

# Drigg Coast SAC



Drigg Coast SAC was classified as an SAC in January 1996 and was updated in December 2015. It covers an area of approximately 14km<sup>2</sup> and extends 11km along the West Cumbria coast from Seascale south towards Bootle. Drigg Coast overlaps with other protected areas including Cumbria Coast MCZ, Drigg Dunes and Gullery, Ravenglass LNR, Morecambe Bay and Duddon Estuary SPA.

**SAC primary designated features:** (1130) Estuaries; (2150) Atlantic decalcified fixed dunes (Calluno-Ulicetea); (2170) Dunes with *Salix repens* ssp. *argentea* (*Salicion arenariae*).

**SAC secondary designated features:** (1140) Mudflats and sandflats not covered by sweater at low tide; (1210) Annual vegetation of drift lines; (1310) *Salicornia* and other annuals colonizing mud and sand; (1320) *Spartina* swards (*Spartinion maritimae*); (1330) Atlantic salt meadows (*Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae*); (2110) Embryonic shifting dunes; (2120) Shifting dunes along the shoreline with *Ammophila arenaria* ("white dunes"); (2130) Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation ("grey dunes"); (2160) Dunes with *Hippophae rhamnoides*; (2190) Humid dune slacks.

**Management:** Drigg Coast SAC is managed by Natural England. The overlapping areas within the site are managed by Cumbria Wildlife Trust, local landowners, Drigg dunes and Gullery local nature reserve, and a tenant farmer.

**Natural England Advice - [Marine site detail \(naturalengland.org.uk\)](https://naturalengland.org.uk)**

**Site Information - [Drigg Coast - Special Areas of Conservation \(jncc.gov.uk\)](https://jncc.gov.uk)**

**Standard data form - [UK0013031.pdf \(jncc.gov.uk\)](https://jncc.gov.uk)**

**Magic map: [Magic Map Application \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://defra.gov.uk)**