

Wash Approach

Recommended Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Dragonet, Dereck Haslam

Fact file

Located 25km off the Lincolnshire coast, at the entrance of the Wash, this diverse seabed consists of sandbanks (including the Race Bank, North Ridge and Dungeon Shoal Banks), interspersed with cobbles, ribbons of coarse sand, gravel and ross worm reef.

Carpets of bryozoans, sea squirts, hydroids, sponges and anemones cloak the sand and gravel, whilst squat lobsters and crabs scuttle to and fro. Harbour porpoises, grey and harbour seals feed here all year round alongside abundant numbers of seabirds.

The diverse waters also support many species of fish, including sandeels, Dover and lemon sole, whiting, thornback rays, sea scorpions, dragonet and weaver fish.

Support this MCZ today!

Location



0 3.75 7.5 15 22.5 Miles  Recommended MCZ

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Help us secure Marine Conservation Zones

The UK's seas have the potential to be some of the most wildlife-rich on Earth, supporting a huge range of habitats and species from the tiniest plankton to marine giants like the basking shark. But only if we act now to secure the seas' protection. 127 Marine Conservation Zones have been recommended to the Government by stakeholders, to provide our seas with protection that they need and put them back on the path to recovery. We need all 127 to be designated by Government.

Please support our campaign to secure these 127 recommended Marine Conservation Zones here in England and for further protection across the rest of the UK.

- Find out about your local MCZs and how you can support them.
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- Encourage your friends and family to support a MCZ or sign our petition for protection for our marine environment at wildlifetrusts.org/petitionfish
- You can also send us any information or sightings you may have [of this MCZ to marine@wildlifetrusts.org](mailto:of_this_MCZ_to_marine@wildlifetrusts.org)



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"We are in the midst of the most crucial period in history for the UK's marine life. We have the opportunity to turn an environment filled with ravaged habitats, depleted fish stocks and struggling species into Living Seas – pulsating with life, supporting livelihoods, continuing to be a source of joy and wonder to us all."

**Simon King OBE,
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The Wildlife Trusts**