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**JOINT NATURE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE UK SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA NETWORK**

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1. Three additions to the UK SPA network have been made since the publication of the SPA Review (JNCC 2001) that were neither identified by that review nor formally endorsed by the Joint Committee.
2. A formal procedure is presented in paper JNCC 03 P14 for ensuring that all future changes to the UK SPA network that have not been identified in the SPA Review will have Joint Committee endorsement.
3. The three sites referred to in paragraph 1 are:

**Craigmore Wood**

Site code: UK9001801

Classified: 30 October 2001

Capercaillie: 34 individuals (3.2% GB)

**Morangie Forest**

Site code: UK9001791

Classified: 30 October 2001

Capercaillie: 30 individuals (2.8% GB)

These two new capercaillie SPAs increase the capercaillie SPA suite to eight sites.

**Migneint–Arenig–Dduallt**

Site code: UK9013131

Classified: 20 March 2003

Originally proposed for hen harrier and merlin, at classification peregrine was added as a qualifying species with a population of 12 pairs (1% GB). The addition of peregrine increases the species' SPA suite to 11 sites, which together support around 10% of the GB population of this dispersed species.

4. The above proposals are in accordance with the SPA selection guidelines. The Joint Committee is invited to **endorse** these proposals retrospectively.