

North-East of Haig Fras

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Hermit crab with cloak anemone, Paul Naylor

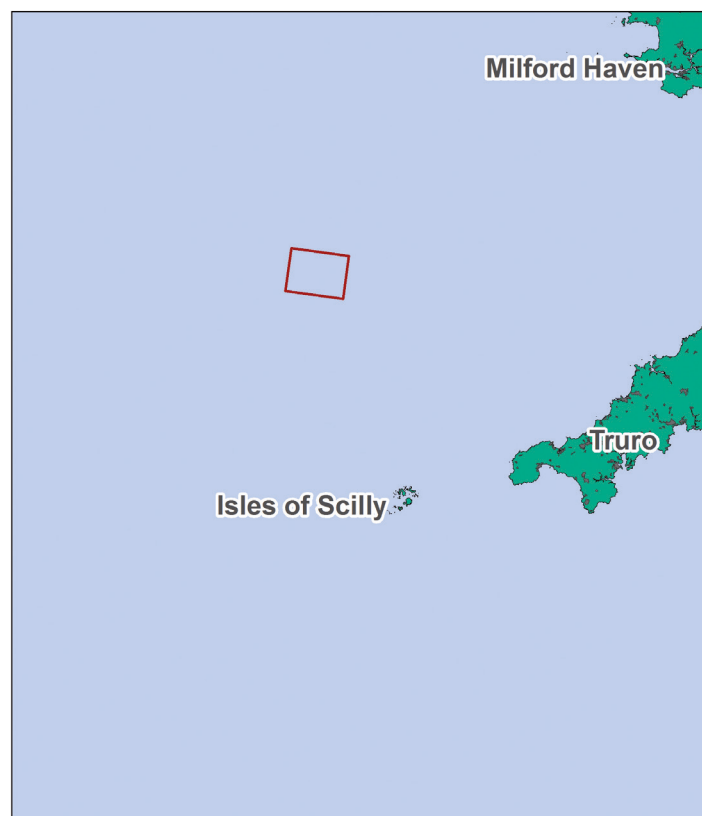
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This site is an area of continental shelf and is found about 100km to the north-west of Land's End, in the Celtic Sea.

The site was recommended due to the subtidal sand, subtidal mud and coarse sediment habitats that are found in this area. Depths range from 50 to over 100 metres meaning that due to the lack of light reaching the seabed, communities here are dominated by animal life.

Mats of sea anemones are found within this area, and the shallower parts support populations of the hermit crab *Pagurus prideaux*. This crab often shares its shell with cloak anemones providing benefits to both the crab and the anemone. The crab benefits from protection from the stinging cells of the anemone and the anemone benefits from food stirred up during the crab's foraging! Other animals found here both in and on the sediment include sea urchins, starfish, sea fans and worms.

Location



0 15 30 60 Miles

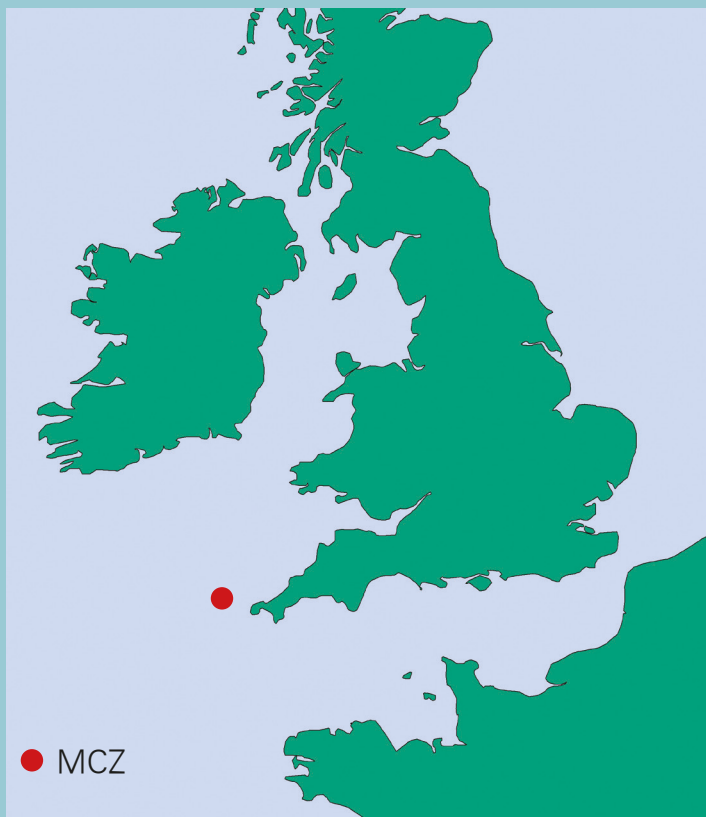
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Marine Conservation Zones



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463.72km²

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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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