

# Purbeck Coast

## Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Aerial view, Dorset Wildlife Trust

### Fact file

This site is located in the Eastern channel and extends from Ringstead Bay to Swanage Bay and encompasses the intertidal features that were originally proposed within the Broad Bench to Kimmeridge Bay MCZ.

Purbeck Coast supports a variety of habitats ranging from coarse sediments to rocky habitats comprised of rock pools and boulders. These rocky features provide a home for stalked jellyfish, sea cucumbers, tube worms and beautiful anemones.

Unusual seaweeds include the iridescent tamarisk weed - also known as magic seaweed - and the rare peacock's tail seaweed. Interesting species of fish are found in the rockpools, including the Montagu's blenny and several clingfish species, and the site is also of ecological importance for nesting black seabream.

Many species and habitats are protected now that this recommended MCZ is designated.

### Location



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282km<sup>2</sup>

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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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