

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	199601
date confirmed as SCI	200412
date site classified as SPA	
date site designated as SAC	200503

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
03 56 15 W	58 20 10 N

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

2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UKA31	Highland	100.00%

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
Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the <i>Littorelletea uniflorae</i> and/or of the <i>Isoëto-Nanojuncetea</i>	2.2	B	B	B	B
Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds	0.2	A	B	A	A
Northern Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica tetralix</i>	16.05	C	B	C	C
European dry heaths	1.64	D			
Alpine and Boreal heaths	0.13	D			
Blanket bogs	79.18	A	B	A	A
Transition mires and quaking bogs	0.35	C	B	B	C
Depressions on peat substrates of the <i>Rhynchosporion</i>	0.07	C	B	B	C

3.2 Annex II species

Species name	Population				Site assessment			
	Resident	Migratory			Population	Conservation	Isolation	Global
		Breed	Winter	Stage				
<i>Lutra lutra</i>	Present	-	-	-	C	B	C	B
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>	1001-10,000	-	-	-	B	B	A	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)	3.0
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	78.5
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	18.0
Dry grassland. Steppes	0.5
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, Granite, Nutrient-poor, Peat, Sandstone

Geomorphology & landscape:

Upland

4.2 Quality and importance

Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the *Littorelletea uniflorae* and/or of the *Isoëto-Nanojuncetea*

- for which this is considered to be one of the best areas in the United Kingdom.

Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds

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Northern Atlantic wet heaths with *Erica tetralix*

- for which the area is considered to support a significant presence.

Blanket bogs

- for which this is considered to be one of the best areas in the United Kingdom.

Transition mires and quaking bogs

- for which the area is considered to support a significant presence.

Depressions on peat substrates of the *Rhynchosporion*

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Lutra lutra

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Saxifraga hirculus

- which is known from 15 or fewer 10 x 10 km squares in the United Kingdom.

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4.3 Vulnerability

This extensive peatland site is managed for a range of crofting, sporting and farming interests. The current levels of activity are compatible with the nature conservation interests. The site contains two National Nature Reserves and much of the remainder is subject to Peatland Management Schemes and other management agreements which encourage traditional management practices

5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover
UK01 (NNR)	1.7
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	100.0