

**European Community Directive
on the Conservation of Natural Habitats
and of Wild Fauna and Flora
(92/43/EEC)**

**Second Report by the United Kingdom under
Article 17
on the implementation of the Directive
from January 2001 to December 2006**


**Conservation status assessment for
Habitat:**

**H7240 - Alpine pioneer formations of the *Caricion
bicoloris-atrofuscae***

The information in this assessment corresponds to the "habitat fact sheet" submitted by the UK to the European Union in February 2008 (second and final submission). Please note that this is a section of the UK's report. For the complete report visit <http://www.jncc.gov.uk/article17>

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1. National level	
Habitat Code	H7240
Member State	UK
Biogeographic regions concerned within the MS	ATL
1.1 Habitat range map	



2. Biogeographic level

2.1 Biogeographic region or marine region ATL

2.2 Published sources and/or websites

JACKSON, D L & MCLEOD, CR (EDS.) 2002 Handbook on the UK status of EC Habitats Directive interest features: provisional data on the UK distribution and extent of Annex I habitats and the UK distribution and population size of Annex II species. JNCC Report, No. 312. Version 2. www.jncc.gov.uk/page-2447

Map data sources

JNCC International Designations Database. Joint Nature Conservation Committee

SNH Uplands Database, (18-12-98) 10KMVEG.XLS. Scottish Natural Heritage

2.3 Range of the habitat within the Biogeographic or marine region

2.3.1 Surface area of range in square km 15245

2.3.2 Date of range determination	05/2007
2.3.3 Quality of data concerning range	Good
2.3.4 Range trend	Unknown (X)
2.3.5 Range trend magnitude in %	Not applicable
2.3.6 Range trend period	1994-2006
2.3.7 Reasons for reported trend	Not applicable
2.4 Area covered by habitat type within the range in the biogeographical region concerned.	
2.4.1 Surface area of the habitat type (sq km)	3.4
2.4.2 Date of area estimation	05/2007
2.4.3 Method used for area estimation	1 - Only or mostly based on expert opinion
2.4.4 Quality of data on area	Poor
2.4.5 Area trend	unknown (X)
2.4.6 Area trend magnitude in %	Not applicable
2.4.7 Area trend period	1994-2006
2.4.8 Reasons for reported trend	Not applicable
2.4.9 Justification of % thresholds for trends (optional)	Not applicable
2.4.10 Main pressures	140 - Grazing; 180 - Burning; 950 - Biocenotic evolution; 990 - Other natural processes;
2.4.11 Threats	140 - Grazing; 180 - Burning; 950 - Biocenotic evolution; 990 - Other natural processes;
Complementary information	
2.5.1 Favourable reference range (sq km)	15245
2.5.2 Favourable reference area (sq km)	Unknown
2.5.3 Typical species	<i>Carex saxatilis</i> ; <i>Juncus alpinoarticulatus</i> ; <i>Juncus castaneus</i> ; <i>Minuartia stricta</i> ; <i>Tofieldia pusilla</i> ;
2.5.4 Typical species assessment	Not applicable
2.5.5 Other relevant information	
2.6 Conclusions (assessment of conservation status at end of reporting period)	
(2.3) Range	(FV) - Favourable
(2.4) Area	(XX) - Unknown
(2.5) Specific structures and functions (incl. typical species)	(U2+) - Bad but improving
Future prospects	(U2+) - Bad but improving
Overall assessment	(U2+) - Bad but improving