

Ribble Estuary (RMCZ17) Evidence Review

Region	Irish Sea Conservation Zones	
Site Name/number	Ribble Estuary rMCZ ISCZ17	
ENG Features present and proposed for inclusion within MCZ designation	BSH	-
	Habitat FOCI	-
	Species FOCI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Osmerus eperlanus</i> • <i>Anguilla anguilla</i>.
ENG Features present but not proposed for inclusion within MCZ designation	BSH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intertidal sand and muddy sand • Intertidal mud • Coastal saltmarshes and saline reedbeds • Subtidal sand • Subtidal mud • Subtidal mixed sediments.
	Habitat FOCI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Mussel beds (including intertidal beds on mixed and sandy sediments) • Sheltered muddy gravels • Subtidal sands and gravels.
	Species FOCI	
Non-ENG Features (Geological/geomorphological)		-

Evidence Summary – data provided by Regional MCZ Projects

Feature	Evidence Summary	Key Sources
<i>Osmerus eperlanus</i>	Five survey datapoints originating from Environment Agency Fish sampling points in rivers and estuaries in the North West region.	Regional Projects IS
<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	Five survey datapoints originating from Environment Agency Fish sampling points in rivers and estuaries in the North West region.	Regional Projects IS

Description of New Evidence Identified by MB0116 projects

Evidence Description	Source	Feature
EA_Fisheries_marine Fish Nursery Function in the Ribble Estuary.doc Smelt recorded at the following sites in the Ribble estuary: Seven and a half mile post (SD3865526236) and Douglas estuary (SD4563323084).	Ribble WFD Estuary Fish Sites 2000-2009, Environment Agency	<i>Osmerus eperlanus</i>
EA_smelt_eel_tracwater_MCZ	Environment Agency	<i>Osmerus eperlanus</i> <i>Anguilla anguilla</i>

Evidence That Could Not Be Acquired by MB0116 projects

No new evidence found.