

Southbourne Rough

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Juvenile Black Sea Bream, Paul Naylor

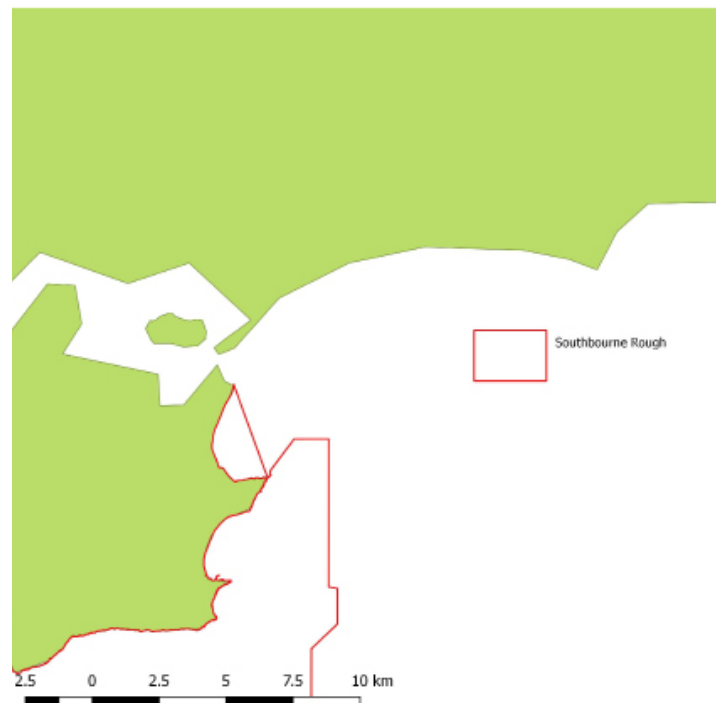
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This Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) covers a portion of Poole Bay in Dorset, and is situated slightly further offshore and deeper than the existing Poole Rocks MCZ.

It is an important site to black sea bream which nest here. Black sea bream are choosy about their breeding grounds, favouring shallow waters with smooth bedrock and a thin covering of sand or gravel. The male bream digs a shallow hole in which the female lays her eggs. The males guard the eggs, fanning them with his tail to keep them clear of sand and other debris until they hatch.

Black sea bream return to the same site to nest each year. There is evidence that black sea bream have been returning to this site to breed for at least 14 years!

Location



 MCZ

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Marine Conservation Zones



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5km²

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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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