West of Copeland
Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)

Sea Urchin, Dominic Flint
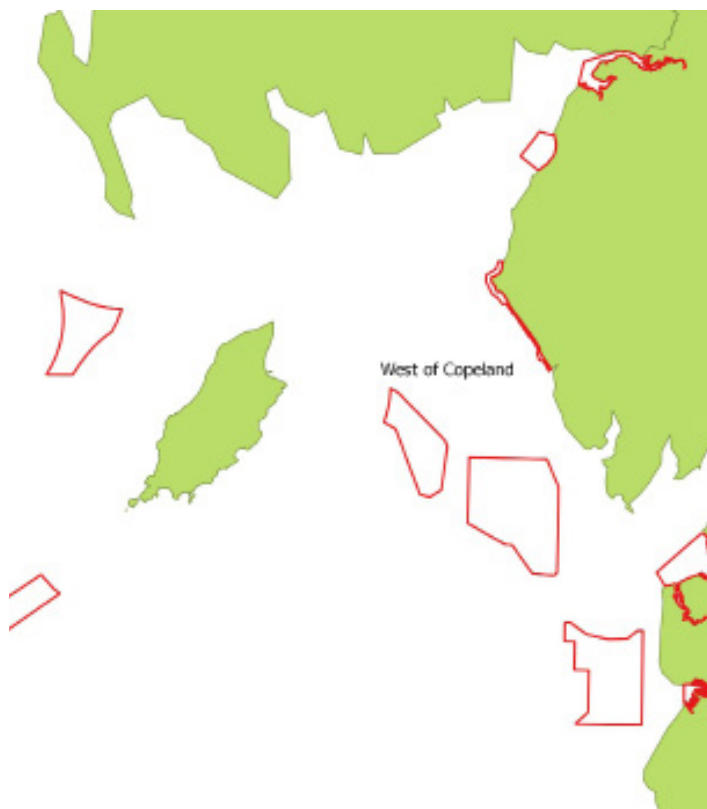
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The West of Copeland is an offshore Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) located in the Irish Sea, and is composed of a mixture of subtidal sediments from fine sand to coarse sediment.

The range of habitats support a variety of species including many bivalves, sea urchins, anemones, starfish and bryozoans (which are also known as 'moss animals'!)

Designation of this area protects the important coarse sediment seabed habitats and the species they support, particularly in deeper waters.

Location

West of Copeland

☐ MCZ

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Marine Conservation Zones

● MCZ

West of Copeland

158km²

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Help us to protect our seas

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.

With your help we can make sure that our Marine Conservation Zones and seas are given the protection they need to thrive once again!

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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."

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