

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

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	200012
date site designated as SAC	

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
03 20 35 W	58 51 31 N

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

2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UKM45	Orkney Islands	51.5%
0	Marine	48.5%

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	Migratory		Population	Conservation	Isolation	Global	
Breed	Winter	Stage							
A175	<i>Catharacta skua</i>		1900 P			A		C	
A103	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		6 P			C		C	
A204	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>		3500 P			C		C	
A009	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>		35000 P			B		C	
A001	<i>Gavia stellata</i>		58 T			B		C	
A187	<i>Larus marinus</i>		570 P			B		C	
A188	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>		3000 P			C		C	
A173	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>		59 P			C		B	
A199	<i>Uria aalge</i>		13400 P			C		C	

4. Site description:

4.1 General site character

Habitat classes	% cover
Marine areas. Sea inlets	47.6
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	5.2
Inland water bodies (standing water, running water)	2.6
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	13.1
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	30.9
Dry grassland. Steppes	
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	
Improved grassland	
Other arable land	
Broad-leaved deciduous woodland	0.5
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, Igneous, Nutrient-poor, Peat, Sand, Sandstone, Sedimentary

Geomorphology & landscape:

Cliffs, Coastal, Crags/ledges, Geos (rocky inlets), Hilly, Intertidal rock, Island, Montane, Open coast (including bay), Slope, Upland, Valley

4.2 Quality and importance

ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	0.5% of the GB breeding population Mid-1990s
<i>Gavia stellata</i> (North-western Europe - wintering)	6% of the GB breeding population Gibbons et al 1994 National Survey

ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

<i>Catharacta skua</i> (World)	14% of the breeding population Furness 1996
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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:

120000 seabirds - SCRC 1985-1988

Including:

Catharacta skua , *Fratercula arctica* , *Fulmarus glacialis* , *Larus marinus* , *Rissa tridactyla* , *Stercorarius parasiticus* , *Uria aalge* .

4.3 Vulnerability

The seabird assemblage on the site is not subject to any direct pressures. External influences, particularly the state of sand-eel stocks, are outwith site-based control. The red-throated diver and great skua may be sensitive to changes in the grazing regime, although they are not at risk with current management of the site. Low levels of recreational walking and birdwatching occur. At these levels none of these activities is detrimental to the interest features of the site.

5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	52.4