

LUNDY



Forty Years of Marine Conservation



Lundy marine reserve plan

LUNDY may become the setting for Britain's first underwater nature reserve and recreation centre. The Landmark Trust, who own the island, have accepted proposals for the centre. An expedition will spend a fortnight this summer investigating the feasibility of the scheme. The main originator of the idea is Mr. Keith Hancock, a former member of North Devon's rock club.

Nature magazine, 28 May; Express & Echo, 25 March; Daily Telegraph, 21 March; North Devon Journal Herald, 1 April 1971.

"Lundy comes first"

The proposal to establish the first voluntary marine nature reserve in Britain was launched in February 1971. A management policy was agreed in 1972 and published in 1973.

The 1970s

Activities were mainly concerned with cataloguing marine life, investigating some unusual species, training in survey methods and developing interpretive material.



The 1980s and 1990s



First statutory Marine Nature Reserve

21 November 1986
Western Morning News



TIME TO TALK: The Minister for the Environment, Mr. William Waldegrave, chats to Robin Evans (left) director of the Landmark Trust, and John Paddy Lundy Agent.

Monitoring

Sites were established to monitor some of the special features of Lundy's marine life.

Habitat mapping

The character and extent of subtidal habitats were mapped.

Sampling

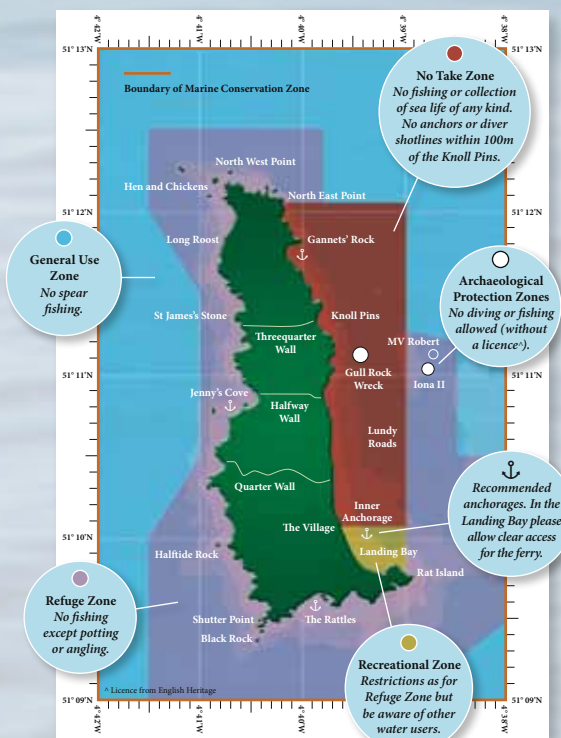
Collecting small animals for identification and quantification.

2003: First No Take Zone

Established under a Devon Sea Fisheries Committee bye-law.

2010: First Marine Conservation Zone

The Lundy Marine Nature Reserve becomes a MCZ under provisions in the Marine & Coastal Access Act.



The No Take Zone

Monitoring abundance and size of lobsters in the NTZ – both have increased.



The proposal to establish a voluntary marine nature reserve around Lundy was promoted by the Lundy Field Society with the agreement of the Landmark Trust and National Trust. The statutory nature conservation agencies were involved from the start and Natural England, with the Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority in collaboration with the Landmark Trust, are responsible for management of the area. Find out more: www.lundy.org.uk • www.lundyisland.co.uk • www.naturalengland.org.uk