



Aln Estuary Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)

The MCZ extends from the upper tidal limit at Lesbury to the estuary mouth at Alnmouth. It is the smallest MCZ in England.



**38.5
Hectares**

REASON FOR DESIGNATION:



**Seabird
Assemblage**



**Breeding
Seabirds**



**Wintering
Birds**



**Intertidal
Habitats**



**Subtidal
Habitats**



**Grey
Seal**



Fish

The Aln Estuary is important for its estuarine and saltmarsh habitats.

The site is designated to protect:

- > Coastal saltmarshes and saline reedbeds
- > Estuarine rocky habitats
- > Intertidal mud
- > Sheltered muddy gravels

These habitats act as spawning and nursery areas for a range of fish species and support migratory and over-wintering waterbirds.

MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.xbordercurrents.co.uk/mpas/aln-estuary/>