

Bembridge

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Short-snouted seahorse, Paul Naylor

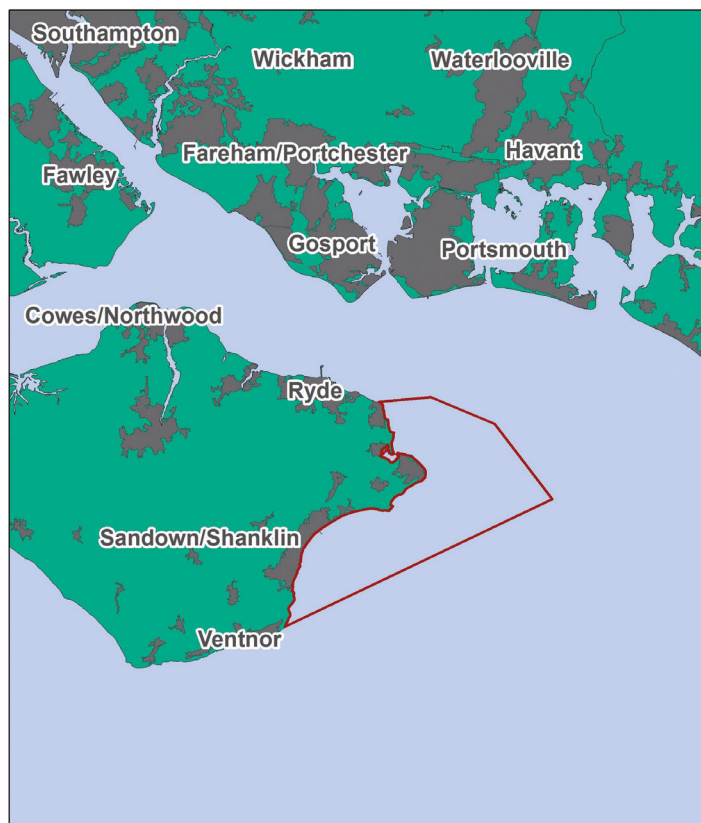
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This area is home to the peacock's tail seaweed and is one of the few MCZ sites in the South-East where both species of native seahorse (long and short snouted) have been recorded. The beautiful, delicate and seldom seen kaleidoscope stalked jellyfish has also been found here.

Bembridge is the only known regional location of maerl. Maerl is a fragile, calcareous, red seaweed which forms large mats resembling a knotted mass of twigs and provides shelter for many other species. It is highly sensitive to disturbances and takes a long time to recover when damaged.

Rocky reefs host assemblages of sponges, anemones, corals and sea pens. Mud dominates in the north of the site and provides habitat for spoonworms.

Location



0 1.5 3 6 9 Miles MCZ

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Marine Conservation Zones



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75km²

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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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