

# South-West approaches to Bristol Channel



## Recommended Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)

Status: Under Consideration



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## Fact file

This recommended Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) is a large site covering an area of approximately 1,128km<sup>2</sup>. It is primarily an offshore site, hence the large size, and is situated off the northern coast of Cornwall. The edge of the zone overlaps with the boundary into the inshore area, and the site's eastern half overlaps with the Bristol Channel Approaches Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

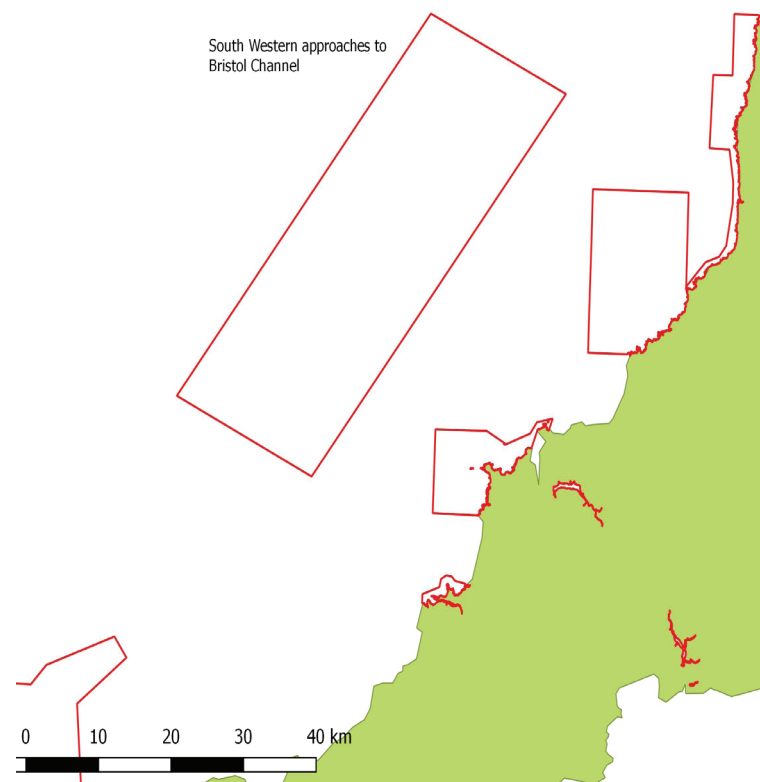
The subtidal sediments found here are comprised of fine sediments, coarser sediments, shell fragments, gravels, shingles and cobbles. These habitats provide a home for a variety of different species that bury into the seabed.

Designation of this zone would protect the range of sediments and habitats that are home to species including sea urchins, worms, razor shells and sea cucumbers. Additionally, designation of this site would improve the connectivity between inshore and offshore MCZs protecting subtidal sediment habitats.

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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  
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