

MCZ – Poole Rocks (FS14)

Couch's goby – Gobius couchi

Natural England

Presence – Moderate Extent – Moderate

Data Sources:

- Seasearch (point data, number of points is not provided)
- Marine Recorder data, LRC (point data, number of points is not provided)

Comments – 2 data points less than 6 years old collected by a specialist.

MB0116

Presence – Low Extent – Low

Data Sources:

- Finding Sanctuary regional project data from Dorset SeaSearch (1 point)
- Seasearch data points (1 point)
- Marine Recorder data from MarLIN (1 point)

Comments - After removal of duplicate data; only one data point from 2009 exists.

Possible reason for difference

It would appear that NE and MB0116 have had access to very similar datasets, however, the differences in score could be accounted for in terms of what was considered to be duplicate data. MB0116 considered some of the data available to be a duplication and as such have only counted the data as a single point resulting in a Low score.

Without knowing exactly how NE used the available data it is not possible to determine whether a different methodology was also applied.