Markham's Triangle

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)





Fact file

Despite lying 137km offshore from the Yorkshire coast, the seafloor ranges from only 30 - 50 metres in depth, making it a relatively shallow site. The seafloor consists of both coarse sediment and sand, interspersed with small patches of rock and gravels. This supports many creatures that burrow within or camouflage against the sediment, such as polychaete worms, bivalves, starfish and sea urchins.

The sandeels here form a key food source for grey and harbour seals as well as harbour porpoises, regularly spotted passing through the area.

Markham's Triangle lies adjacent to the Dutch Cleaverbank Special Area of Conservation.

Location



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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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