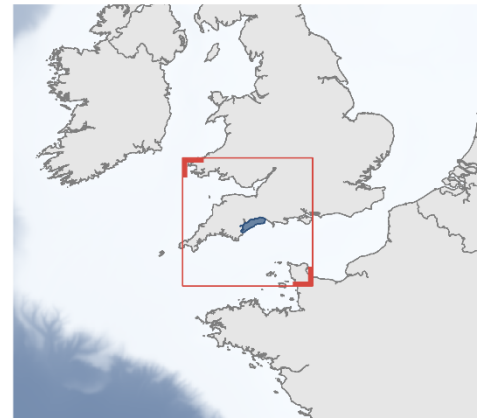
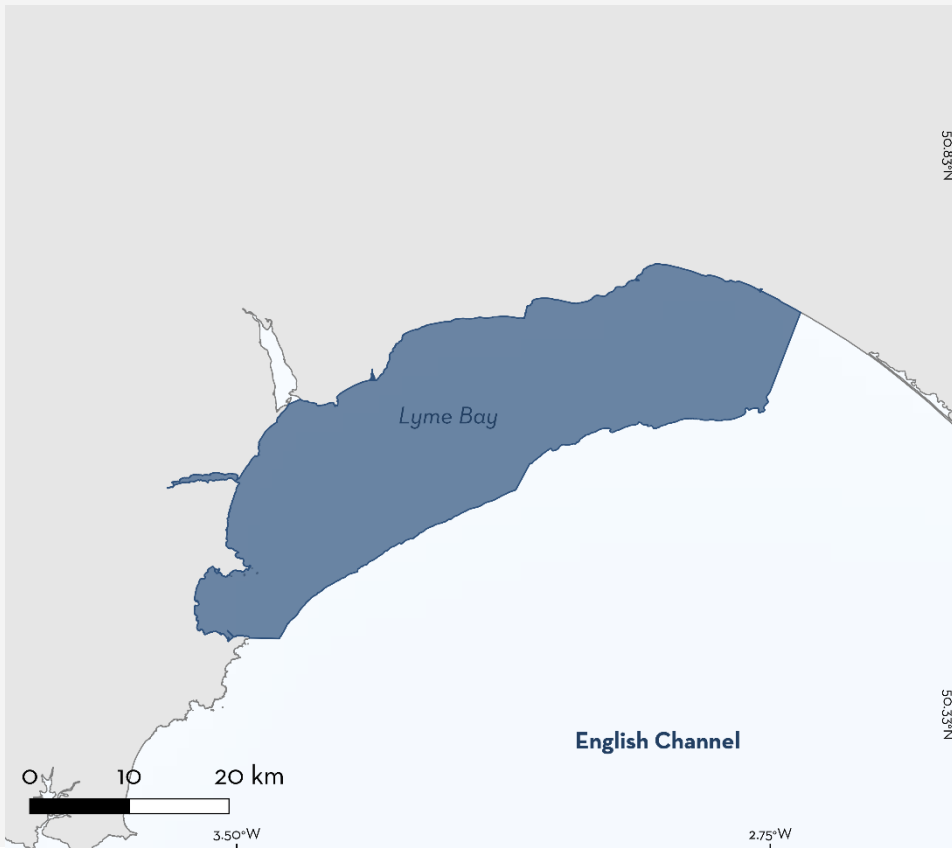




Blue lines indicate the area that potentially could meet the ISRA Criteria if further information becomes available

LYME BAY CANDIDATE IMPORTANT SHARK AND RAY AREA

European Atlantic Region

SUMMARY

Lyme Bay is located on the south coast of England, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This bay is characterised by rocky reef, sandy, and muddy substrates. It is influenced by the warmer waters of the Gulf Stream. The potential depth range of the area is 0–60 m. Within this area there are: **potential undefined aggregations** (Thornback Skate *Raja clavata*). Ongoing Baited Remote Underwater Video Station (BRUVS) surveys and fisher interviews infer that aggregations of Thornback Skates are observed in this area. Further information is required to understand the regularity and function of vital life-history activities, and the importance of the area for rays.

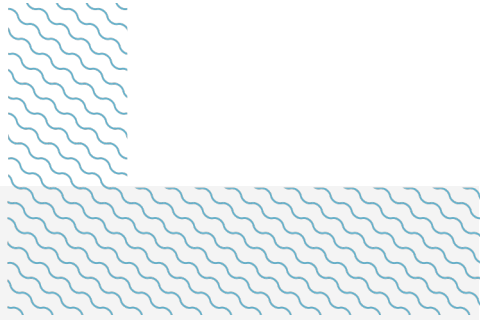
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0–60 metres

938.1 km²

POTENTIAL CRITERIA

Sub-criterion C5 – Undefined Aggregations



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candidate Important Shark and Ray Areas do not currently have enough information to meet the ISRA Criteria.

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POTENTIAL QUALIFYING SPECIES

Scientific Name	Common Name	IUCN Red List Category	Global Depth Range (m)	Potential ISRA Criteria/Sub-criteria Met								
				A	B	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	D1	D2
RAYS												
<i>Raja clavata</i>	Thornback Skate	NT	0-1,020							X		

IUCN Red List of Threatened Species Categories are available by searching species names at www.iucnredlist.org Abbreviations refer to: CR, Critically Endangered; EN, Endangered; VU, Vulnerable; NT, Near Threatened; LC, Least Concern; DD, Data Deficient.