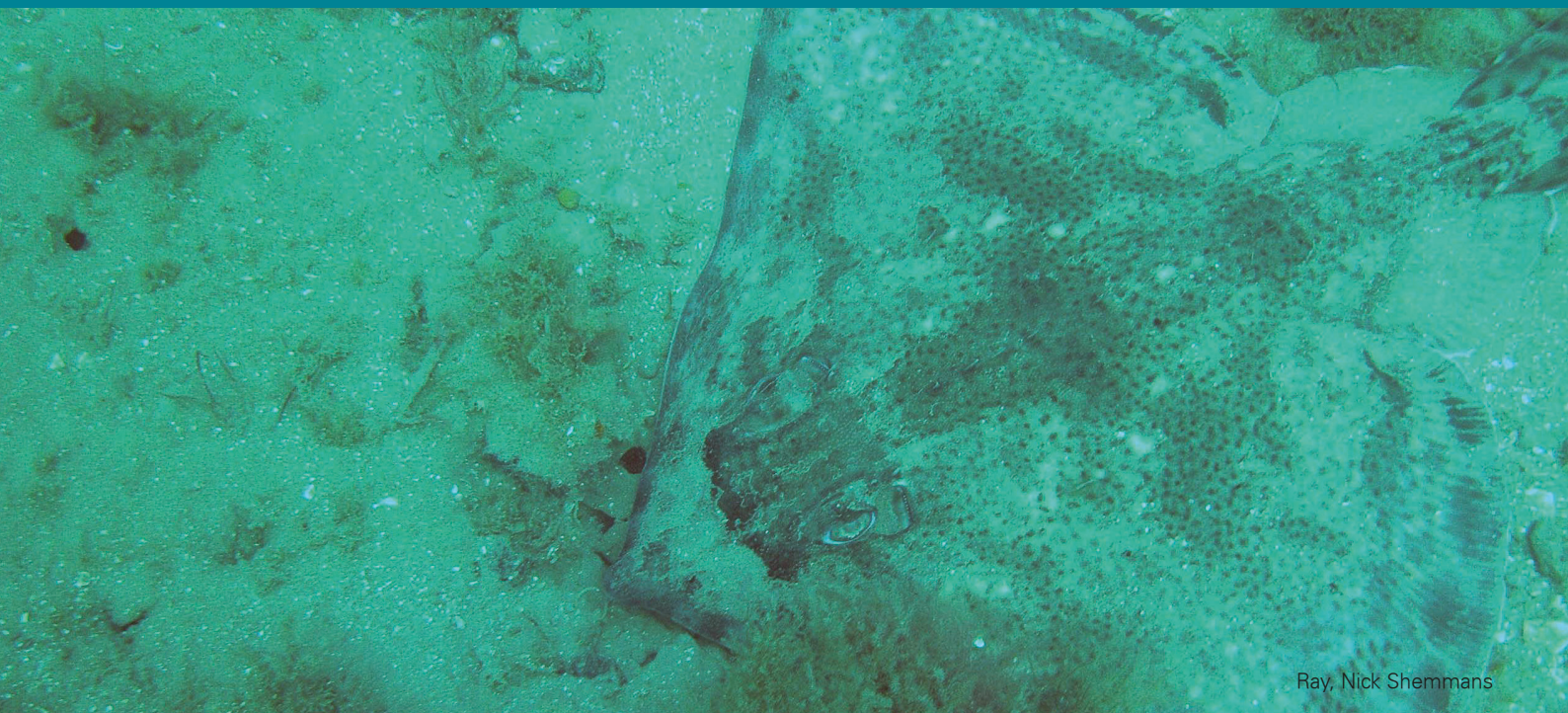


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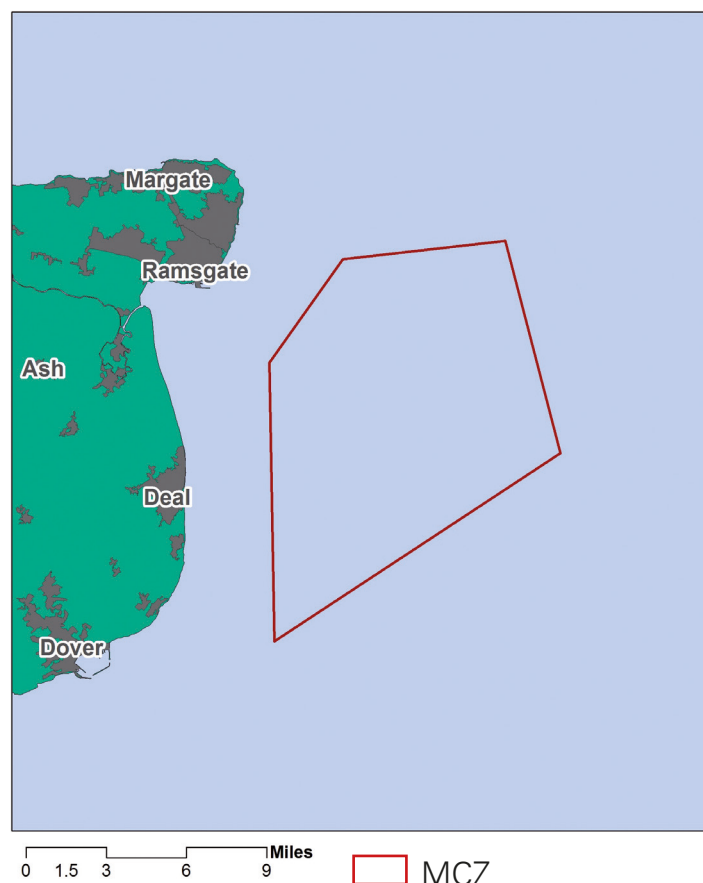
The famous Goodwin Sands that have sheltered many a ship from the ravages of storms and rough seas comprise massive areas of gently rolling sandbanks. The sandbanks are home to a diversity of marine life which attracts predatory fish and both grey and common seals which forage around the banks. The seals haul out to rest when the banks are exposed at low tide and common seals even give birth to their pups here.

Beds of blue mussels are mixed in with ross worm reefs that provide shelter and food for other animals such as crabs, anemones, snails and fish.

Thornback rays lay their 'mermaid purse' egg cases around the Goodwin Sands, and the area is also important for many other fish and for

foraging birds.

Location



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Marine Conservation Zones



Goodwin Sands

276.91km²

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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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