

East of Start Point

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Thornback Ray, Paul Naylor

Fact file

This Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) is an offshore site located approximately 20km off Torquay and 19km south of Lyme Bay in the Eastern Channel region.

The seabed of this site is mostly comprised of subtidal sand which may appear like a barren desert but in fact supports animals both on the surface of the sand and buried within it. Many species of flatfish, bivalves, and worms are reliant on this habitat and it is also an important nursery and spawning ground for a number of fish species including lemon sole, sandeels, mackerel, thornback ray and spotted ray.

All of these species benefit from this MCZ site.

Location



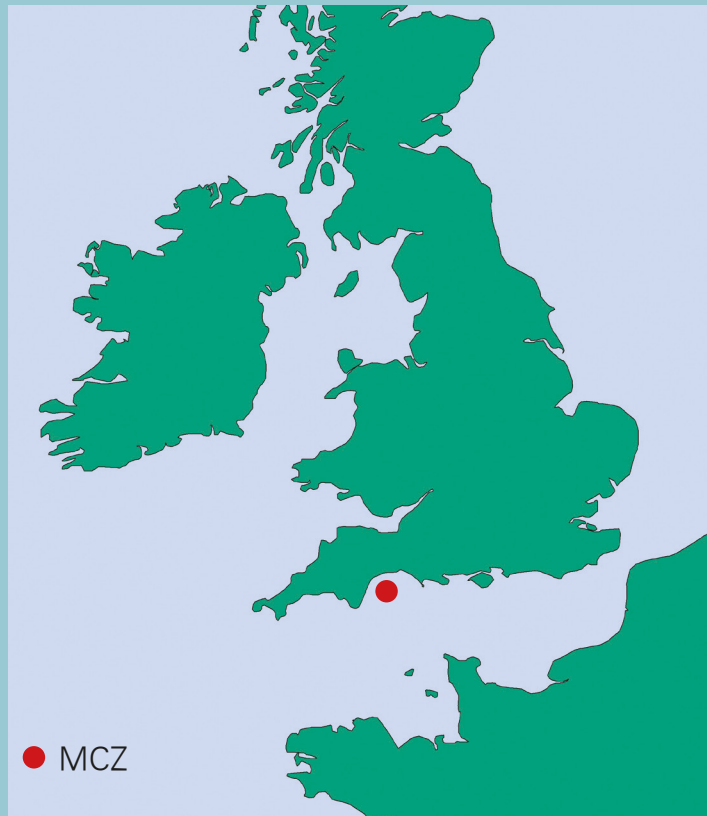
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Marine Conservation Zones



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116km²

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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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