

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	199403
date site designated as SAC	

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
04 27 08 W	59 03 26 N

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

2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
0	Marine	99.5%
UKM41	Caithness and Sutherland and Ross and Cromarty	0.5%

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
A204	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>		46900 P			B		B	
A014	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>		>500 P			C		C	
A016	<i>Morus bassanus</i>		5900 P			B		B	
A015	<i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>		5 P			C		B	
A018	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>		874 P			B		C	
A199	<i>Uria aalge</i>		6298 P			C		C	

4. Site description:

4.1 General site character

Habitat classes	% cover
Marine areas. Sea inlets	99.5
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	0.5
Inland water bodies (standing water, running water)	
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	
Dry grassland. Steppes	
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, Gravel, Metamorphic, Peat

Geomorphology & landscape:

Cliffs, Intertidal rock, Islands, Open coast (including bay), 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:

Hydrobates pelagicus
(World)

at least 1-6% of the GB breeding population
SCRC 1985-1988

Oceanodroma leucorhoa
(North Atlantic)

<0.1% of the GB breeding population
SCRC 1985-1988

ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

Fratercula arctica 5% of the breeding population
Count, as at 1993

Morus bassanus 2.2% 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:

100000 seabirds - SCRC 1985-1988

Including:

Fratercula arctica, *Hydrobates pelagicus*, *Morus bassanus*, *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*, *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*, *Uria aalge*.

4.3 Vulnerability

At present, there are no significant threats to the interest on these remote islands.

5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	0.48