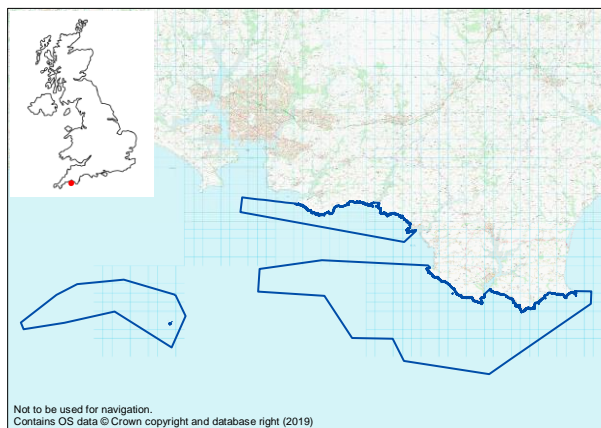


Start Point to Plymouth Sound & Eddystone SAC

Description:

The Start Point to Plymouth Sound and Eddystone Special Area of Conservation (SAC) is a 340 km² site lying off the south coast of England, off the counties of Devon and Cornwall. The site boundary extends across three separate geographical areas where reef is present: The Eddystone reefs; Plymouth Sound to Bigbury Bay reefs; and West Rutts to Start Point reefs. The reefs support a wide variety of plant and animal communities commonly showing excellent examples of zonation, from deep circalittoral to the shallow infralittoral.



Qualifying Features:

Start Point to Plymouth Sound & Eddystone SAC hosts reef habitats.

Management:

- South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty [Estuaries Management Plan](#).

Stakeholder Concerns:

The key activities highlighted as potentially having the greatest effect on the designated feature were jetskis and towed water sports. At the workshop, stakeholders raised potential conflicts between water skiing and SCUBA divers in Starehole Bay.

MPA: Start Point to Plymouth Sound & Eddystone SAC				No. Stakeholders: 1 online & 3 workshop			
Activity	Frequency	Duration	Participation	Intensity	Confidence	MPA Extent	Trend
Board sports	2	3	3	18	H	1	↑
Geophysical surveys	1	4	1	4	M	2	?
Motor boating	4	2	3	24	H	2	→
Jetskis	1	1	2	2	H	2	→
Paddle sports	3	2	4	24	H	2	↑
Parascending	0	0	0	0	M	0	?
Sailing (non-motorised)	3	3	5	45	H	2	→
SCUBA diving	2	1	3	6	H	1	→
Swimming / Snorkelling	3	1	6	18	M	1	→
Towed water sports	2	1	2	4	H	1	→
Wildlife watching from the sea	3	2	1	6	H	1	→
Bait collection	1	1	1	1	L	1	→
Beach recreation	3	2	6	36	H	1	→
Coasteering	2	2	3	12	H	1	→
Land boarding	0	0	0	0	H	0	→
Motorsports (quad bikes, motorbikes)	0	0	0	0	H	0	→
Vehicle access (cars on foreshore)	3	1	3	9	H	1	→
Wildlife watching from the land	3	1	3	9	H	1	→
Drone use	1	1	1	1	H	1	↑
Gliding (unpowered)	1	2	2	4	M	1	?
Aircraft (powered)	3	2	1	6	H	1	→

KEY

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			
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		0 Does not occur				
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Marine
Management
Organisation

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Water based activities

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

Land based activities

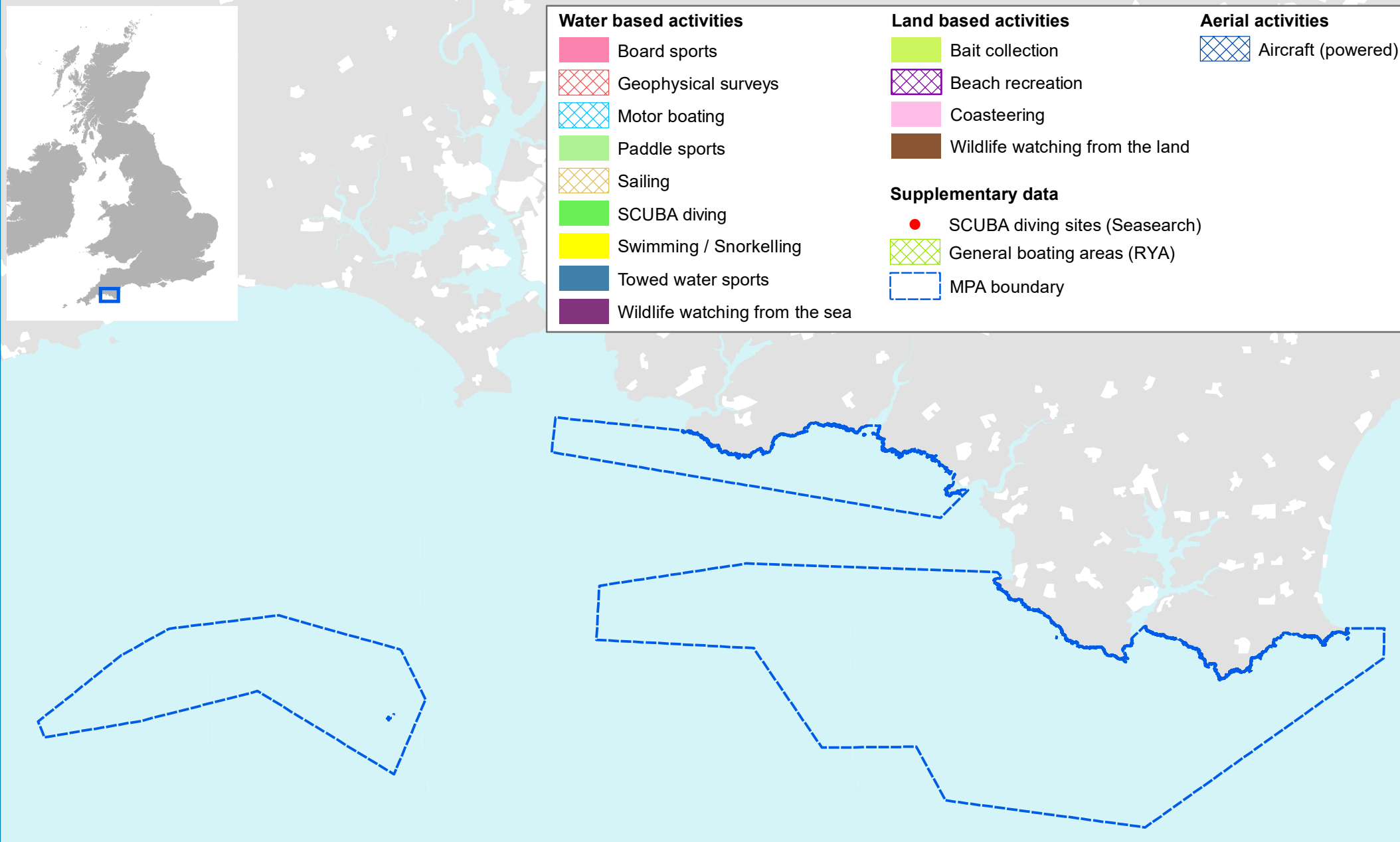
- Bait collection
- Beach recreation
- Coasteering
- Wildlife watching from the land

Aerial activities

- Aircraft (powered)

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

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-  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)