

# 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

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	198208
date site designated as SAC	

### 2. Site location:

#### 2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
06 20 53 W	56 59 52 N

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

#### 2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
0	Marine	76.8%
UKM43	Lochaber, Skye and Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute	23.2%

#### 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							
A091	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		4 P			C		C	
A001	<i>Gavia stellata</i>		10 P			C		C	
A013	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>		61000 P			A		C	
A188	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>		1500 P			C		C	
A199	<i>Uria aalge</i>		4000 I			C		C	

## 4. Site description:

### 4.1 General site character

Habitat classes	% cover
Marine areas. Sea inlets	76.6
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)	0.2
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	4.2
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	10.8
Dry grassland. Steppes	1.4
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	2.3
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	0.5
Improved grassland	0.2
Other arable land	
Broad-leaved deciduous woodland	
Coniferous woodland	
Evergreen woodland	
Mixed woodland	0.5
Non-forest areas cultivated with woody plants (including orchards, groves, vineyards, dehesas)	
Inland rocks. Scree. Sands. Permanent snow and ice	2.8
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, Basalt, Basic, Granite, Gravel, Igneous, Mud, Peat, Sand, Sandstone, Sedimentary

#### Geomorphology & landscape:

Coastal, Crags/ledges, Island, Montane, Upland

### 4.2 Quality and importance

#### ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

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

*Aquila chrysaetos*

1% of the GB breeding population  
Count, as at 1992.

*Gavia stellata*  
(North-western Europe - wintering)

1% of the GB breeding population  
5 year mean, 1992-1996

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

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

*Puffinus puffinus*

23% 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:**

130000 seabirds - SCRC 1985-1988

Including:

*Puffinus puffinus*, *Rissa tridactyla*, *Uria aalge*.

**4.3 Vulnerability**

The site is a long-established National Nature Reserve owned and managed for its nature conservation interest by Scottish Natural Heritage. There are no major threats seen to the interest but measures are taken to ensure that populations are not disturbed through visitor management and wardening.

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

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

Code	% cover
UK01 (NNR)	23.4
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	23.4