

Studland Bay

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Spiny seahorse, Emma Rance

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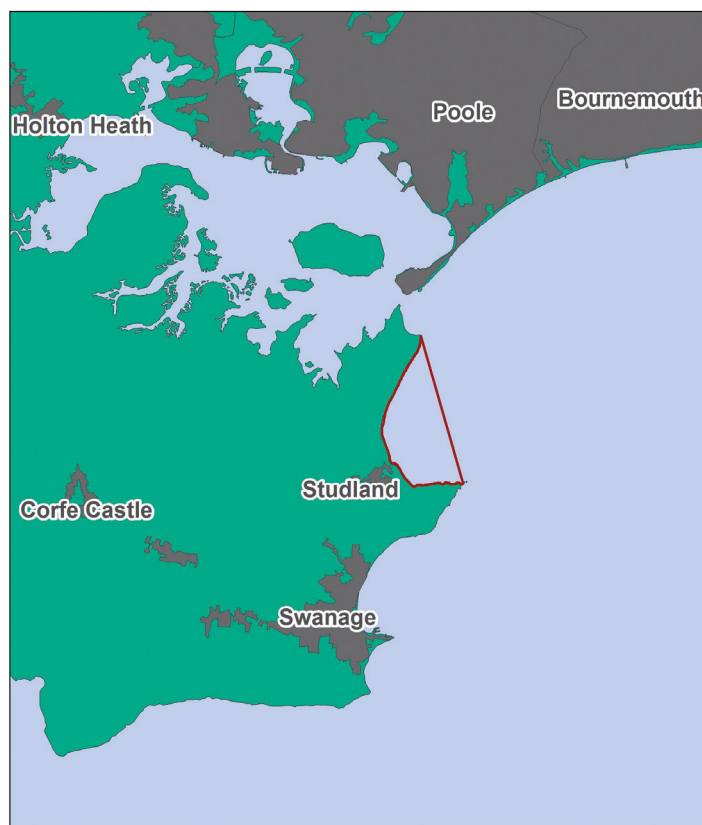
Studland Bay MCZ runs from the iconic Old Harry Rocks to the northern tip of Studland Bay.

Extensive and dense seagrass meadows in the sheltered south of the bay are home to breeding populations of both native seahorse species as well as pipefishes, wrasses and juveniles of commercial fish species such as bass, bream and flatfish. The endangered undulate ray also uses this area as a nursery ground.

In the wider bay, shallow-water, sandy plains support a range of shellfish, including the native oyster, the Chinese-hat shell. Many species of burrowing bivalves and worms such as lugworms and the sandmason worm live within the sand.

Sea urchins, starfish, hermit crabs and the masked crab also live at this site will benefit greatly from designation of this zone as an MCZ.

Location



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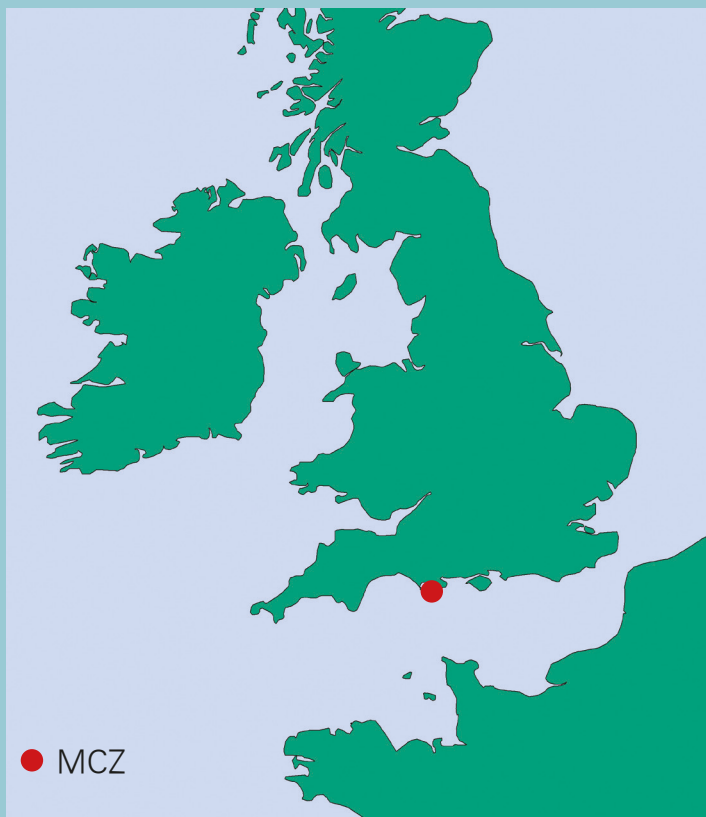
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3.9km²

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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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