

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

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1.6 Respondent(s)

1.7 Site name

1.8 Site indication and designation classification dates

date site proposed as eligible as SCI	
date confirmed as SCI	
date site classified as SPA	199208
date site designated as SAC	

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
06 22 12 W	57 53 37 N

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

2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UKM44	Eilean Siar (Western Isles)	3.1%
0	Marine	96.9%

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

3.2 Annex I birds and regularly occurring migratory birds not listed on Annex I

Code	Species name	Population			Site assessment				
		Resident	Migratory			Population	Conservation	Isolation	Global
Breed	Winter	Stage							
A200	<i>Alca torda</i>		10950 I			B		B	
A045a	<i>Branta leucopsis</i> [Eastern Greenland/Scotland/Ireland]			490 I		C		B	
A204	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>		77000 P			A		B	
A009	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>		6820 P			C		B	
A018	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>		1780 P			B		C	
A188	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>		1800 P			C		C	
A199	<i>Uria aalge</i>		18380 I			C		B	

4. Site description:

4.1 General site character

Habitat classes	% cover
Marine areas. Sea inlets	96.9
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	0.5
Inland water bodies (standing water, running water)	
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	0.3
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	0.9
Dry grassland. Steppes	
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	1.1
Improved grassland	
Other arable land	
Broad-leaved deciduous woodland	
Coniferous woodland	
Evergreen woodland	
Mixed woodland	
Non-forest areas cultivated with woody plants (including orchards, groves, vineyards, dehesas)	
Inland rocks. Scree. Sands. Permanent snow and ice	0.3
Other land (including towns, villages, roads, waste places, mines, industrial sites)	
Total habitat cover	100%

4.1 Other site characteristics

Soil & geology:

Basalt, Gravel, Igneous, Peat

Geomorphology & landscape:

Coastal, Crags/ledges, Hilly, Island, Open coast (including bay)

4.2 Quality and importance

ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

Over winter the area regularly supports:

<i>Branta leucopsis</i> [Eastern Greenland/Scotland/Ireland]	2% of the population in Great Britain 1988, (Fox and Ogilvie 1989)
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ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

<i>Alca torda</i>	1% of the breeding population SCRC 1985-1988
<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	8.5% of the breeding population SCRC 1985-1988
<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i> (Northern Europe)	1.5% of the breeding population SCRC 1985-1988

ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC): AN INTERNATIONALLY IMPORTANT ASSEMBLAGE OF BIRDS

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

200000 seabirds - SCRC 1985-1988

Including:

Alca torda, *Fratercula arctica*, *Fulmarus glacialis*, *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*, *Rissa tridactyla*, *Uria aalge*.

4.3 Vulnerability

Site statement: The interest of the Shiant Isles is best maintained by non-intervention. The site is under no immediate threat from any present activities. Sheep grazing will be encouraged to maintain a feeding sward for barnacle geese. The impact of black rats (*Rattus rattus*) on breeding seabird populations is being monitored. Fishing and oil pollution are not threats at present but will be closely monitored.

5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	3.06