

South-West approaches to Bristol Channel

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



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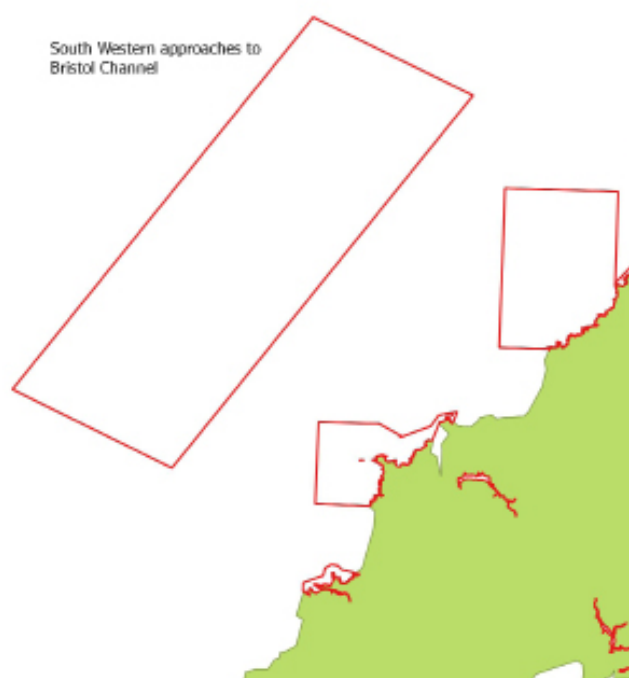
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This Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) is a large site covering an area of approximately 1,128km². It is primarily an offshore site, hence the large size, and is situated off the northern coast of Cornwall. The edge of the zone overlaps with the boundary into the inshore area, and the site's eastern half overlaps with the Bristol Channel Approaches Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

The subtidal sediments found here are comprised of fine sediments, coarser sediments, shell fragments, gravels, shingles and cobbles. These habitats provide a home for a variety of different species that bury into the seabed.

This zone protects the range of sediments and habitats that are home to species including sea urchins, worms, razor shells and sea cucumbers. Additionally, this site improves the connectivity between inshore and offshore MCZs protecting subtidal sediment habitats.

Location



MCZ

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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
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