

Silver Pit

Recommended Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Blue mussel bed, George Stoyle

Fact file

Located approximately 26km from Theddlethorpe off the Lincolnshire coast, this site incorporates the Inner Silver Pit glacial tunnel valley. Sloping from 11 - 98 metres the deep canyon walls here descend into a 50km long glacial tunnel.

The seafloor consists of mixed sediments and ross worm reef which in addition to blue mussel beds supports an abundance of marine wildlife, including brittlestars, sea squirts, hydroids, buried polychaete worms and bivalve molluscs. The deepest areas are carpeted in common and serpent's table brittlestars. Lemon and Dover sole, sprat, whiting, cod, plaice and herring all spawn here and attract feeding white-beaked dolphins, minke whales and harbour porpoises.

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Location



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168.09km²

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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
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- You can also send us any information or sightings you may have of this MCZ to marine@wildlifetrusts.org

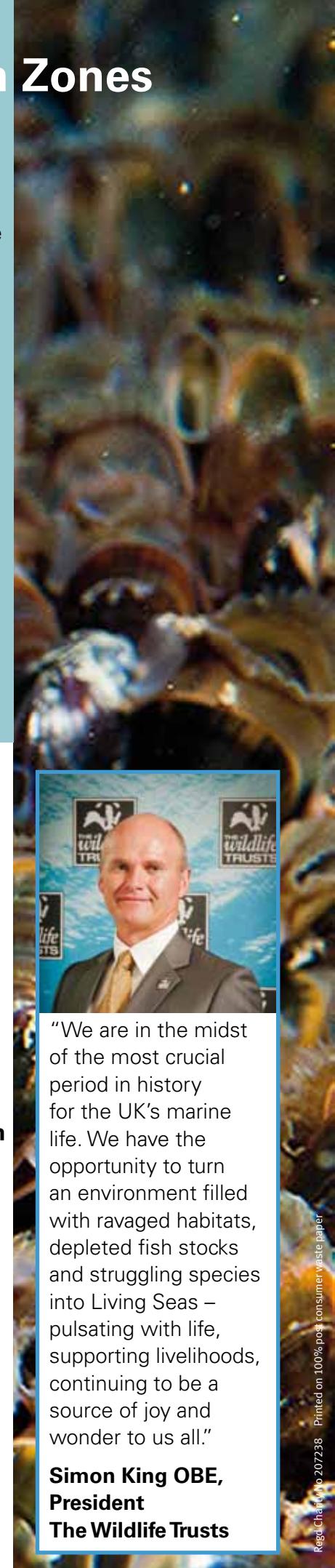


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"We are in the midst of the most crucial period in history for the UK's marine life. We have the opportunity to turn an environment filled with ravaged habitats, depleted fish stocks and struggling species into Living Seas – pulsating with life, supporting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

**Simon King OBE,
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The Wildlife Trusts**