

Morte Platform

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Mussels, Dominic Flint

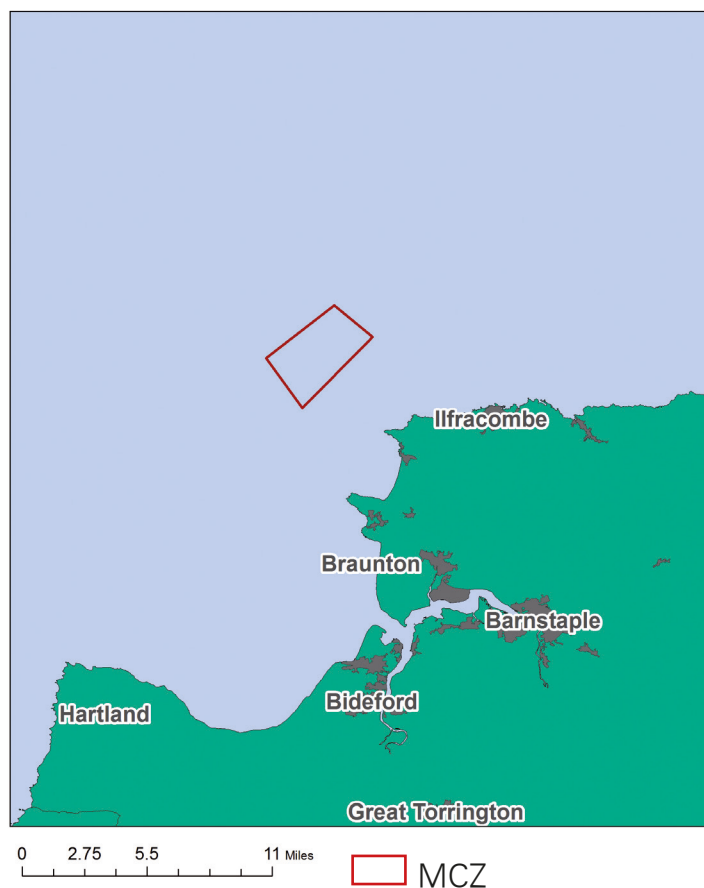
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The Morte Platform is an area of rocky outcrops with patches of sediment, approximately 5km off Baggy Point in North Devon. The depth of the area ranges between 35 and 40 metres below sea level.

This site represents an area of higher than average species diversity due to the ridged and varied nature of the seabed. It includes rich communities of subtidal living reefs including ross worm reefs and mussel beds which provide shelter for other marine species. Subtidal sediments here provide a nursery ground for ecologically and commercially important fish species such as flatfish, seabass and sandeel, which in turn support seabird populations.

The mix of biotopes represented here is rarely found anywhere else in the UK. Designation of this site is helping to protect this mix of habitats and the species that live there.

Location



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Marine Conservation Zones



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25.45km²

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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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