

# NATURA 2000

## STANDARD DATA FORM

FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION AREAS (SPA)  
FOR SITES ELIGIBLE FOR IDENTIFICATION AS SITES OF COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE (SCI)  
AND  
FOR SPECIAL AREAS OF CONSERVATION (SAC)

### 1. Site identification:

1.1 Type  1.2 Site code

1.3 Compilation date  1.4 Update

#### 1.5 Relationship with other Natura 2000 sites

U	K	9	0	0	1	7	2	1
U	K	9	0	2	0	3	0	5

1.6 Respondent(s)

1.7 Site name

#### 1.8 Site indication and designation classification dates

date site proposed as eligible as SCI	199803
date confirmed as SCI	200412
date site classified as SPA	
date site designated as SAC	200503

### 2. Site location:

#### 2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
05 20 30 W	56 47 45 N

2.2 Site area (ha)  2.3 Site length (km)

#### 2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UKA31	Highland	100.00%

#### 2.6 Biogeographic region

Alpine

Atlantic

Boreal

Continental

Macaronesia

Mediterranean

### 3. Ecological information:

#### 3.1 Annex I habitats

Habitat types present on the site and the site assessment for them:

Annex I habitat	% cover	Representativity	Relative surface	Conservation status	Global assessment
Siliceous alpine and boreal grasslands	1.2	D			

Species-rich <i>Nardus</i> grassland, on siliceous substrates in mountain areas (and submountain areas in continental Europe)	0.8	D			
Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains and of the montane to alpine levels	0.1	D			
Blanket bogs	11.4	D			
Alpine pioneer formations of the <i>Caricion bicoloris-atrofuscae</i>	0.1	D			
Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation	0.3	D			
Old sessile oak woods with <i>Ilex</i> and <i>Blechnum</i> in the British Isles	0.1	D			
Caledonian forest	20	A	C	A	A
Alluvial forests with <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> and <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> ( <i>Alno-Padion</i> , <i>Alnion incanae</i> , <i>Salicion albae</i> )	0.9	C	C	C	C

### 3.2 Annex II species

Species name	Population				Site assessment			
	Resident	Migratory			Population	Conservation	Isolation	Global
		Breed	Winter	Stage				
<i>Salmo salar</i>	Present	-	-	-	D			
<i>Lutra lutra</i>	Present	-	-	-	D			

## 4. Site description

### 4.1 General site character

Habitat classes	% cover
Marine areas. Sea inlets	
Tidal rivers. Estuaries. Mud flats. Sand flats. Lagoons (including saltwork basins)	
Salt marshes. Salt pastures. Salt steppes	
Coastal sand dunes. Sand beaches. Machair	
Shingle. Sea cliffs. Islets	
Inland water bodies (standing water, running water)	3.0
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	18.0
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	33.0
Dry grassland. Steppes	14.0
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	
Improved grassland	
Other arable land	
Broad-leaved deciduous woodland	5.0
Coniferous woodland	27.0
Evergreen woodland	
Mixed woodland	
Non-forest areas cultivated with woody plants (including orchards, groves, vineyards, dehesas)	
Inland rocks. Scree. Sands. Permanent snow and ice	
Other land (including towns, villages, roads, waste places, mines, industrial sites)	
<b>Total habitat cover</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### 4.1 Other site characteristics

**Soil & geology:**

Acidic, Alluvium, Igneous, Peat, Quartzite

**Geomorphology & landscape:**

Crags/ledges, Upland, Valley

#### 4.2 Quality and importance

Caledonian forest

- for which this is considered to be one of the best areas in the United Kingdom.
- Alluvial forests with *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus excelsior* (*Alno-Padion*, *Alnion incanae*, *Salicion albae*)
- for which the area is considered to support a significant presence.

#### 4.3 Vulnerability

The site is subject to browsing by red deer that are managed for sport in the area. A series of fenced enclosures have been erected to exclude the deer and allow regeneration of the woodland. Work is underway on part of the site owned by Forest Enterprise to remove non-native conifers. Consideration is being given to similar work on the remainder of the site under the Woodland Grant Scheme.

### 5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

#### 5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	100.0