

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	199802
date site designated as SAC	

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
06 32 31 W	57 03 15 N

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

2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UKM43	Lochaber, Skye and Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute	18.8%
0	Marine	81.2%

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							
A204	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>		1200 I			C		C	
A184	<i>Larus argentatus</i>		1300 P			C		C	
A018	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>		1000 P			B		C	
A188	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>		930 P			C		C	
A199	<i>Uria aalge</i>		5800 I			C		C	

4. Site description:

4.1 General site character

Habitat classes	% cover
Marine areas. Sea inlets	79.5
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	3.2
Inland water bodies (standing water, running water)	
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	2.3
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	8.2
Dry grassland. Steppes	6.8
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	
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	
Other land (including towns, villages, roads, waste places, mines, industrial sites)	
Total habitat cover	100%

4.1 Other site characteristics

Soil & geology:

Acidic, Basalt, Basic, Gravel, Igneous, Mud, Peat

Geomorphology & landscape:

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

4.2 Quality and importance

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

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

21000 seabirds - 1985-1988 Seabird Colony Register Census and Swan (1995)

Including:

Fratercula arctica, *Larus argentatus*, *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*, *Rissa tridactyla*, *Uria aalge*.

4.3 Vulnerability

The site is owned by the National Trust for Scotland who manage it for its heritage interest. There are no major threats to the interest at present but measures are being taken to ensure that breeding birds are not disturbed (through visitor management). An SNH five year management statement has recently been prepared which aims to ensure that the qualifying bird interest is maintained and/or enhanced.

5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	20.43