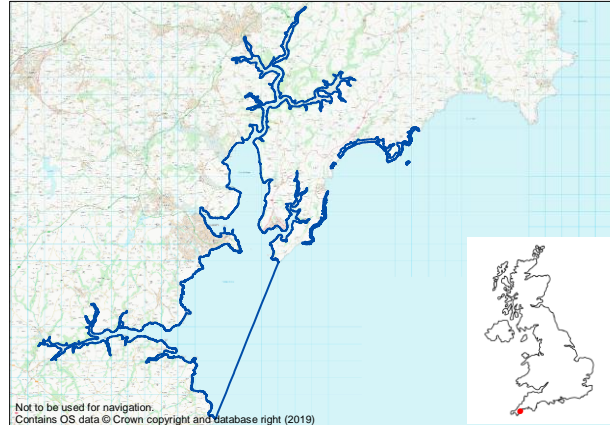


# Fal and Helford SAC

## Description:

The Fal and Helford Special Area of Conservation (SAC) is a 64 km<sup>2</sup> site located on the southern coastline of west Cornwall. The seaward boundary of the site is defined by a line that runs between Zone Point in the northeast of the site and Manacle Point in the southwest.



## Qualifying Features:

The Fal and Helford SAC hosts the following habitats: sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time; mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide; large shallow inlets and bays; Atlantic salt meadows (*Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae*); and estuaries and reefs. The site also supports shore dock (*Rumex rupestris*).

## Management:

- Bait collection voluntary [code of conduct](#).

## Stakeholder Concerns:

None reported.



Marine  
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# Non-licensable activities which occur in and around the Fal and Helford SAC

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## Water based activities

- Board sports
- Motor boating
- Jetskis
- Paddle sports
- Sailing
- SCUBA diving
- Swimming / Snorkelling
- Towed water sports
- Wildlife watching from the sea

## Land based activities

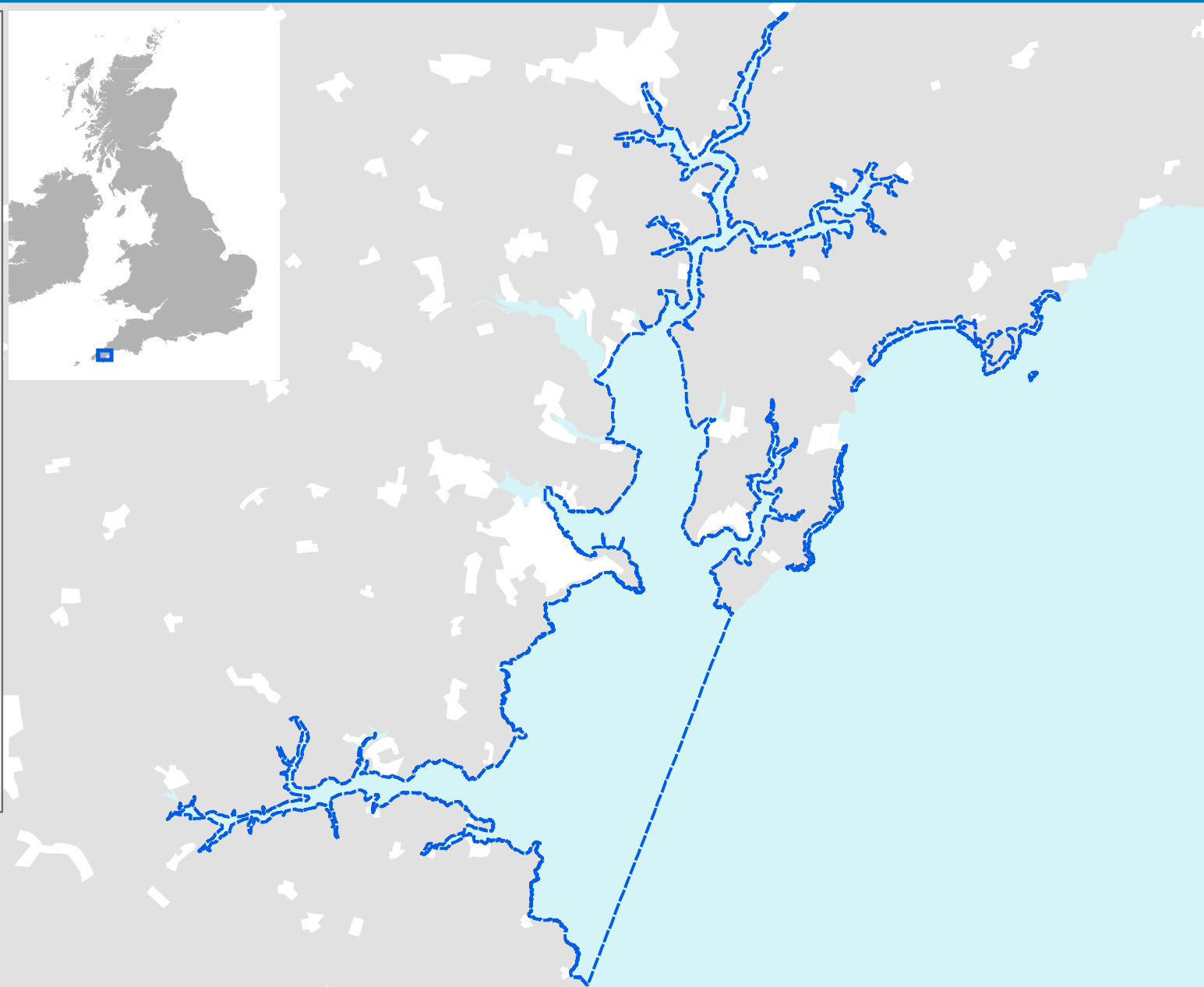
- Beach recreation
- Coasteering
- Wildlife watching from the land

## Aerial activities

- Drone use

## Supplementary data



- SCUBA diving sites (Seasearch)
- General boating areas (RYA)
- MPA boundary



## Marine Protected Area Designated Features - Marine SAC and Subfeatures






### SAC Complex features (Polygons)

#### SAC\_SFCODE

-  Estuaries (H1130)
-  Large shallow inlets and bays (H1160)







### Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide (H1140) polygons

#### SAC\_SFCODE

-  Intertidal coarse sediment (A2.1)
-  Intertidal sand and muddy sand (A2.2)
-  Intertidal mud (A2.3)
-  Intertidal mixed sediments (A2.4)
-  Intertidal seagrass beds (A2.61)








### Sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time (H1110) polygons

#### SAC\_SFCODE

-  Subtidal coarse sediment (A5.1)
-  Subtidal sand (A5.2)
-  Subtidal mud (A5.3)
-  Subtidal mixed sediment (A5.4)
-  Maerl beds (A5.51)
-  Subtidal seagrass beds (A5.53)








### Reefs (H1170) points

#### SAC\_SFCODE

-  Intertidal rock (A1)
-  Intertidal biogenic reefs: (*Sabellaria alveolata*) (A2.71)
-  Intertidal biogenic reefs: mussel beds (SF\_SH\_5)
-  Infralittoral rock (A3)
-  Circalittoral rock (A4)
-  Subtidal biogenic reefs: (*Sabellaria spp.*) (A5.61)
-  Subtidal biogenic reefs: mussel beds (SF\_SH\_6)

### Reefs (H1170) polygons

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#### SAC\_SFCODE

-  Sea Caves (H8330)

#### SAC\_SFCODE

-  Saltmarsh (A2.5)