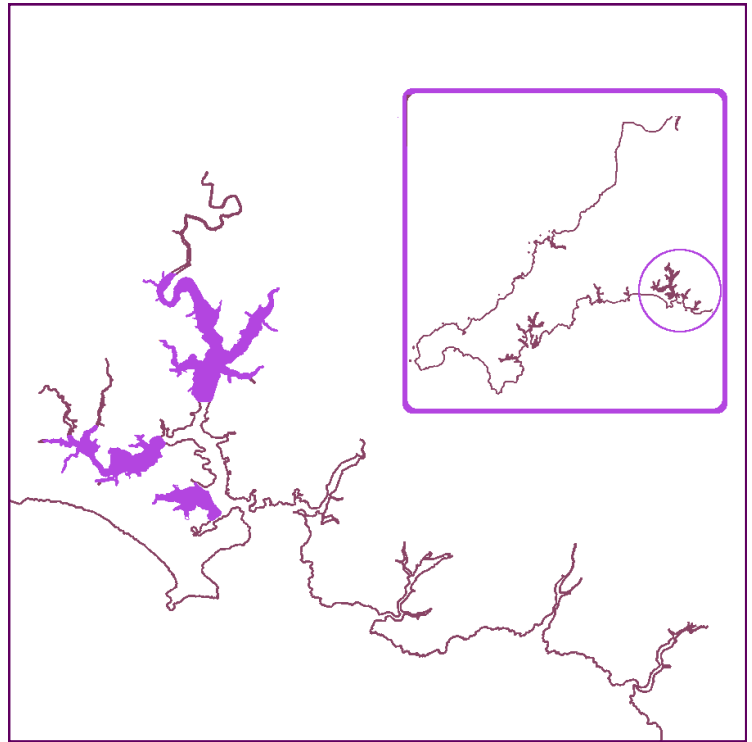


Tamar Estuaries Complex SPA (Special Protection Area)

The Tamar Estuaries Complex SPA is composed of extensive intertidal mudflat communities, areas of mixed muddy sediment communities and saltmarsh communities.

These habitats provide important feeding and roosting areas for over wintering avocet and little egret. The mudflats support high densities and variety of invertebrates, a vital food source for birds.

In addition to the designated features the SPA is of importance within Britain and the EU for a range of wildfowl and wader species with peak mean numbers at designation of more than 11,000 overwintering waterfowl. The site is of particular importance for shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*), whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*), greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*) and Mediterranean gull (*Ichthyaetus melanocephalus*). Other notable species supported by the site include dunlin (*Calidris alpina*), curlew (*Numenius arquata*), black-tailed godwit (*Limosa limosa*) and redshank (*Tringa totanus*).



Tamar Estuaries Complex SPA falls within the jurisdiction of both Cornwall IFCA and Devon and Severn IFCA.

Devon and Severn IFCA: <http://www.devonandsevernifca.gov.uk/>

For full site information please visit the link below.

<http://www.jncc.defra.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=2033>

Relevant Cornwall IFCA Byelaws: [Closed area \(European Marine Sites\) No.2](#)

Qualifying features
Avocet (<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>), Non-breeding
Little egret (<i>Egretta garzetta</i>), Non-breeding