

Wyre-Lune

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Little ringed plover, Tom Marshall

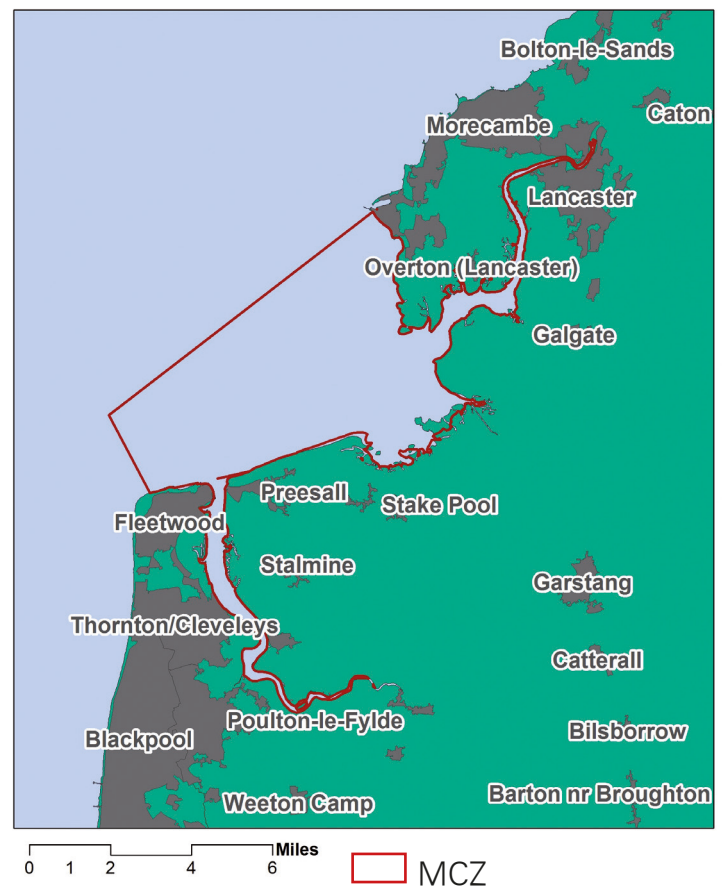
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This Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) is an inshore site made up of two estuaries that result in saltmarsh where river meets sea.

This habitat is important as it provides a nursery ground for fish to mature and improve their chances of reaching breeding age. Without shelter, breeding is less successful as juveniles have to contend with the harsh reality of living in the open water. This site was designated for the protection of smelt, a fish species of conservation importance which was once common in estuaries across the UK but has declined considerably in recent decades.

The Lune is also protected by the Morecambe Bay Special Area of Conservation and the Wyre is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The addition of an MCZ complements these designations, providing additional protection for this important fish species.

Location



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Marine Conservation Zones



Lune and Wyre Estuary

92.38km²

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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
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