

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Medway Estuary MCZ

Feature Maps

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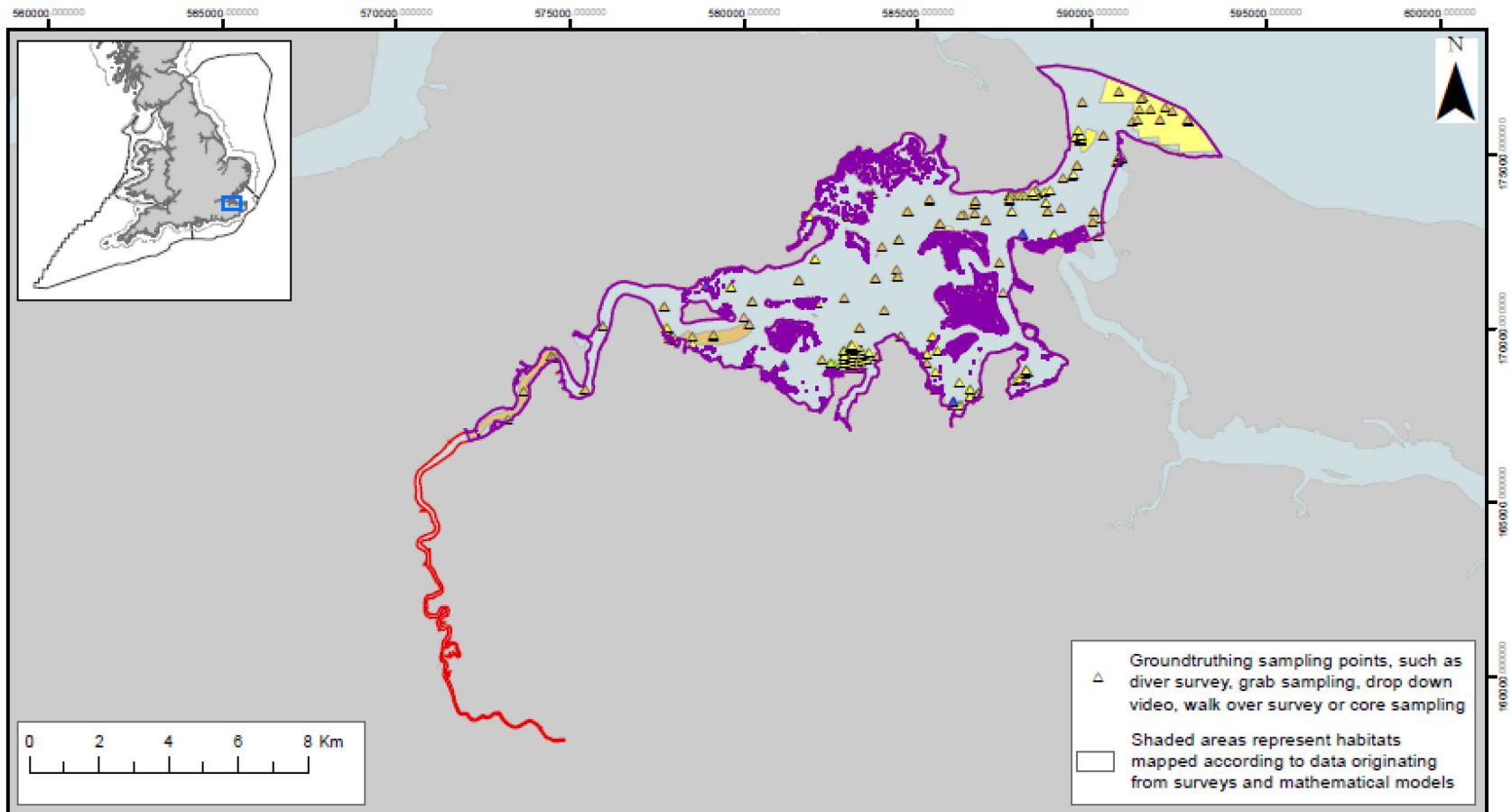
The following maps show where the features protected by this Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) are located.

There are two separate maps, to make it easier to see the locations of features. One map shows the broad-scale habitats, and the second shows features of conservation importance. Broad scale habitats represent habitats, and associated species that live on and in the habitat. Features of conservation importance are specific habitats and species that are known to be rare, threatened or declining in our seas.

A range of different types of surveys have been used to create these maps. The symbols on the map show where a sample has been taken, or where a feature has been recorded in a specific location. For many features, there is also shading to show the extent of the area in which the feature is found. For the broad scale habitat maps, this is created from survey data and using mathematical models. On the FOCI maps, the extent is only shown where a survey has confirmed that the feature exists in this whole area. More detailed information on the techniques used and the features themselves can be found here:

<http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5703660445368320>

Mapped data on features correct at the time of publishing, for the most up to date feature data please consult the MAGIC website (<https://magic.defra.gov.uk/>).



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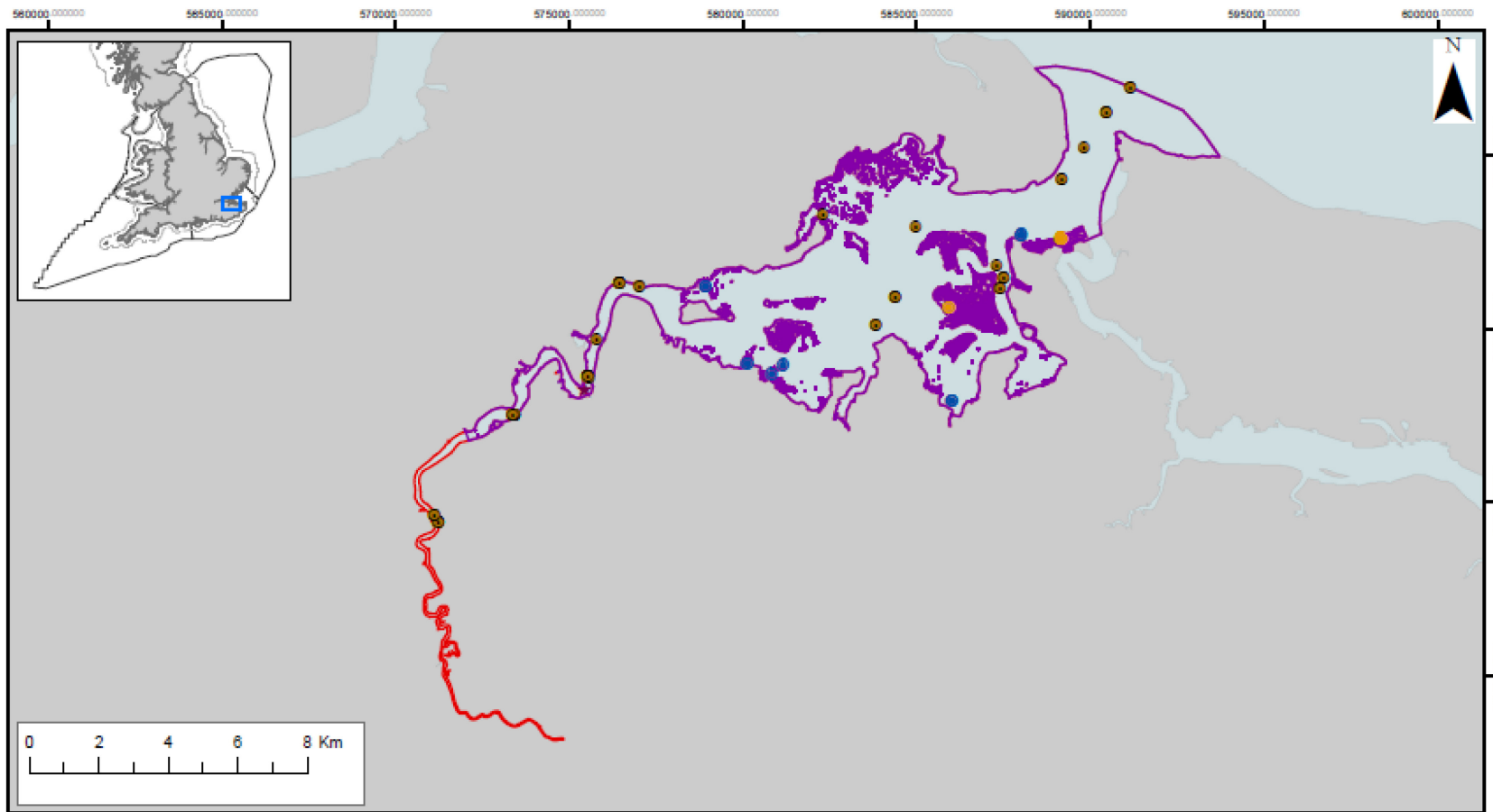
Broad Scale Habitats

- 2019 Marine Conservation Zone Extension
- 2013 Marine Conservation Zone
- Regional MCZ Project Area
- 12nM Territorial Seas Limit
- Sea
- Land

Features designated in 2013

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| Low energy intertidal rock (A1.3) | Subtidal coarse sediment (A5.1) |
| Intertidal sand and muddy sand (A2.2) | Subtidal sand (A5.2) |
| Intertidal mixed sediments (A2.4) | Subtidal mud (A5.3) |

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Features of Conservation Importance

- 2019 Marine Conservation Zone Extension
- 2013 Marine Conservation Zone
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- Sea
- Land

Features designated in 2013

- Estuarine rocky habitats
- Peat and clay exposures
- ★ Tentacled lagoon-worm (*Alkmaria romijini*)

Features designated in 2019

- Smelt (*Osmerus eperlanus*)

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