

# 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	7	0	7	2
U	K	0	0	3	0	2	8	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	199708
date site designated as SAC	

### 2. Site location:

#### 2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
02 11 06 W	55 55 27 N

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

#### 2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UKM24	Scottish Borders, The	10.8%
0	Marine	89.2%

#### 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				
A200	<i>Alca torda</i>		2180 I			C		C	
A184	<i>Larus argentatus</i>		1160 P			C		C	
A018	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>		560 P			C		C	
A188	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>		21170 P			B		C	
A199	<i>Uria aalge</i>		31750 I			B		C	

### 4. Site description:

#### 4.1 General site character

Habitat classes	% cover
Marine areas. Sea inlets	89.9
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)	0.1
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	0.5
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	5.8
Dry grassland. Steppes	0.7
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	2.6
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	
Improved grassland	
Other arable land	
Broad-leaved deciduous woodland	0.1
Coniferous woodland	
Evergreen woodland	
Mixed woodland	0.1
Non-forest areas cultivated with woody plants (including orchards, groves, vineyards, dehesas)	
Inland rocks. Scree. Sands. Permanent snow and ice	0.1
Other land (including towns, villages, roads, waste places, mines, industrial sites)	0.1
<b>Total habitat cover</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### 4.1 Other site characteristics

**Soil & geology:**

Acidic, Alluvium, Basic, Biogenic reef, Clay, Igneous, Mud, Sand, Sandstone, Sedimentary

**Geomorphology & landscape:**

Cave/tunnel, Caves, Cliffs, Coastal, Crags/ledges, Geos (rocky inlets), Hilly, Intertidal rock, Subtidal rock (including rocky reefs), Surge gullies

#### 4.2 Quality and importance

**ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC): AN INTERNATIONALLY IMPORTANT ASSEMBLAGE OF BIRDS****During the breeding season the area regularly supports:**

79560 seabirds - Count, as at 1987

Including:

*Alca torda*, *Larus argentatus*, *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*, *Rissa tridactyla*, *Uria aalge*.

#### 4.3 Vulnerability

The site is managed by the full-time ranger and summer warden who work to the St Abb's Head Management Committee and to the current management plan for the site. Visitor numbers are high but they are not thought to cause significant disturbance to the interest at present. Site managers will continue to monitor the impact of disturbance on the interest.

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

#### 5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover
UK01 (NNR)	4.6
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	14.5