

MPA Site-Specific Work May – November 2025

Bristol Channel Approaches SAC

- Conducting HRAs for fishing interactions with harbour porpoise: bycatch, disturbance & prey removal
- IVMS & landings data, stakeholder engagement allow data-driven approach
- Strong cross-regulator engagement: attendance at MMO workshops & management option discussions



Severn Estuary SAC & SPA

- Input to ASERA including update of Action Plans and Management Scheme
- Steering group for 'Future Proofing the Severn' cross-border group
- Responded to consultation on Screening Methodology for Severn tidal power



Lundy MPA

- Continued engagement through Lundy Advisory and Management Groups
- Reviewed and updated Lundy MPA website pages



Exe Estuary SPA

- Published shellfish stock assessments
- Co-developed 'Invasive to Native' project with industry to investigate sustainable management of wild Pacific oysters in line with conservation objectives of SPA and other sites; seeking FaSS co-funding
- Continued engagement with Exe Estuary Management Partnership



Taw Torridge Estuary SSSI

- Completed mussel and cockle stock surveys
- Planned advanced drone survey to map mussel beds



Dart Estuary MCZ

- Provided Pacific oyster information to Duchy of Cornwall to support evidence-led management decisions, including timeline of key events & legislation to support previous [literature review](#) of Pacific oyster impacts and benefits
- Reviewed Natural England Condition Assessment; [evidence summary available here](#)



Torbay MCZ

- Reviewed evidence & MCZ assessments for potting on seagrass, and prepared papers to inform management discussions at Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee meetings, followed by further literature review
- Engaging with fishers to review management option feasibility and planned meeting to co-develop voluntary code of conduct to protect MCZ
- Reviewed Monitoring and Control Plan for towed gear

