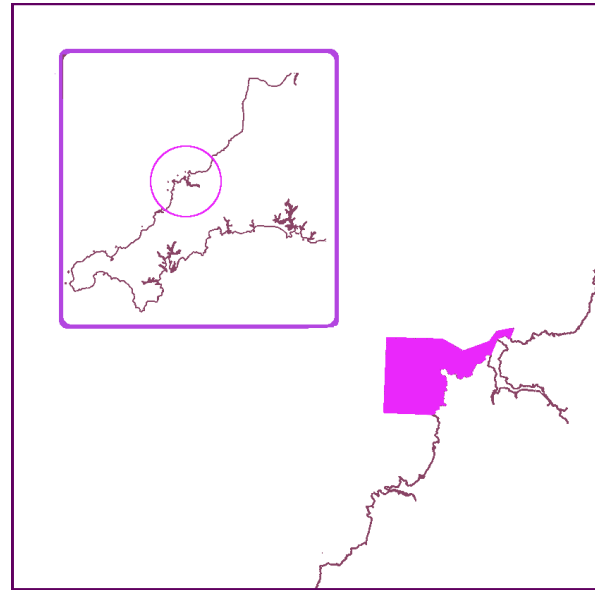


Padstow Bay and Surrounds MCZ (Marine Conservation Zone)

Point	Lat	Long
A	50° 29.861' N	5° 02.802' W
B	50° 29.861' N	5° 07.980' W
C	50° 34.999' N	5° 07.998' W
D	50° 35.057' N	5° 02.011' W
E	50° 34.352' N	4° 59.841' W
F	50° 34.322' N	4° 59.747' W
G	50° 34.303' N	4° 59.689' W
H	50° 35.029' N	4° 56.918' W
I	50° 35.743' N	4° 56.176' W
J	50° 36.010' N	4° 54.354' W
K	50° 35.289' N	4° 54.752' W
L	50° 35.202' N	4° 56.123' W
M	50° 34.150' N	4° 56.714' W



Padstow Bay and Surrounds MCZ is an inshore site on the north Cornish coast. The boundary extends from Park Head near Trenance, to Com Head, just east of Pentire Point and The Rumps and includes the small islands of Quies, The Bull and The Mouls.

This MCZ covers a range of seabed types from intertidal habitats found on the shoreline to circalittoral habitats at depths of up to 50 metres.

This stretch of coastline is characterised by exposed cliffs, rocky shores and sandy wave-exposed bays. The small off-shore islands provide nesting habitats for several species of seabird and are haul out sites for Grey seal. The sandy shores provide a habitat for creatures such as polychaete worms which are found buried within the sediments and sand-hoppers which inhabit strandlines high on the shore.

The flat rocky reefs are among the most extensive in north Cornwall. They support rich communities of animals and seaweeds, with rockpools, overhangs and crevices providing refuges from the strong waves and tidal currents. The brown seaweed *Bifurcaria bifurcata* is found growing on open rock. This is unusual as this species predominantly occurs in rockpools.

Further out, where reduced sunlight limits the growth of seaweeds, the rocks are dominated by animals such as sea squirts, pink sea-fans and spiny starfish. The spiny lobster *Palinurus elephas* has also been recorded in subtidal rocky areas within this site.

Feature	General management approach
Intertidal coarse sediment	Maintain in favourable condition
Intertidal sand and muddy sand	Maintain in favourable condition
Moderate energy intertidal rock	Maintain in favourable condition
Moderate energy infralittoral rock	Maintain in favourable condition
High energy intertidal rock	Maintain in favourable condition
High energy infralittoral rock	Maintain in favourable condition
High energy circalittoral rock	Maintain in favourable condition
Pink sea-fan (<i>Eunicella verrucosa</i>)	Maintain in favourable condition
Spiny lobster (<i>Palinurus elephas</i>)	Recover to favourable condition

Reference: Padstow Bay and Surrounds MCZ Factsheet <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5663997181296640?category=1721481>