

# 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	199412
date site designated as SAC	

### 2. Site location:

#### 2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
07 38 20 W	56 48 15 N

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

#### 2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
0	Marine	97.4%
UKM44	Eilean Siar (Western Isles)	2.6%

#### 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	Breed	Winter	Stage	Population	Conservation	Isolation	Global
A200	<i>Alca torda</i>		16890 I			B		C	
A204	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>		4000 P			C		C	
A009	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>		10450 P			C		C	
A018	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>		720 P			C		C	
A188	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>		8600 P			C		C	
A199	<i>Uria aalge</i>		30900 I			B		C	

## 4. Site description:

### 4.1 General site character

Habitat classes	% cover
Marine areas. Sea inlets	88.3
Tidal rivers. Estuaries. Mud flats. Sand flats. Lagoons (including saltwork basins)	
Salt marshes. Salt pastures. Salt steppes	
Coastal sand dunes. Sand beaches. Machair	0.4
Shingle. Sea cliffs. Islets	1.9
Inland water bodies (standing water, running water)	
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	3.9
Dry grassland. Steppes	
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	
Improved grassland	5.4
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. Screes. Sands. Permanent snow and ice	0.2
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, Basic, Gravel, Metamorphic, Peat, Sand, Shingle

#### Geomorphology & landscape:

Cliffs, Coastal, Crags/ledges, Geos (rocky inlets), Hilly, Intertidal rock, Intertidal sediments (including sandflat/mudflat), Islands, Lowland, Open coast (including bay), Sound/strait, Subtidal rock (including rocky reefs), Upland

### 4.2 Quality and importance

**ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)**

**During the breeding season the area regularly supports:**

*Alca torda* 2% 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:**

105000 seabirds - SCRC 1985-1988

Including:

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

### 4.3 Vulnerability

The site is remote and uninhabited and at present the seabird colonies are not threatened. The site is regularly monitored and this monitoring will have regard to potential threats such as increasing visitor numbers, and increased fishing activity in the area around the islands.

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

### 5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	11.7