

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
03 03 07 W	59 18 21 N

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

2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UKM45	Orkney Islands	8.4%
0	Marine	91.6%

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>		1946 I			C		C	
A009	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>		1400 P			C		C	
A188	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>		23900 P			B		C	
A173	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>		78 P			C		B	
A194	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>		1140 P			B		C	
A199	<i>Uria aalge</i>		42150 I			B		C	

4. Site description:

4.1 General site character

Habitat classes	% cover
Marine areas. Sea inlets	90.7
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	1.3
Inland water bodies (standing water, running water)	0.2
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	0.4
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	3.7
Dry grassland. Steppes	
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	3.7
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. 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:

Acidic, Boulder, Gravel, Neutral, Sand, Sandstone, Sandstone/mudstone, Sedimentary

Geomorphology & landscape:

Cave/tunnel, Caves, Cliffs, Coastal, Crags/ledges, Geos (rocky inlets), Hilly, Intertidal rock, Island, Open coast (including bay), Slope, Subtidal rock (including rocky reefs)

4.2 Quality and importance

ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

<i>Sterna paradisaea</i> (Arctic - breeding/Southern Oceans - wintering)	3% of the GB breeding population SCRC 1985-1988 + RSPB 1994
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ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

<i>Uria aalge</i> (East Atlantic)	1.2% of the breeding population SCRC 1985-1988
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ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC): AN INTERNATIONALLY IMPORTANT ASSEMBLAGE OF BIRDS

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

113000 seabirds - SCRC 1985-1988 + RSPB 1988

Including:

Alca torda, Fulmarus glacialis, Rissa tridactyla, Stercorarius parasiticus, Sterna paradisaea, Uria aalge.

4.3 Vulnerability

The cliff-nesting birds on the site are not under threat at present. Some parts of the heathland are being over grazed, leading to an expanse of maritime grassland at the expense of the maritime heath which is used by ground-nesting seabirds. SNH are encouraging the restoration of the maritime heath through Management Agreements which control grazing on affected areas.

5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	9.3