

Orford Inshore

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Small spotted catshark, Tom Ashton

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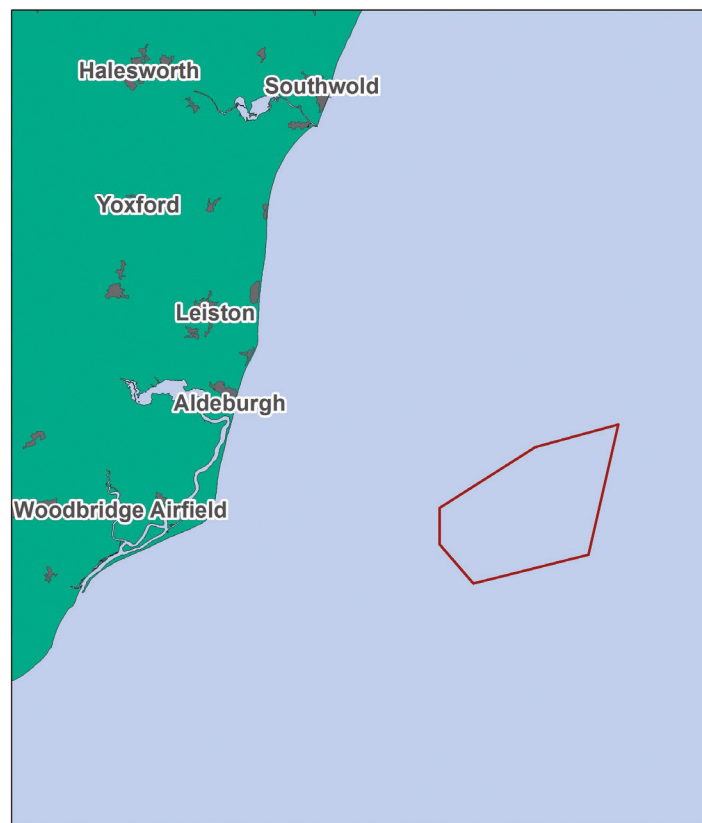
Located 14km offshore from the Alde Ore Estuary, this area consists almost entirely of a seafloor of mixed sediment, reaching between 20-30 metres in depth throughout.

The seafloor here is extremely important as a nursery and spawning ground for many fish species, including Dover and lemon sole, sprat and sandeel. Skates, rays, small spotted catsharks and several crustacean species are also found here.

The area is also thought to be of importance to foraging seabirds, such as the black-legged kittiwake, northern fulmar, northern gannet and Sandwich tern. Harbour porpoises are often spotted passing through this area on the lookout for a meal.

This site is important for ensuring the connectivity in the network is maintained.

Location



0 1.75 3.5 7 10.5 Miles MCZ

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Marine Conservation Zones



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71.95km²

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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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