

Swanscombe

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



The Thames at Erith, Kent Wildlife Trust

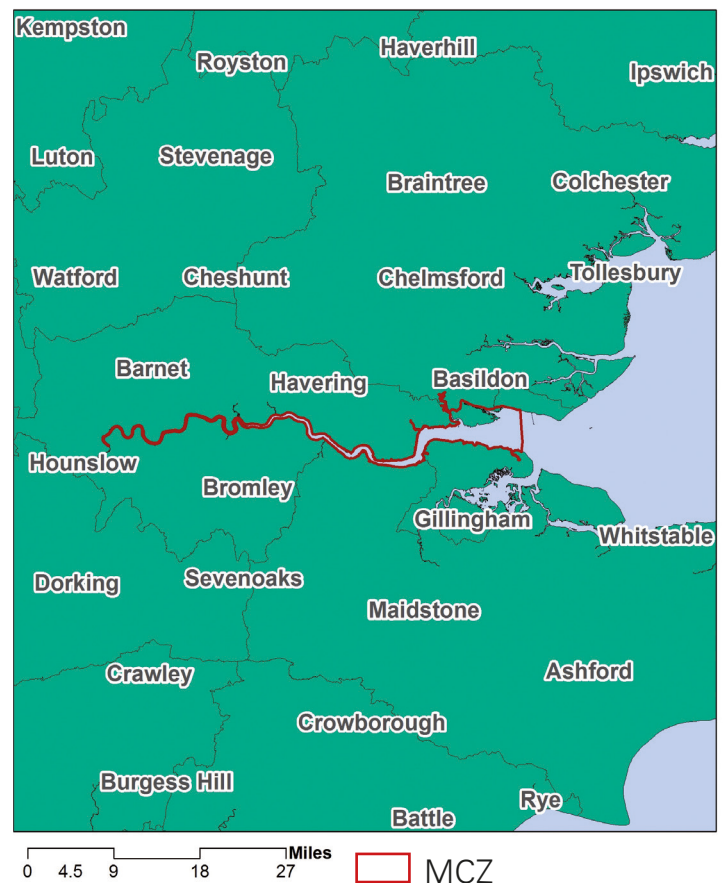
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Originally included as part of the Thames Estuary recommended MCZ, the Swanscombe MCZ represents a small inshore site with important features.

The seabed of the Swanscombe site consists of shells, pebbles, sands and mud. The features of conservation importance protected by this site include intertidal mud and the tentacled lagoon worm. The intertidal mud is an important feeding ground for wading and migratory birds and contributes to a highly productive ecosystem.

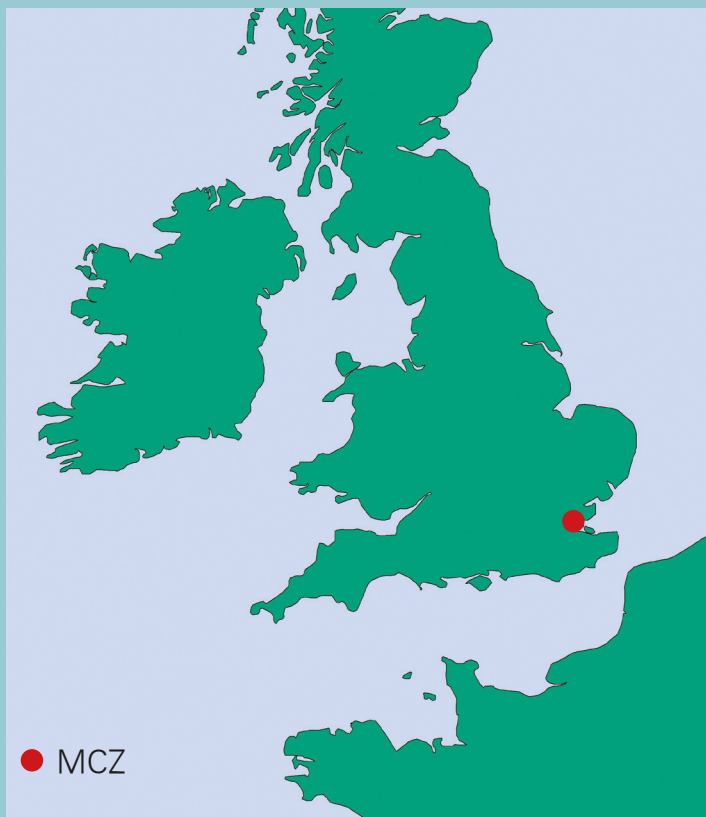
Tentacled lagoon worms live in the intertidal soft sediments of this site and are highly vulnerable to changes in their habitat.

Location



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3km²

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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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