

Watinoceras devonense Zone

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Base: First appearance of index species (Gale, 1996).

Correlation: This zone was recognised as marking the base of the Turonian in the western USA (Kennedy & Cobban, 1991), and has been similarly adopted in the UK (Gale, 1996). The first appearance of the index is coincident with the disappearance of the characteristically Late Cenomanian *Sciponoceras gracile* and *S. bohemicum anterior*, the last record of which at Beachy Head is 0.1 m above Meads Marl 4 (Gale, 1996). The zone equates with the lower part of the *W. coloradoense* Zone of Wright & Kennedy (1981), and with the basal part of the *Mytiloides* spp. Zone of the standard macrofossil zonal scheme.

Occurrence: Recognised in Devon but index species is rare elsewhere in the UK.

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