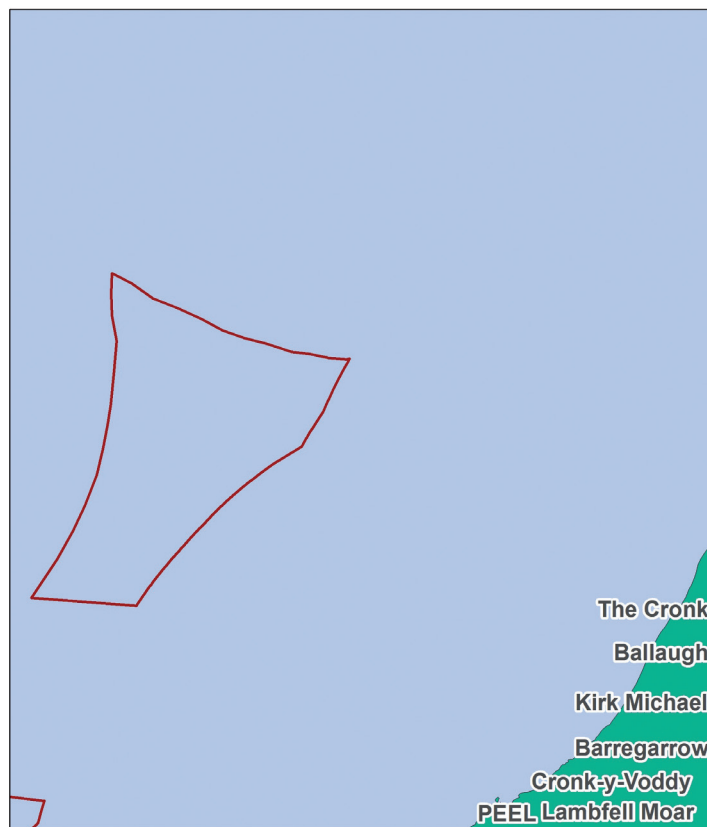
Located between the Isle of Mann and Northern Ireland, South Rigg is extremely important due to the presence of the Irish Sea Mounds. These rocky outcrops on the sea floor provide a solid base for creatures to settle. It is also an important site for mud habitat. There is a myriad of species that call this area home including anemones, brittlestars, sea firs and sea mats, tube worms, slender sea pens, heart urchins, mud shrimps and Dublin Bay prawns.

South Rigg also contains the only known breeding population of ocean quahog clams in the Irish Sea.

Ocean quahogs live for up to 500 years and are used in scientific studies on climate change, and are also an important food source for cod. Desingation of this site would help to allow these ancient creatures to survive and thrive!

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Location

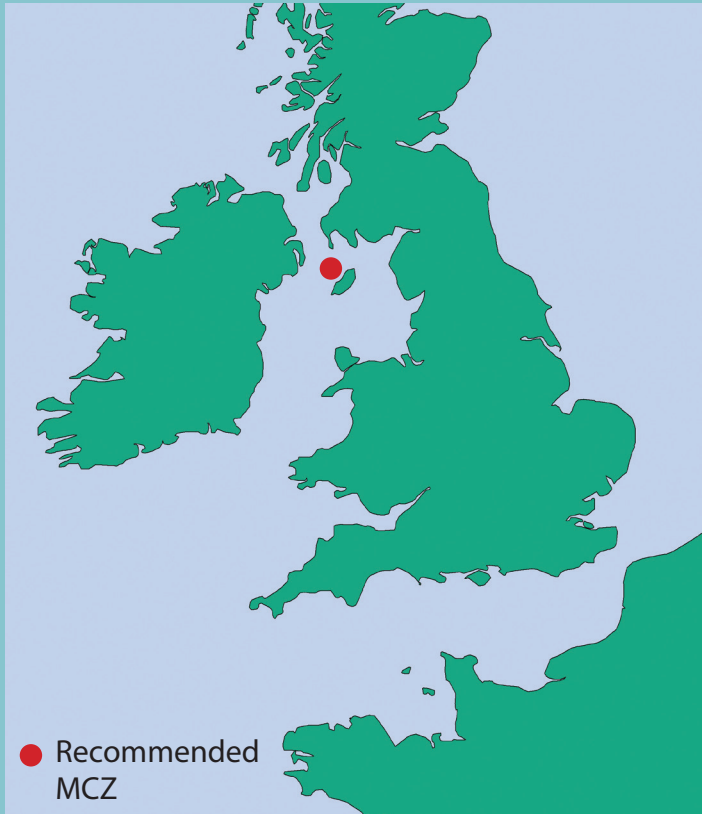


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Recommended Marine Conservation Zones



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143km²

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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.

With your help we can make sure that our seas are given the protection they need to thrive once again!

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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