

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

U	K	0	0	1	2	8	2	1
U	K	0	0	3	0	2	5	1

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	199709
date site designated as SAC	

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
03 17 30 W	56 52 54 N

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

2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UKA4	Grampian	26.21%
UKA15	Tayside	73.79%

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				
A091	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		6 P		C		C	
A139	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>		40 P		B		B	

4. Site description:

4.1 General site character

Habitat classes	% cover
Marine areas. Sea inlets	
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	
Inland water bodies (standing water, running water)	0.6
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	30.8
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	34.1
Dry grassland. Steppes	7.6
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	1.5
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	19.9
Improved grassland	
Other arable land	
Broad-leaved deciduous woodland	0.2
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	5.3
Other land (including towns, villages, roads, waste places, mines, industrial sites)	
Total habitat cover	100%

4.1 Other site characteristics

Soil & geology:

Acidic, Alluvium, Basic, Calc-schists, Granite, Igneous, Metalliferous, Metamorphic, Peat, Quartzite

Geomorphology & landscape:

Crags/ledges, Hilly, Montane, Upland, Valley

4.2 Quality and importance

ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	1.5% of the GB breeding population Count, as at mid-1990s
<i>Charadrius morinellus</i> (Europe - breeding)	4.8% of the GB breeding population 8 year mean, 1987-1994

ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

4.3 Vulnerability

Part of this large site, important for upland bird species, is a National Nature Reserve managed under an agreed management plan. The impact of grazing by red deer and sheep and of human recreational access over the whole area is currently being assessed and this will inform the development of a management plan for the entire site. The ski company owning the ski centre adjacent to the site has worked with the local planning authority and Scottish Natural Heritage to manage the skiing operations so as to minimise damage to the wildlife on the site. Any proposals for new skiing developments would require approval by the local planning authority. Wider countryside measures are in place which also have a role in maintaining the population levels for which the site was classified.

5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover
UK01 (NNR)	27.7
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	100.0