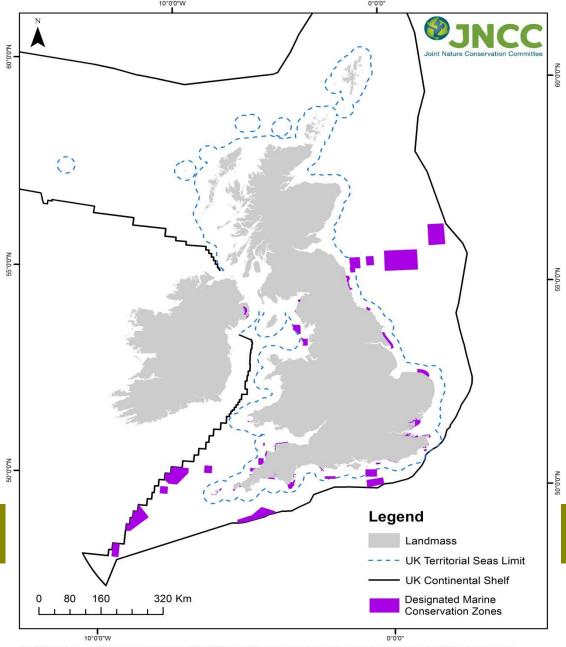


Future Marine Protected Areas

Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs)

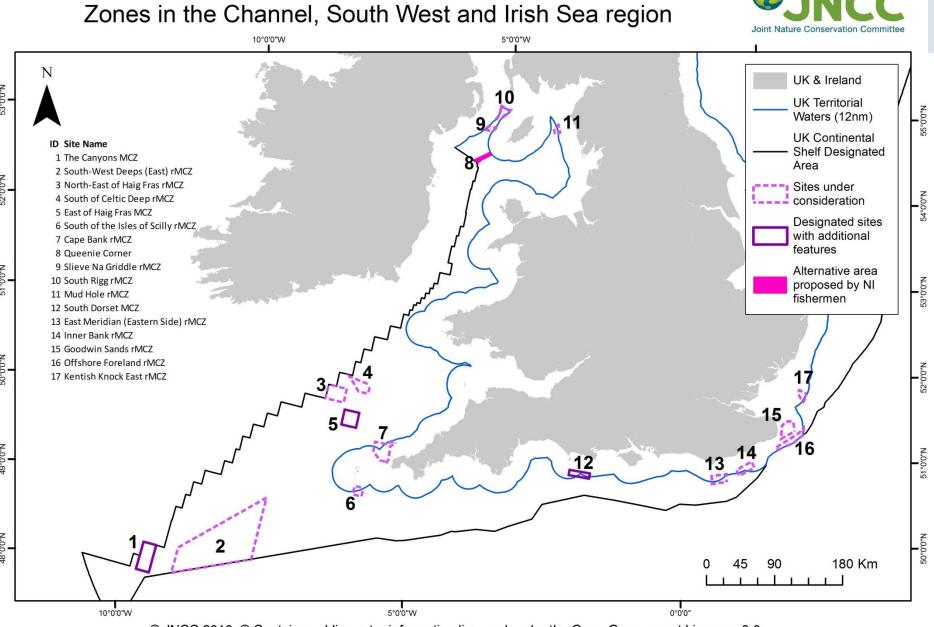
- MCZs are areas that protect a range of nationally important, rare and threatened habitats and species.
- There are currently 50 MCZs in waters around England which were designated in two phases after a process closely involving stakeholders.
- A third phase is now being commenced with the aim to complete the UK Blue Belt and our contribution to an ecologically coherent network in the North East Atlantic.



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Proposals for future MCZs – Regional Projects

 The UK will complete its Blue Belt and make a full contribution to its international obligations for a MPA network. It is considering the following areas identified by the Regional MCZ Projects as possible future MCZs in the NWW region:



Sites under consideration as possible future Marine Conservation

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Proposals for future MCZs – New sites

- Sites for the third tranche will be largely selected from the Regional MCZ Project recommendations.
- If there are gaps identified within the network that cannot be addressed by any of the remaining recommendations then the UK will be developing alternative options.
- New sites are therefore currently being considered by JNCC and Natural England.
- Engagement around these sites will commence shortly.

Additional features

- To help complete the network, the UK will be adding gap filling features to Tranche 1 and 2 sites.
- Sites where additional features are being considered are:
 - South Dorset MCZ
 - The Canyons MCZ
 - East of Haig Fras MCZ

Tranche 3 – Selection

What are we considering for the selection of sites to complete the UK's Blue Belt:



- The completeness of our current network
- Ecological importance
- Evidence
- Social and economic considerations

MCZ Tranche 3 - Process

- The Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) are reviewing progress of the current network to fill any shortfalls
- JNCC and Natural England (NE) are reviewing the evidence for features on remaining rMCZs to fill shortfalls
- Defra are engaging with stakeholders to review socio-economic information and, together with JNCC and NE, discuss future general management approaches for sites

Aims of stakeholder meetings

- The completion of the UK's Blue Belt is a Government Manifesto commitment
- We would like to submit the best options for sites to the Minister for designation, and stakeholder input will help with this aim
- We would be grateful for any additional information about activities and how site designation would affect stakeholders

Extra information needed

- Are the activities identified during the Regional MCZ Project still occurring within the site?
- Are there any additional activities occurring within this site that have not been captured?
- Do you have any new information on cost to industry (which hasn't been included in the RP or T1 or T2 assessments)?
- Non UK fishing stakeholders can you provide landings data / additional information regarding use of sites?

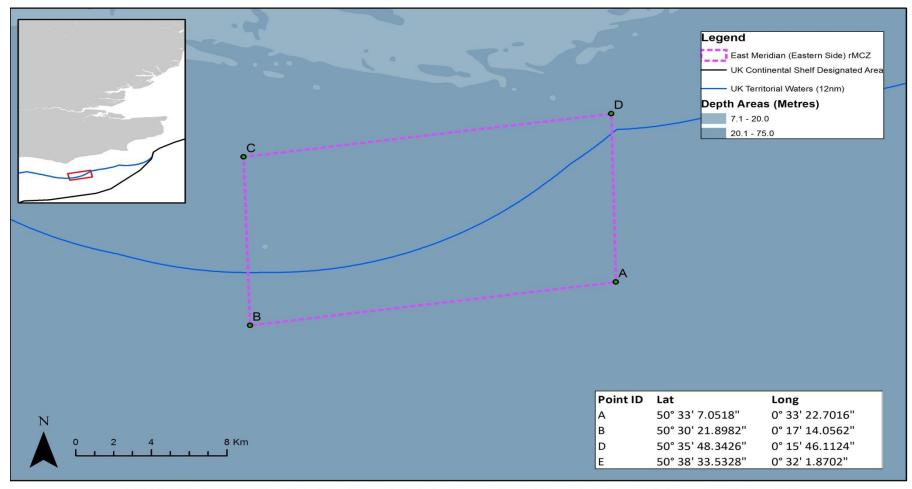
Next steps

- We would be grateful for:
- Up to date landings values and tonnages, and
- any other information/evidence to be considered.
- A landings data call has been made
- If possible, please submit any further information by 31 October 2016 to
- mcz@defra.gsi.gov.uk
- The third tranche of MCZs will be officially consulted on in 2017, and any designations will be made in 2018

East Meridian (Eastern Side) rMCZ

East Meridian (Eastern Side) rMCZ boundary map





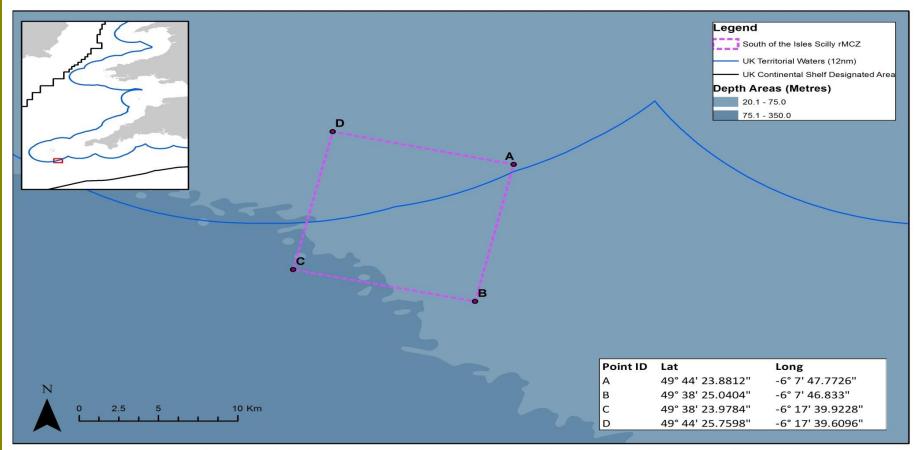
East Meridian (Eastern Side) rMCZ -**Fishing Activity**

| Fisheries | Known activity |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Scallop dredging | UK, Dutch, Belgian and French |
| Beam trawling | UK, Dutch, Belgian and French |
| Set netting | UK |
| Bottom trawling | UK |
| Hooks and Lines | UK |
| Pots and Traps | UK |

South of the Isles of Scilly rMCZ

South of the Isles of Scilly rMCZ boundary map





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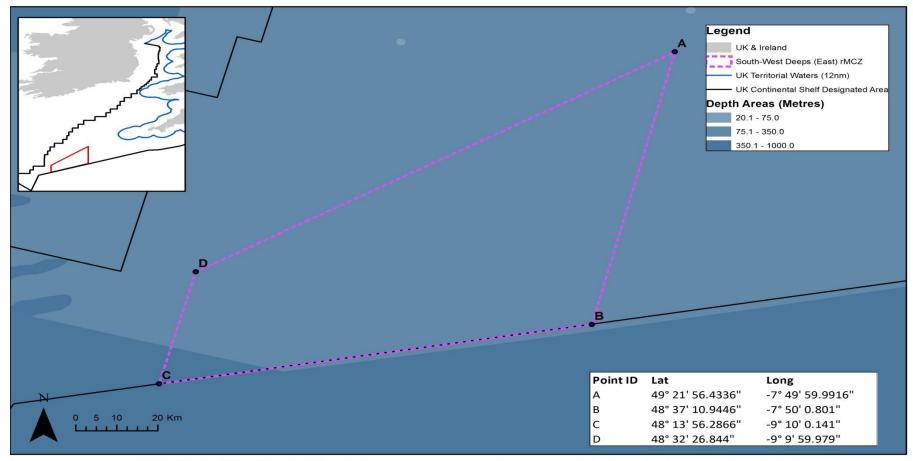
South of the Isles of Scilly rMCZ – Fishing Activity

| Fisheries | Known Activity |
|------------------|----------------|
| Beam trawls | UK, non-UK |
| Otter trawls | UK, non-UK |
| Dredges | UK |
| Mid-water trawls | Non-UK |

South-West Deeps (East) rMCZ

South-West Deeps (East) rMCZ boundary map





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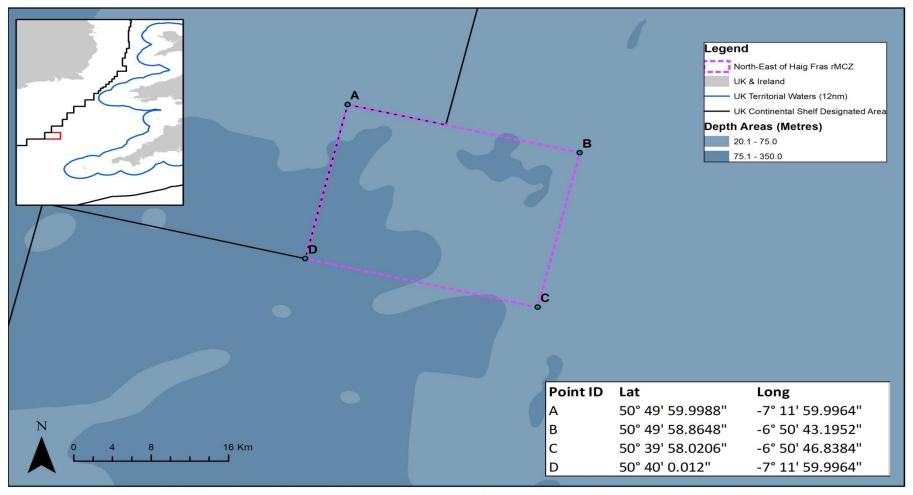
South-West Deeps (East) rMCZ – Fishing **Activity**

| Fisheries | Known activity |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Beam trawls | UK, non-UK |
| Otter trawls | UK, FR |
| Dredges | UK, non-UK |
| Longlining | UK, SP |
| Netting | UK, non-UK |
| Mid-water trawling | UK, non-UK |

North East of Haig Fras rMCZ

North-East of Haig Fras rMCZ boundary map





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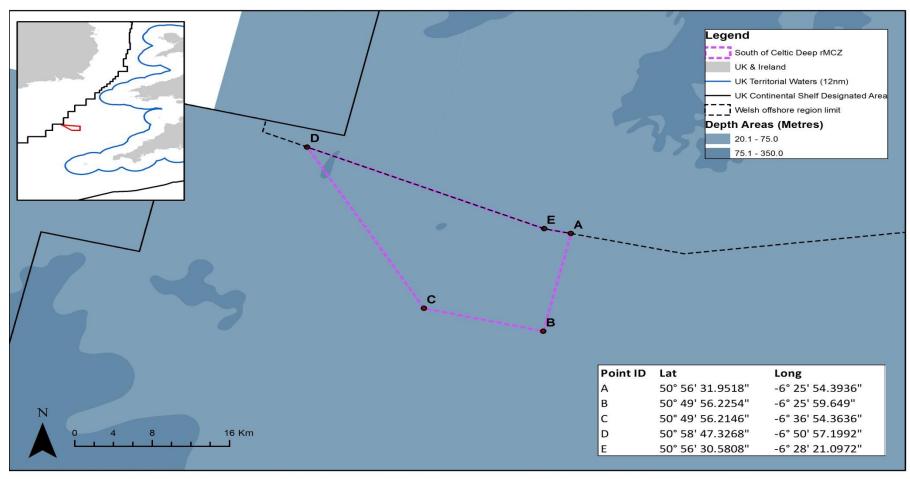
North East of Haig Fras rMCZ – Fishing Activity

| Fisheries | Known activity |
|------------------|----------------|
| Otter trawls | FR, UK |
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| Beam trawls | UK, BE |
| Netting | UK |
| Mid-water trawls | Non-UK |

South of Celtic Deep rMCZ

South of Celtic Deep rMCZ boundary map





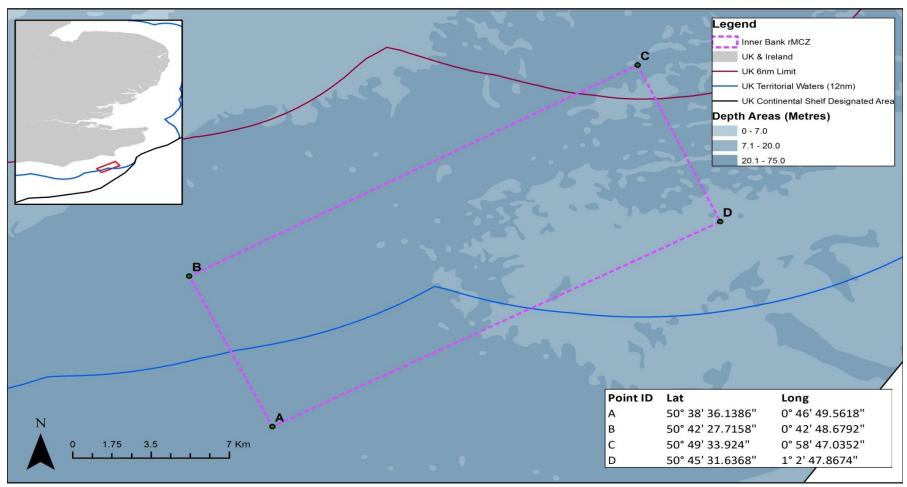
South of Celtic Deep rMCZ – Fishing **Activity**

| Fisheries | Known activity |
|------------------|----------------|
| Otter trawls | UK, FR, IRE |
| Beam trawling | UK, BE |
| Mid-water trawls | Non-UK |

Inner Bank rMCZ

Inner Bank rMCZ boundary map

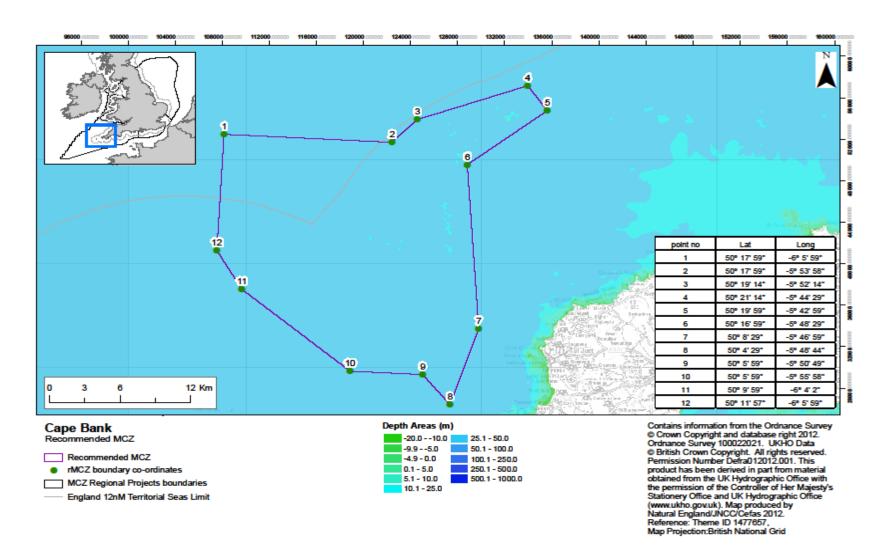




Inner Bank rMCZ – Fishing Activity

| Fisheries | Known activity |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Bottom trawls/dredges | UK, non-UK |
| Dredges | UK |
| Hooks and Lines | UK |
| Nets | UK |
| Pots and Traps | UK |

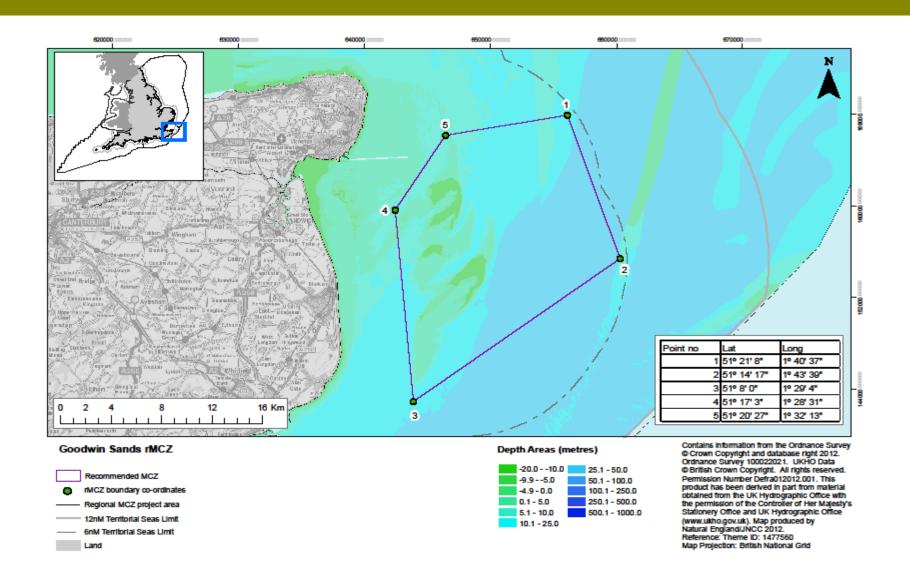
Cape Bank rMCZ



Cape Bank rMCZ – Fishing Activity

| Fisheries | Known activity |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Nets | UK |
| Potting/Trapping | UK |
| Hooks and Lines | UK |
| Bottom trawl (beam and otter) | FR, BE, UK |
| Mid-water trawls | Non-UK |

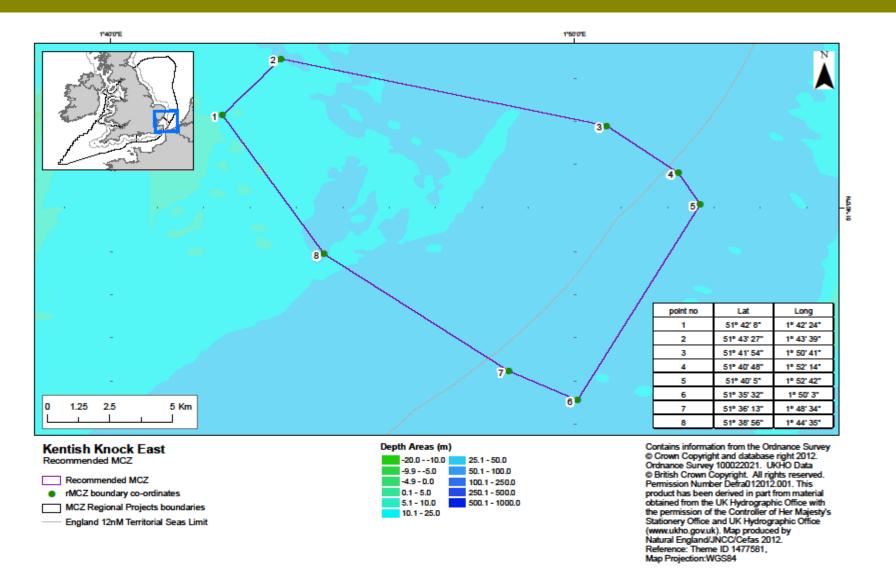
Goodwin Sands rMCZ



Goodwin Sands rMCZ – Fishing Activity

| Fisheries | Known activity |
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| Static and drift | UK |
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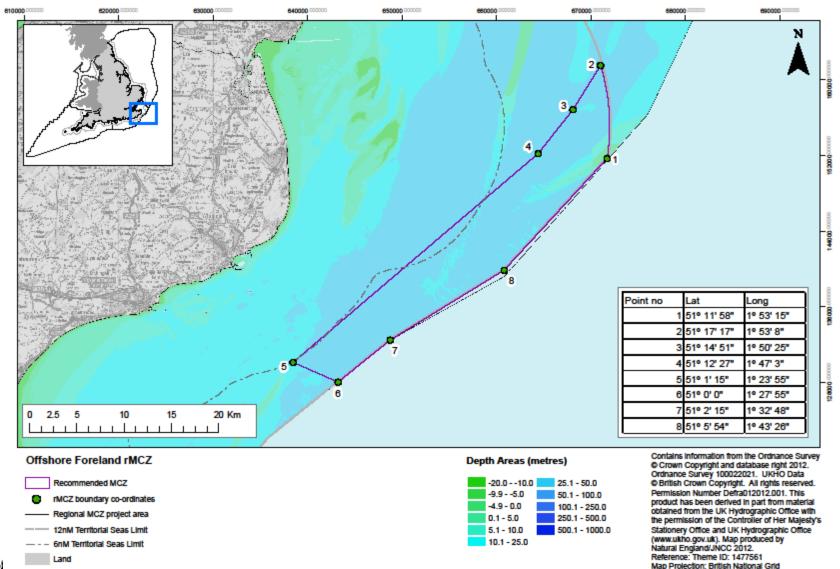
Kentish Knock East rMCZ



Kentish Knock East rMCZ – Fishing Activity

| Fisheries | Known activity |
|---------------|----------------|
| Bottom trawls | UK, non-UK |
| Long lines | UK |
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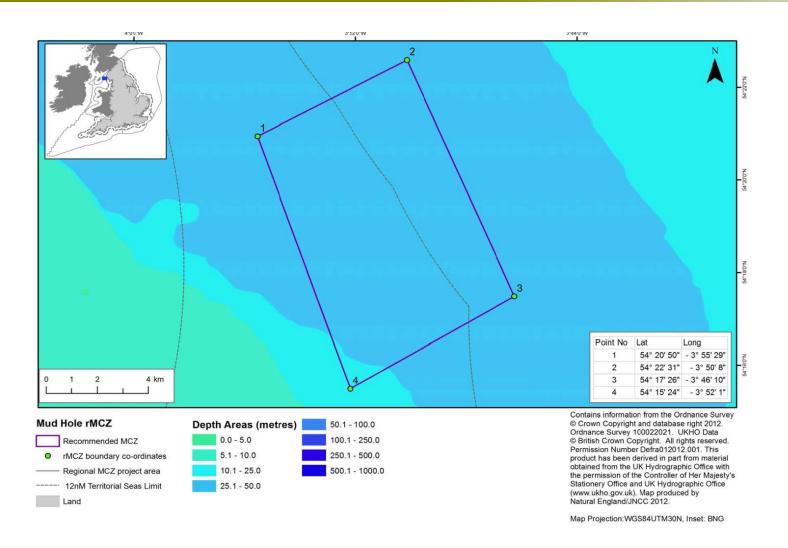
Offshore Foreland rMCZ



Offshore Foreland rMCZ – Fishing **Activity**

| Fisheries | Known activity |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Bottom trawls | UK, non-UK |
| Dredges | UK |
| Hooks and Lines | UK |
| Nets | UK |
| Pots and Traps | UK |

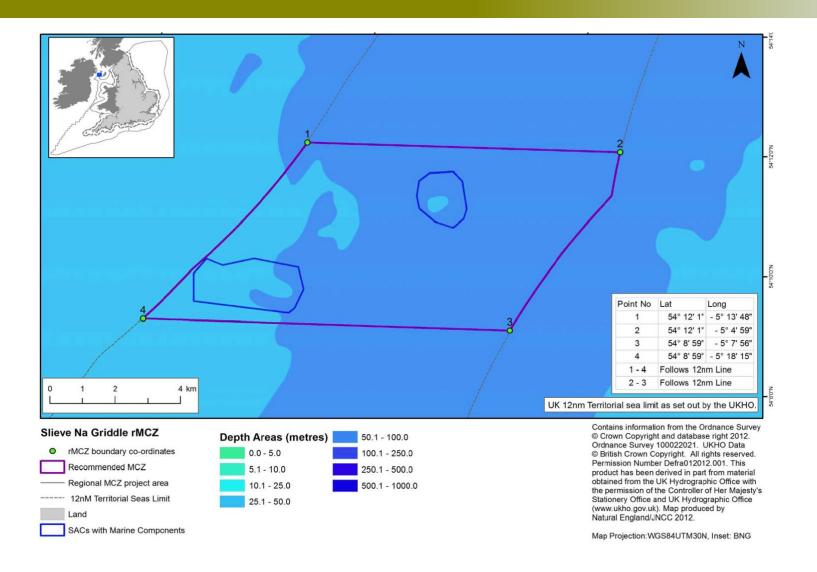
Mud Hole rMCZ



Mud Hole rMCZ – Fishing Activity

| Fisheries | Known activity |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Dredges | UK |
| Bottom trawls | UK |
| Mid-water gear | UK |
| Pots and Traps | UK |
| Hooks, lines and nets | UK |
| Beam trawling | BE |
| Otter trawling | IRE |

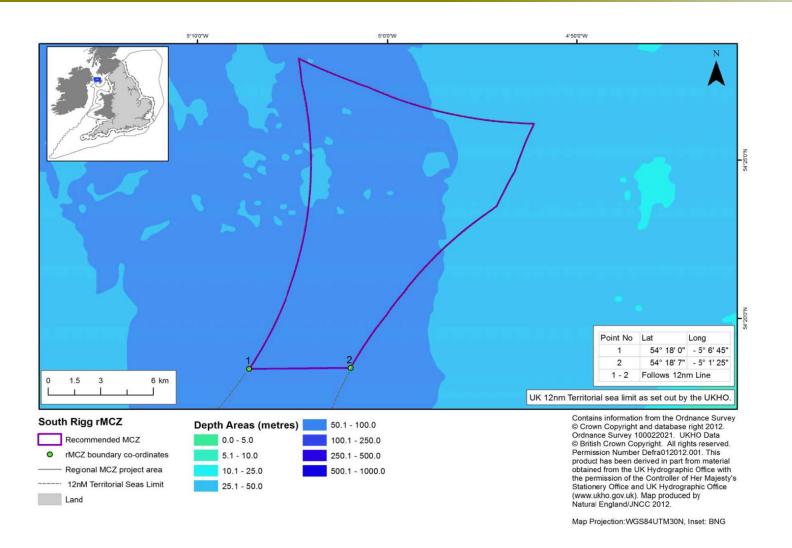
Slieve Na Griddle rMCZ



Slieve Na Griddle rMCZ – fishing activity

| Fisheries | Known activity |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Bottom trawlers | UK |
| Mid-water trawls | UK |
| Pots and Traps | UK |
| Hooks, Lines and Nets | UK |
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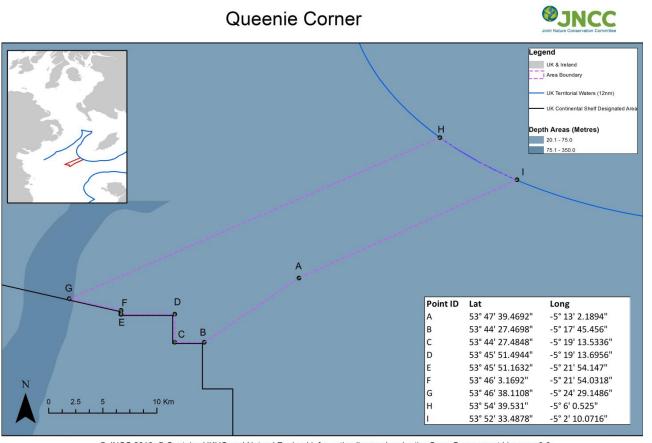
South Rigg rMCZ



South Rigg rMCZ – fishing activity

| Fisheries | Known activity |
|------------------|----------------|
| Dredges | UK |
| Bottom Trawls | UK |
| Mid-water Trawls | UK |
| Hooks and Lines | UK |
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Queenie Corner



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Queenie Corner – fishing activity

| Fisheries | Known activity |
|------------------|----------------|
| Dredges | UK |
| Bottom Trawls | UK, non-UK |
| Mid-water Trawls | UK, non-UK |
| Hooks and Lines | UK |