

Axe Estuary

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



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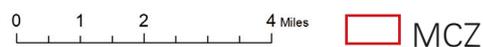
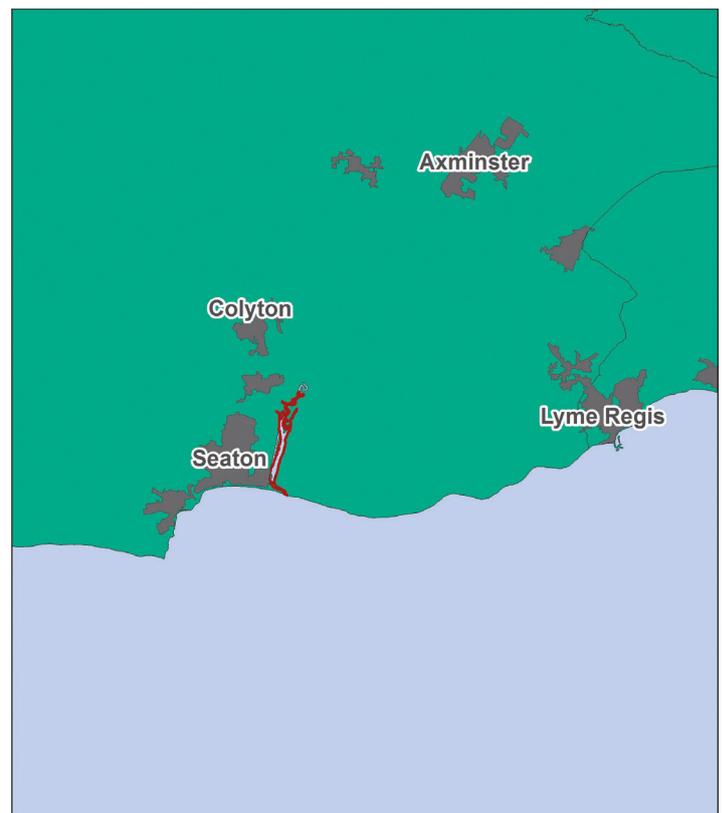
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The Axe Estuary extends from its mouth, at the seaward edge of the shingle bar east of Seaton, inland as far as the mouth of the River Coly, near Colyton.

The estuary is of ecological importance because of the areas of saltmarsh, reedbeds and mudflats that it contains. Mudflats provide an important source of food for a wide range of species and as a result, the Axe Estuary is an important nursery area for fish, including bass. This estuary is also home to the critically endangered European eel and the dynamic mix of sediments here provide habitat for burrowing mudshrimp and commercially important cockles.

Inland of the MCZ, the River Axe itself is designated as a Special Area of Conservation, and there are several Sites of Special Scientific Interest recognising the value of the river's distinctive communities of floating vegetation.

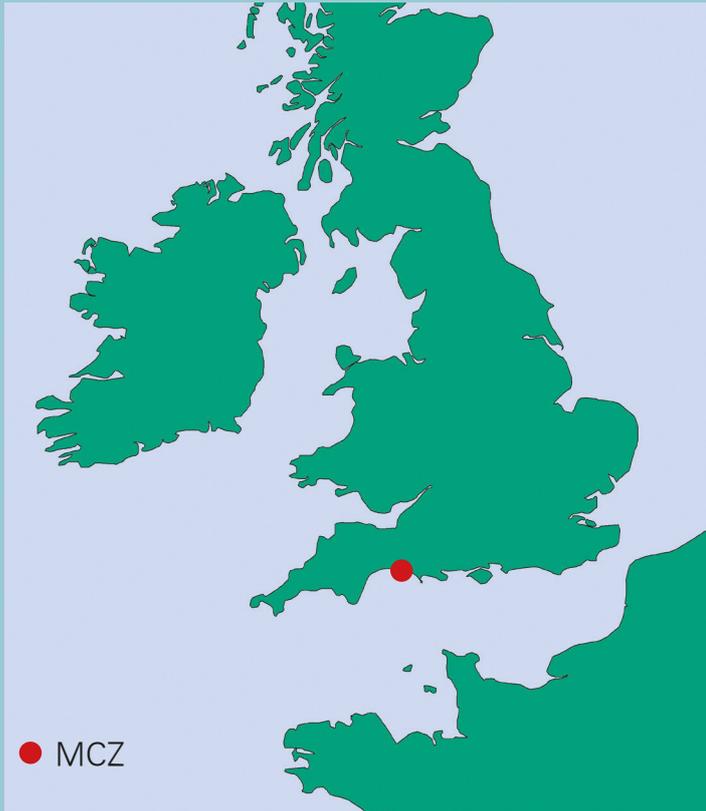
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Marine Conservation Zones



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0.33km²

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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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"The designation of the third tranche of Marine Conservation Zones has given us an amazing opportunity to protect our marine wildlife and habitats for future generations. We now have 91 MCZs which is great news, but to help our seas recover we also need the Government to implement proper management and monitoring of these sites."

Joan Edwards
Director of Living Seas
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