

South-West Deeps (East)

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



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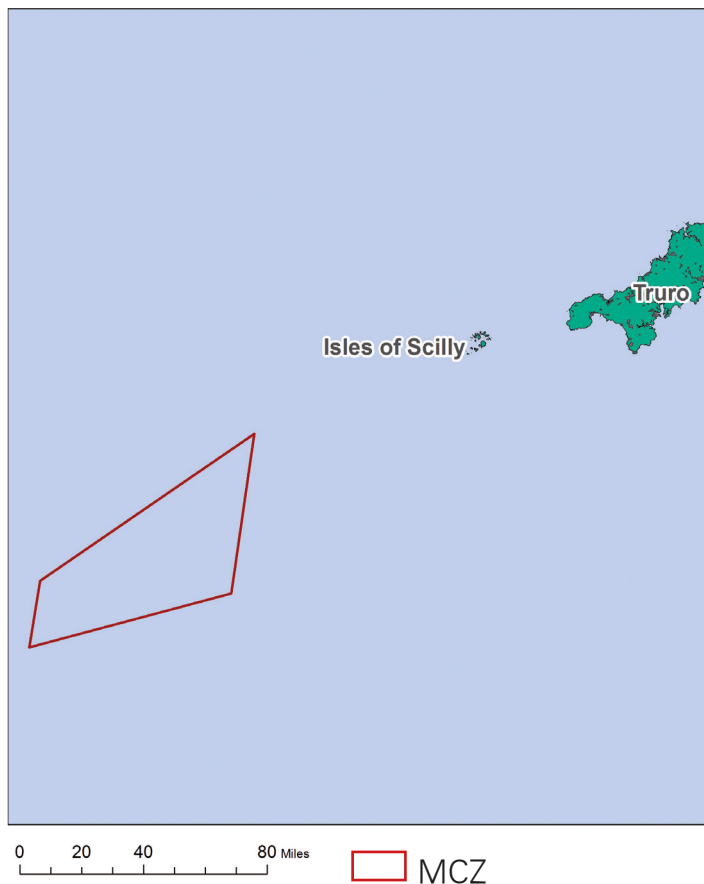
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The eastern boundary of South West Deeps (East) is located approximately 170km off Land's End and the southern boundary aligns with the UK continental shelf limit. Within the boundaries the geologically important Celtic Sea relict sand banks are present; among the largest and deepest shelf sand ridges of their kind.

This site fills an important gap for deep sea bed habitat, coarse sediments and sand. These habitats provide burrowing opportunities for important prey species, such as worms, and provide camouflage for many species of fish escaping predation!

A section of the continental shelf break is also found within the South-West Deeps (East), increasing the range of depths and ultimately the biodiversity of species living and visiting this area. Designation of this large site represents a significant contribution to the network of marine protected areas around the UK.

Location



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Marine Conservation Zones



South-West Deeps (East)

4653km²

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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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