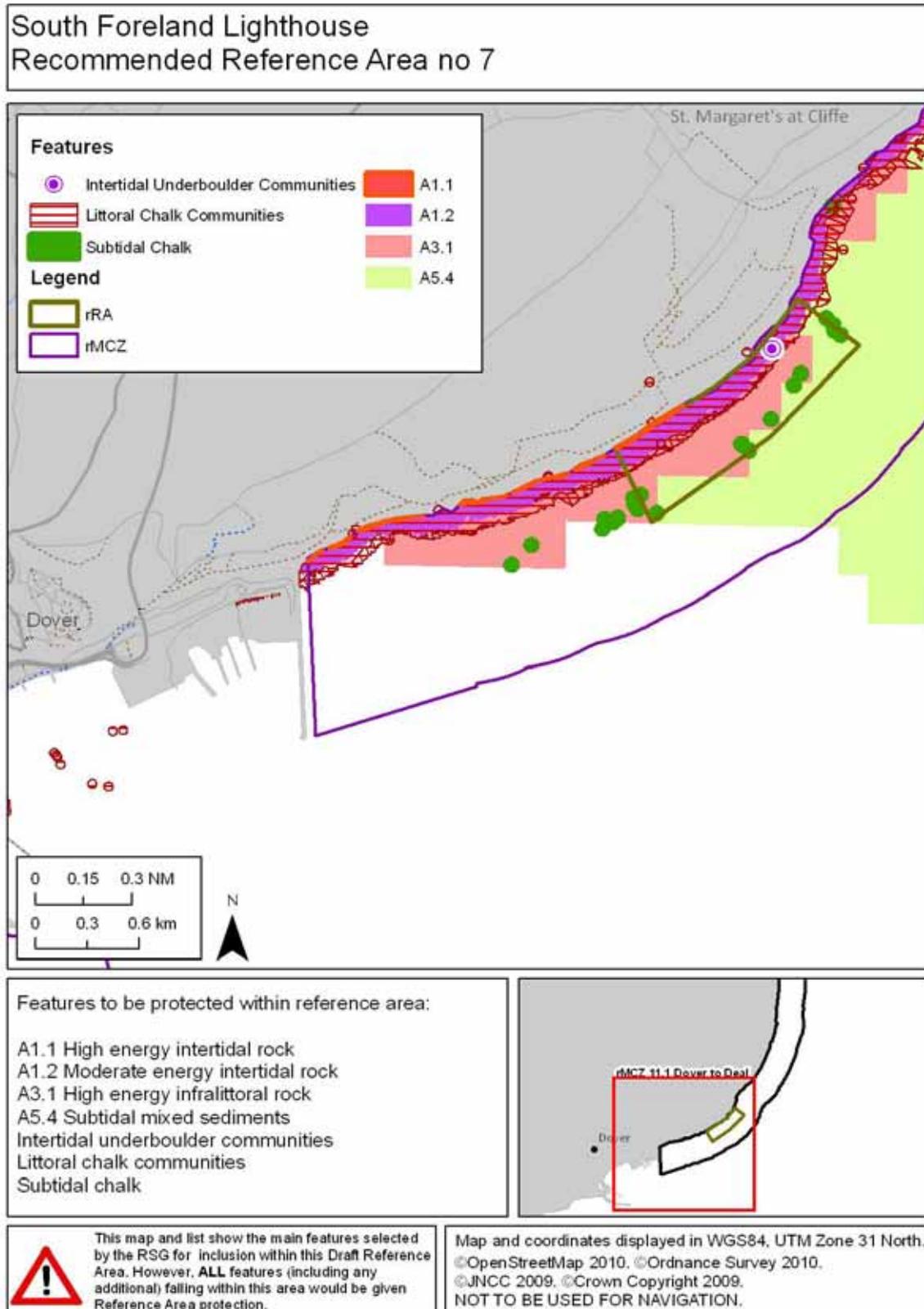




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ALL features in a reference area will, by default, have a Conservation Objective of "RECOVER to Reference Condition."



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### 12. Sites to which this site is related

This site falls within Dover to Deal rMCZ 11.1

### 13. Supporting documentation (information relating to ENG features only)

Information	Type of information	Source	Name of survey	No of points	Dates
All broad scale habitats	Modelled and survey data	UKSeaMap/MESH v7	Combined	n/a	2011
Subtidal chalk	Survey	Seasearch data (Kent and Sussex)		14	1986-2009
Subtidal chalk	Survey	Marine recorder extract Sept 2010		8	2005-2009
Subtidal chalk	Survey	Kent Wildlife Trust		14	2005-2009
Intertidal underboulder communities	Survey	National Contract Data DEFRA MB102 2C	JNCCMNCR10000219	1	25/06/1986

### References

Please refer to the references in the site description of rMCZ 11.1.

### 14. Stakeholder support for the site

The SAP advice of an extension to ensure viability and match the boundary of the rMCZ was not acceptable to many sectors except from the Wildlife sector who supported the suggestion. The current site had strong support from all sectors mainly due to the inaccessibility of the site and thus minimum impact on any activities. The RSG as a group reached consensus that this site should be put forward in their final recommendations.

Individual sectors wishing to note their support or concerns about the site recorded the following at the final RSG meeting in August 2011; their comments have been transcribed verbatim from the form that they completed:

SECTOR	ORGANISATION	COMMENT for South Foreland rRA 7
Yachting	RYA	Support - does not impact on recreational boating.
Sea Angling		Under cliff least damaging to RSA.
Fisheries	Local Fisheries Representatives	No support for boundary change.
Fishing - FPO, beam trawling		Support for site, but no support for extending southward.
Birds	RSPB	Support.
Wildlife Trusts	Hampshire Wildlife Trust	I support this site but believe it should be extended offshore.
Marine Ecology	Seasearch	Strongly support this rich area of chalk reef intertidally and subtidally, including boulder communities resulting from cliff falls. Would prefer the RA to extend out to the 1km MCZ boundary but this was opposed by fishing interests.
Marine Wildlife	Marine Conservation Society	<u>Support</u> . But it should be further offshore. Site is too small to be viable.
Heritage and Archaeology	English Heritage	Support if I+E investigation at bottom of cliffs allowed.

### 15. Evolution of the site recommendations

The site was placed in an area of very steep cliffs where access is limited to reduce the impact on stakeholders (whilst recognising that safe access to the site would also be necessary). The SAP advised that in order to be a viable size the seaward boundaries of the site should be extended out to the rMCZ boundary of 1km offshore. This suggestion was not acceptable to many sectors particularly the fishing industry as the area is used exclusively by two small local vessels using set nets and pots.

For greater detail on discussions relating to the site and the network, please refer to both RSG and Local Group stakeholder meeting reports at [www.balancedseas.org](http://www.balancedseas.org).

### 16. Implications for Stakeholders

The following issues are associated with this site:

- Two small commercial fishing vessels pot and set net along the subtidal extents and any extension to the site would adversely affect their livelihoods
- Wildlife sector agree with the SAP and felt the site was not viable unless the boundary is extended seawards to 1km in line with the rMCZ.
- Access will be necessary for rescue teams when required.

This list represents only the major issues associated with the site. To see all stakeholder discussions, please refer to the Balanced Seas RSG and Local Group meeting reports at [www.balancedseas.org](http://www.balancedseas.org).