

# 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	199703
date site designated as SAC	

### 2. Site location:

#### 2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
06 10 40 W	56 06 44 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	27.5%
0	Marine	72.5%

#### 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
A346	<i>Pyrhacorax pyrrhacorax</i>		6 P			C		B	
A346	<i>Pyrhacorax pyrrhacorax</i>			18 I		B		B	
A188	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>		4512 P			C		C	
A199	<i>Uria aalge</i>		6656 P			C		C	

## 4. Site description:

### 4.1 General site character

Habitat classes	% cover
Marine areas. Sea inlets	70.5
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	1.5
Inland water bodies (standing water, running water)	
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	1.5
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	19.2
Dry grassland. Steppes	
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	4.4
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	
Improved grassland	
Other arable land	
Broad-leaved deciduous woodland	2.9
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)	
<b>Total habitat cover</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 4.1 Other site characteristics

#### Soil & geology:

Acidic, Gravel, Metamorphic, Peat, Sand, Slate/shale

#### Geomorphology & landscape:

Caves, Cliffs, Coastal, Crags/ledges, Intertidal rock, Intertidal sediments (including sandflat/mudflat), Island, Lowland, 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:

*Pyrhacorax pyrrhacorax*

2% of the GB breeding population  
Count, as at 1998

#### Over winter the area regularly supports:

*Pyrhcorax pyrrhcorax*

2.6% of the GB population  
Count as at 1998

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

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

30000 seabirds - SCRC 1985-1988

Including:

*Rissa tridactyla* , *Uria aalge* .

### 4.3 Vulnerability

The chough population on the site is threatened by the intensification of agriculture. The maintenance of traditional agricultural practices is encouraged on the site through payments available under the Argyll Islands Environmentally Sensitive area scheme and through SNH management agreements with owner/occupiers.

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

### 5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	29.61