

# South of the Isles of Scilly

## Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



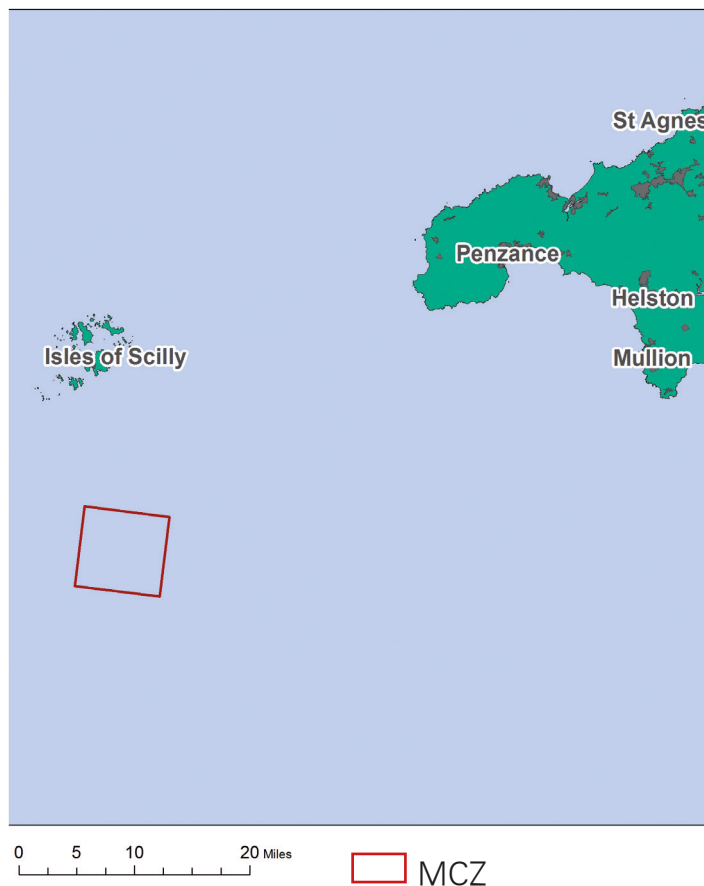
Angler fish, Paul Naylor

### Fact file

15km south of the Isles of Scilly, this MCZ is of particular importance due to the subtidal sand and coarse sediment habitats. The area improves the connectivity for these sediment habitats and the marine species that rely upon them, including the commercially important monkfish.

This site is extremely important for marine wildlife due to a relatively high occurrence of thermal fronts that are highly productive and support rich supplies of plankton. The second largest fish in the world, the basking shark, is occasionally spotted here throughout the summer months during migrations inshore from the continental shelf to filter feed on copepods aggregated along frontal systems. This site has also been associated with important nursery and spawning sites for marine fish and is an important area for seabirds.

### Location

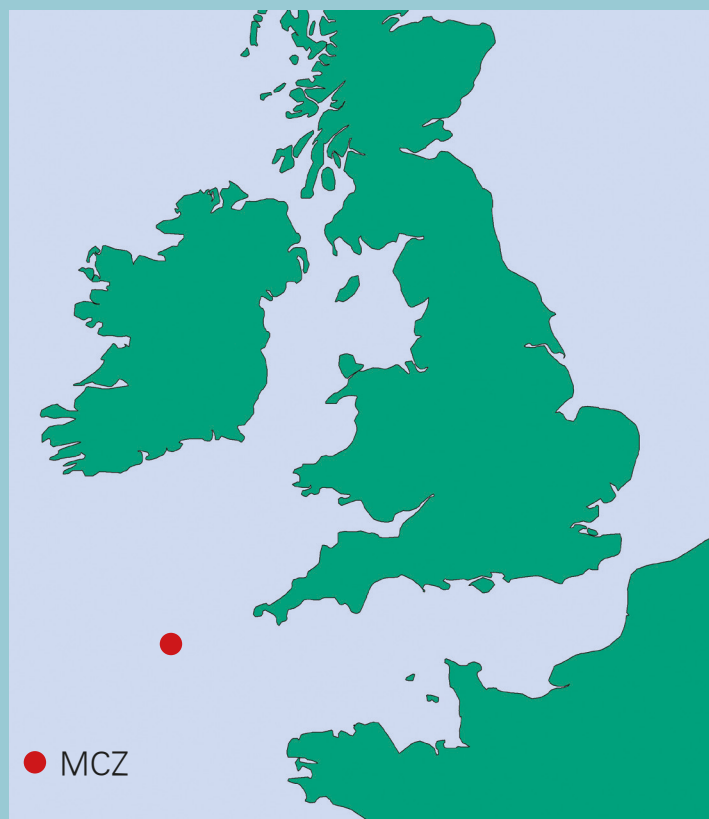


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132.2km<sup>2</sup>

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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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**The Wildlife Trusts**