

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	199608
date site designated as SAC	

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
01 00 44 W	60 08 30 N

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

2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
0	Marine	89.6%
UKM46	Shetland Islands	10.4%

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							
A175	<i>Catharacta skua</i>		420 P			B		C	
A204	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>		2348 I			C		C	
A009	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>		6350 P			C		C	
A016	<i>Morus bassanus</i>		6860 P			B		C	
A188	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>		7020 P			C		C	
A199	<i>Uria aalge</i>		38970 I			B		C	

4. Site description:

4.1 General site character

Habitat classes	% cover
Marine areas. Sea inlets	89.7
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	2.1
Inland water bodies (standing water, running water)	
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	3.6
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	3.6
Dry grassland. Steppes	
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	
Improved grassland	1.0
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	
Other land (including towns, villages, roads, waste places, mines, industrial sites)	
Total habitat cover	100%

4.1 Other site characteristics

Soil & geology:

Basic, Boulder, Gravel, Peat, Sand, Sandstone/mudstone, Sedimentary

Geomorphology & landscape:

Cave/tunnel, Cliffs, Coastal, Geos (rocky inlets), Islands, Open coast (including bay), Subtidal rock (including rocky reefs)

4.2 Quality and importance

ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

<i>Catharacta skua</i> (World)	3% of the breeding population SCRC 1987-1992
<i>Morus bassanus</i>	3% of the breeding population SCRC 1987-1992
<i>Uria aalge</i> (East Atlantic)	1% of the breeding population SCRC 1987-1992
ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC): AN INTERNATIONALLY IMPORTANT ASSEMBLAGE OF BIRDS	
During the breeding season the area regularly supports:	
35000 seabirds - SCRC 1987-1992	
Including:	
<i>Catharacta skua</i> , <i>Fratercula arctica</i> , <i>Fulmarus glacialis</i> , <i>Morus bassanus</i> , <i>Rissa tridactyla</i> , <i>Uria aalge</i> .	

4.3 Vulnerability

There are no threats to the interest at present. In the past licences have been applied for on this site to shoot great skuas which are attacking live stock. Following classification, SNH treat any further applications for licences on their own merits. Currently the only threat to the bird populations from within the boundary of the site is Great Skua predation on Kittiwakes.

5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover
UK01 (NNR)	10.3
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	10.3