

Site Improvement Plan

Lizard Point

Site Improvement Plans (SIPs) have been developed for each Natura 2000 site in England as part of the Improvement Programme for England's Natura 2000 sites (IPENS). Natura 2000 sites is the combined term for sites designated as Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protected Areas (SPA). This work has been financially supported by LIFE, a financial instrument of the European Community.

The plan provides a high level overview of the issues (both current and predicted) affecting the condition of the Natura 2000 features on the site(s) and outlines the priority measures required to improve the condition of the features. It does not cover issues where remedial actions are already in place or ongoing management activities which are required for maintenance.

The SIP consists of three parts: a Summary table, which sets out the priority Issues and Measures; a detailed Actions table, which sets out who needs to do what, when and how much it is estimated to cost; and a set of tables containing contextual information and links.

Once this current programme ends, it is anticipated that Natural England and others, working with landowners and managers, will all play a role in delivering the priority measures to improve the condition of the features on these sites.

The SIPs are based on Natural England's current evidence and knowledge. The SIPs are not legal documents, they are live documents that will be updated to reflect changes in our evidence/knowledge and as actions get underway. The information in the SIPs will be used to update England's contribution to the UK's Prioritised Action Framework (PAF).

The SIPs are not formal consultation documents, but if you have any comments about the SIP or would like more information please email us at IPENSLIFEProject@naturalengland.org.uk, or contact Natural England's Responsible Officer for the site via our enquiry service 0300 060 3900, or enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk

This Site Improvement Plan covers the following Natura 2000 site(s)

UK0030374 Lizard Point cSAC

Site description

Lizard Point is a Site of Community Importance surrounding Lizard Point, the most southerly point on mainland Great Britain. Lizard Point lies entirely within the 6 nautical mile limit. The site, which extends down from mean low water, has been designated for its extensive reef habitat which covers over 12,500 hectares in the site. The reef's complex and varied geology includes flat bedrock, upstanding reef, boulders and cobbles and supports a diverse reef fauna in excellent condition.

Plan Summary

This table shows the prioritised issues for the site(s), the features they affect, the proposed measures to address the issues and the delivery bodies whose involvement is required to deliver the measures. The list of delivery bodies will include those who have agreed to the actions as well as those where discussions over their role in delivering the actions is on-going.

Priority & Issue	Pressure or Threat	Feature(s) affected	Measure	Delivery Bodies
1 Fisheries: Commercial marine and estuarine	Pressure	H1170 Reefs	Introduce and enforce appropriate management as necessary	Cornwall Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority (IFCA), Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
2 Fisheries: Commercial marine and estuarine	Pressure	H1170 Reefs	Ensure compliance with byelaw	Cornwall Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority (IFCA), Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

Issues and Actions

This table outlines the prioritised issues that are currently impacting or threatening the condition of the features, and the outstanding actions required to address them. It also shows, where possible, the estimated cost of the action and the delivery bodies whose involvement will be required to implement the action. Lead delivery bodies will be responsible for coordinating the implementation of the action, but not necessarily funding it. Delivery partners will need to support the lead delivery body in implementing the action. In the process of developing the SIPs Natural England has approached the delivery bodies to seek agreement on the actions and their roles in delivering them, although in some cases these discussions have not yet been concluded. Other interested parties, including landowners and managers, will be involved as the detailed actions are agreed and delivered. Funding options are indicated as potential (but not necessarily agreed or secured) sources to fund the actions.

1 Fisheries: Commercial marine and estuarine

Commercial fishing activities categorised as 'amber or green' under Defra's revised approach to commercial fisheries in European Marine Sites (EMS) require assessment and (where appropriate) management. This assessment will be undertaken by Cornwall IFCA. For activities categorised as 'green', these assessments should take account of any in-combination effects of amber activities, and/or appropriate plans or projects, in the site. Gill, tangle and trammel netting, and potting occur in the site and are being assessed.

Action	Action description	Cost estimate	Timescale	Mechanism	Funding option	Delivery lead body	Delivery partner(s)
1A	Where the assessments indicate management is required, introduce appropriate measures.	Not yet determined	2016	Regulation: Creation / amendment of byelaws	Not yet determined	Cornwall Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority (IFCA)	Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

2 Fisheries: Commercial marine and estuarine

Scallop dredges and benthic trawls and seines are categorised as 'Red' for this interest feature (and specifically the sub-features: Flat bedrock reefs; Coastal upstanding reefs; Offshore upstanding reefs) as part of Defra's revised approach to commercial fisheries management in European Marine Sites (EMS), and requisite mechanisms are being implemented by Cornwall IFCA.

Action	Action description	Cost estimate	Timescale	Mechanism	Funding option	Delivery lead body	Delivery partner(s)
2A	Where management measures have been established, ensure compliance with byelaw and provide an appropriate level of reporting to ensure sites are well managed and to enable Natural England to provide advice on the condition of features and potential condition threats.	Not yet determined	2015-20	Enforcement	Not yet determined	Cornwall Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority (IFCA)	Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

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2B	Ensure compliance with byelaw and provide an appropriate level of reporting to ensure sites are well managed to enable Natural England to provide advice on the condition of features and potential condition threats.	Not yet determined	2015-20	Enforcement: Byelaws	Not yet determined	Cornwall Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority (IFCA)	Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

Site details

The tables in this section contain site-relevant contextual information and links

Qualifying features

#UK Special responsibility

Lizard Point cSAC

H1170 Reefs

Site location and links

Lizard Point cSAC

Area (ha) **13988**

Grid reference

05 15 21W

[Map link](#)

49 58 03N

Local Authorities

Kerrier

Site Conservation Objectives

[Lizard Point cSAC](#)

European Marine Site conservation advice

[Lizard Point cSAC](#)

Regulation 33/35 Package

[Regulation 33/35 package link](#)

Marine Management Organisation site plan

[n/a](#)

Water Framework Directive (WFD)

The Water Framework Directive (WFD) provides the main framework for managing the water environment throughout Europe. Under the WFD a management plan must be developed for each river basin district. The River Basin Management Plans (RBMP) include a summary of the measures needed for water dependent Natura 2000 sites to meet their conservation objectives. For the second round of RBMPs, SIPs are being used to capture the priorities and new measures required for water dependent habitats on Natura 2000 sites. SIP actions for non-water dependent sites/habitats do not form part of the RBMPs and associated consultation.

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River basin

[South West RBMP](#)

WFD Management catchment

West Cornwall and the Fal

WFD Waterbody ID (Cycle 2 draft)

GB108048001710

Overlapping or adjacent protected sites

Site(s) of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	
Lizard Point cSAC	Baulk Head to Mullion SSSI Caerthillian to Kennack SSSI Mullion Cliff to Predannack Cliff SSSI West Lizard SSSI
National Nature Reserve (NNR)	
Lizard Point cSAC	The Lizard NNR
Ramsar	
Lizard Point cSAC	n/a
Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Areas (SPA)	
Lizard Point cSAC	n/a

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