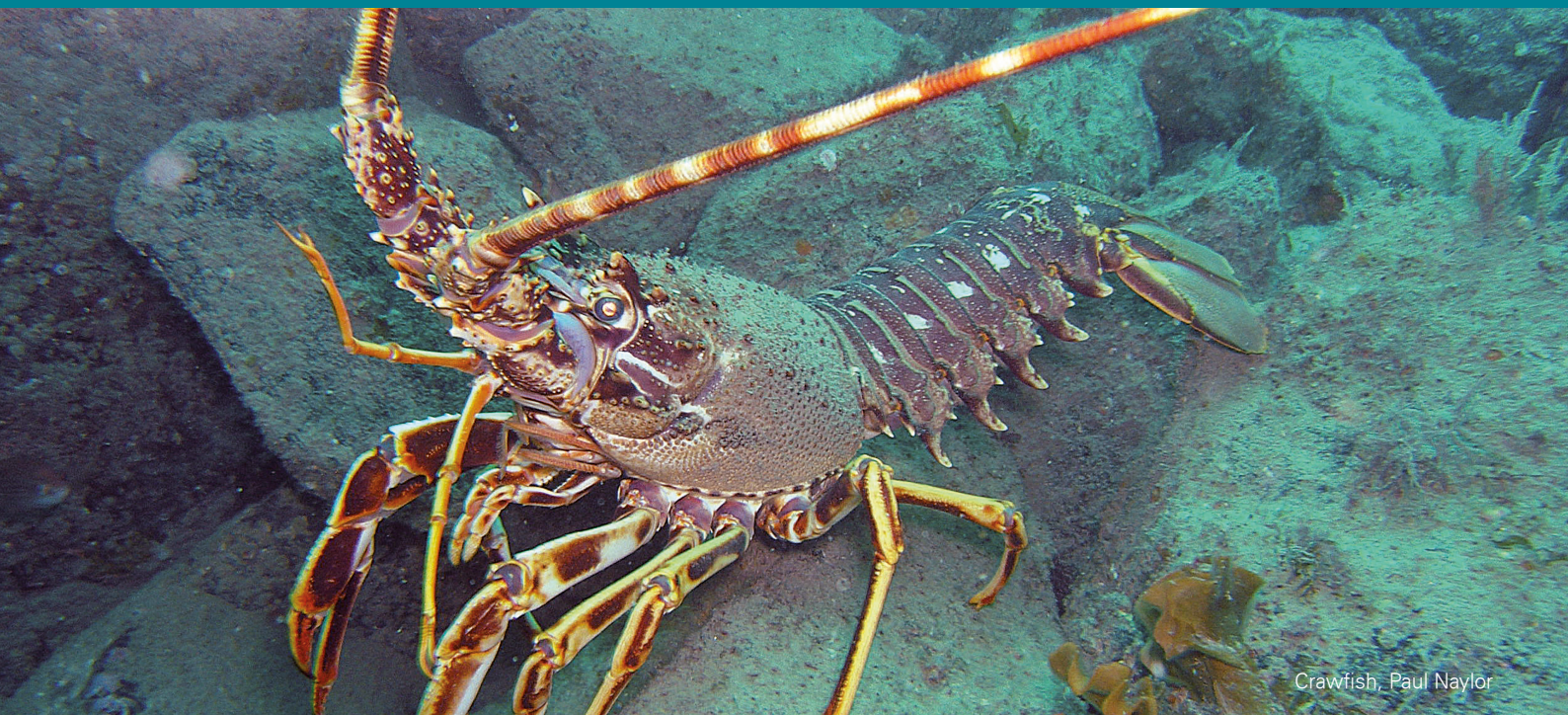


Cape Bank

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Crawfish, Paul Naylor

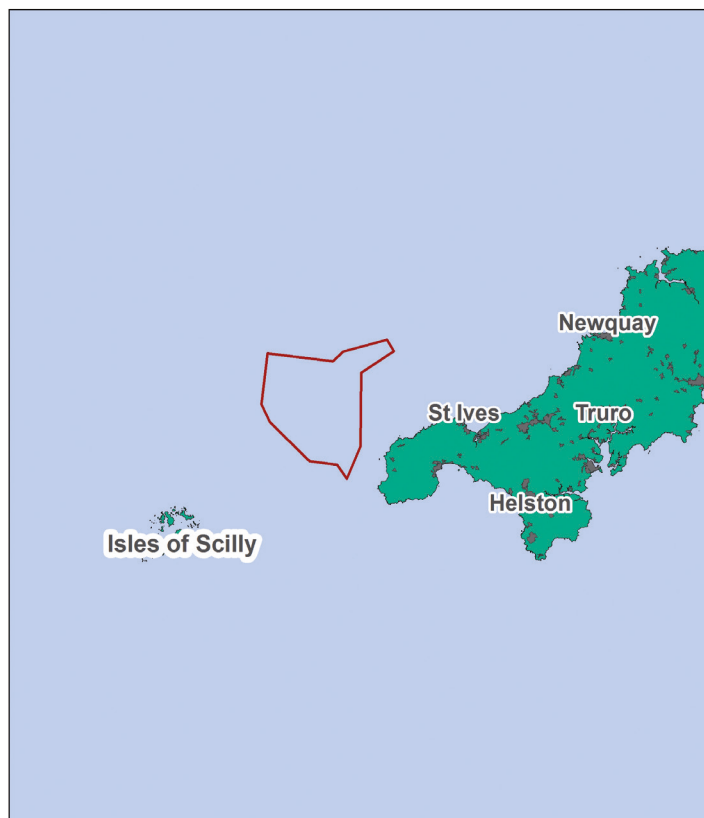
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West of the Land's End peninsular lies the Cape Bank MCZ. Located 25km from the coast, a variety of marine life, including many sponges and algal communities, make the fully submerged granite reefs here their home.

A large, crescent shaped rocky reef system is included within the site. Extending to 12km at its widest part and around 35km in length, the reef is a feature of conservation importance. Many species live here including the commercially important crawfish (or spiny lobster), which use the nooks and crannies for shelter, and the Devonshire cup coral, which is often mistaken for an anemone due to its similar appearance.

Subtidal sediments at this site act as nursery grounds for fish species such as flatfish, seabass and sandeels. Designation of this site is helping to protect these ecologically and commercially important species.

Location



0 5 10 20 Miles

 MCZ

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Marine Conservation Zones



Cape Bank

472.66km²

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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
& Public Affairs
The Wildlife Trusts