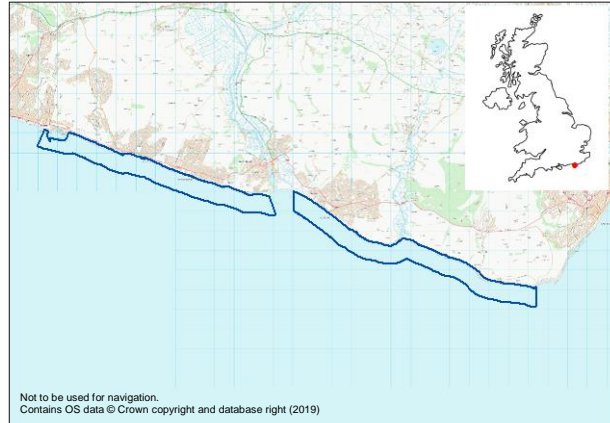


Beachy Head West MCZ

Description:

Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) comprises two spatially separate sites in the south-east of England. They run parallel to the East Sussex coastline extending from the Brighton to the Beachy Head Cliffs near Eastbourne and protects a total area of approximately 24 km². The MCZ partially overlap with the Seven Sisters voluntary marine conservation area. These sites contain some of the best examples of chalk habitat in the south east region. The sites are known to support the rare short-snouted seahorse.



Qualifying Features:

Beachy Head West MCZ hosts extensive intertidal wave cut chalk platforms and subtidal chalk ridges, which are among the best examples of marine chalk habitat in the south-east, supporting abundant wildlife, including threatened species such as blue mussel beds and native oysters. The site also contains rare short-snouted seahorses and is known to be a key nursery and spawning ground for several fish species.

Management:

- [Local byelaws](#) at Pevensey Bay, Normans Bay and Bexhill provide specific launch sites for watercraft, sailboats and motorboats and separation zones between these and swimmers.

Stakeholder Concerns:

Whilst low level and non-commercial in nature, bait collection is unsupervised and involves digging into the area and/or removing wildlife from its habitats, possibly causing an consequent imbalance in the local habitats.

MPA: Beachy Head West MCZ				No. Stakeholders: 1 online			
Activity	Frequency	Duration	Participation	Intensity	Confidence	MPA Extent	Trend
Board sports	0	0	0	0	?	0	?
Geophysical surveys	1	3	1	3	H	2	➔
Motor boating	4	1	1	4	M	2	?
Jetskis	4	2	2	16	M	1	⬆
Paddle sports	3	2	1	6	M	1	⬆
Parascending	0	0	0	0	M	0	?
Sailing (non-motorised)	3	3	2	18	M	2	?
SCUBA diving	?	?	?	?	L	?	?
Swimming / Snorkelling	3	3	5	45	M	2	➔
Towed water sports	1	1	1	1	M	2	?
Wildlife watching from the sea	0	0	0	0	?	0	?
Bait collection	4	1	2	8	M	1	➔
Beach recreation	4	4	6	96	H	1	⬆
Coasteering	0	0	0	0	?	0	?
Land boarding	0	0	0	0	?	0	?
Motorsports (quad bikes, motorbikes)	0	0	0	0	?	0	?
Vehicle access (cars on foreshore)	4	3	4	48	H	1	⬆
Wildlife watching from the land	?	?	?	?	L	?	?
Drone use	1	1	1	1	M	1	⬆
Gliding (unpowered)	0	0	0	0	?	0	?
Aircraft (powered)	0	0	0	0	?	0	?

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FREQUENCY	DURATION	PARTICIPATION	INTENSITY	CONFIDENCE	EXTENT	TREND
4 Regular/daily	4 >8 hours	6 >100	45-96 High	H High	2 Whole MPA (solid)	⬆ Increase
3 Regular/weekends	3 4-8 hours	5 51-100	24-40 Med-high	M Medium	1 Part of MPA (shaded)	➔ Stay the same
2 Seasonally	2 2-4 hours	4 21-50	9-20 Low-med	L Low	0 Does not occur	⬆ Decrease
1 Sporadically	1 <2 hours	3 11-20	1-8 Low	? Data missing	? Data missing	? Data missing
0 Does not occur	0 Does not occur	2 6-10	0 Does not occur			
? Data missing	? Data missing	1 1-5	? Data missing			
		0 Does not occur				
		? Data missing				