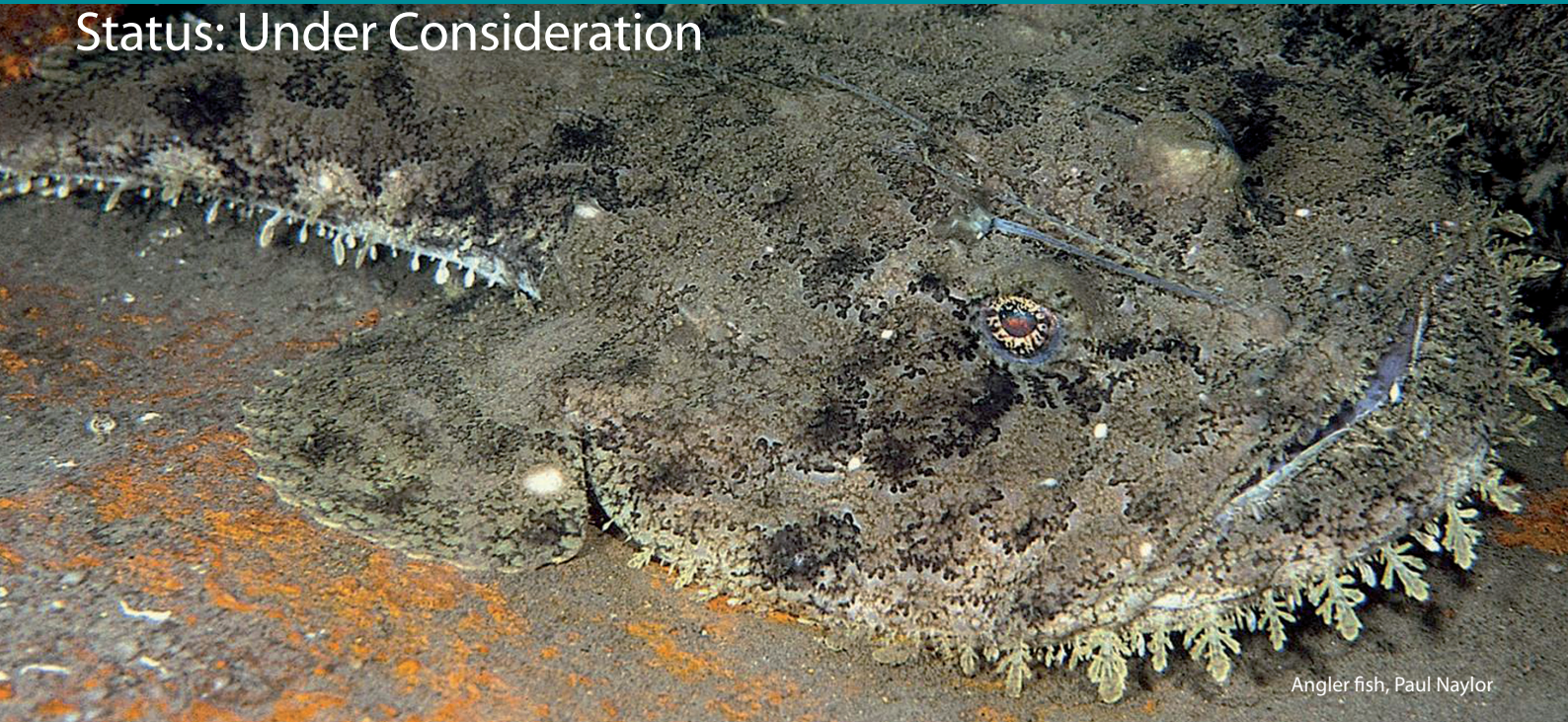


# South of the Isles of Scilly

## Recommended Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Status: Under Consideration



Angler fish, Paul Naylor

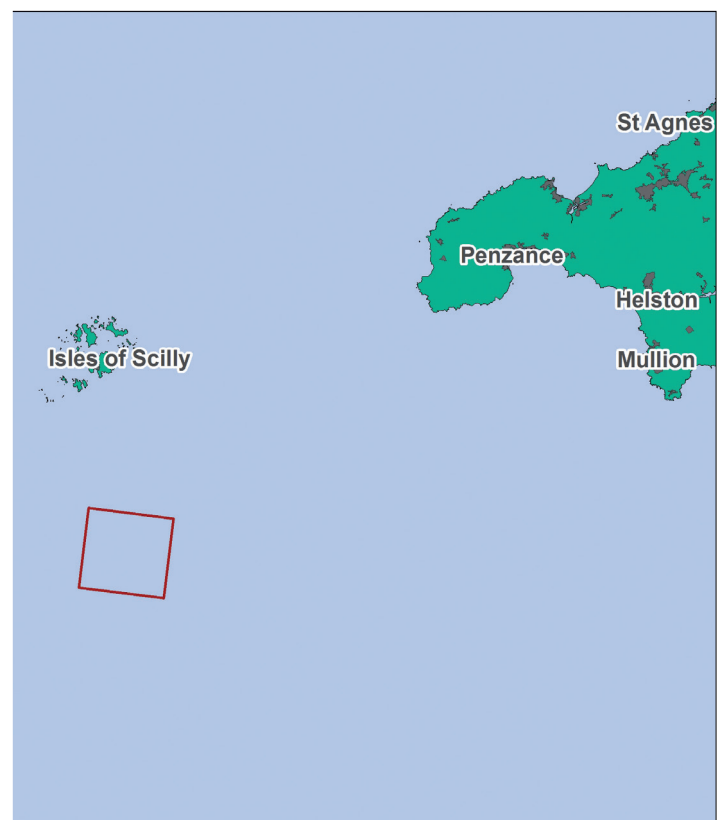
### Fact file

15km south of the Isles of Scilly, this recommended MCZ is of particular importance due to the subtidal sand and coarse sediment habitats. The area improves the connectivity for these sediment habitats and the marine species that rely upon them, including the commercially important monkfish.

This site is extremely important for marine wildlife due to a relatively high occurrence of thermal fronts that are highly productive and support rich supplies of plankton. The second largest fish in the world, the basking shark, is occasionally spotted here throughout the summer months during migrations inshore from the continental shelf to filter feed on copepods aggregated along frontal systems. This site has also been associated with important nursery and spawning sites for marine fish and is an important area for seabirds.

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### Location



0 5 10 20 Miles

Recommended MCZ

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132.2km<sup>2</sup>

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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