

## Devon Avon Estuary MCZ - a summary

### Protected habitat features

1. Coastal saltmarshes and saline reed beds
2. Intertidal mud
3. Intertidal sand and muddy sand
4. Moderate energy intertidal rock
5. Tentacled lagoon worm  
(*Alkmaria romijni*)

### General Management Approach (GMA)

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*Alkmaria romijni* – Tentacled Lagoon Worm

# AVON ESTUARY PATROL

## **Objectives of the Service**

- To provide a safer and more secure environment for recreational use of the tidal waters by the general public
- To provide a means of recording and reporting back to the Owner, incidents of illegal fishing
- To provide a means of recording and reporting to SHDC and the Owner. incidents or risks of potential incidents likely to cause environmental harm
- To provide a suitable patrol boat\* and qualified Warden\* to uphold the byelaws covering the use of watercraft in the tidal area of the Avon Estuary

**\* SHDC requires all small commercial craft operating within defined limits to obtain a local authority licence for both the vessel and the boatman/operator concerned.**

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## **Outline of Service Level Agreement**

- Patrol will maintain a daily presence on tidal waters from 1<sup>st</sup> July -30<sup>th</sup> Sept as tides & weather permit
- Operated by Bantham Estate as Agent of SHDC
- Sponsored by ACA, AVSC, BE, DoC (£500 each in cash or kind vs £2500 from SHDC)
- Eventually to be run in conjunction with an improved Bantham to Cockleridge ferry service (part of new England Coast Path)