Camel Estuary

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)





Fact file

The Camel Estuary is well known for its high biodiversity and productivity and the MCZ aims to protect this fantastic estuarine habitat. This estuary is of specific importance as it includes habitats which range from high energy intertidal rock zones to low energy mud and saltmash habitats.

This diversity of habitats supports a huge range of species, including several protected species, such as the European eel and wading birds. The intertidal coarse sediments play an important role in beach protection and attracting fish which in turn benefits local commercial and recreational fisheries.

This site helps provide connectivity with other estuarine sites within the region ensuring that our MPA network is ecologically coherent and providing the best possible protection to our marine environment.

Location



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2.2km²
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Help us to protect our seas

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 Marine Conservation Zones and seas are given the protection they need to thrive once again!

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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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