

# 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	199802
date site designated as SAC	

### 2. Site location:

#### 2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
03 20 00 W	58 29 30 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

### 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
A041b	<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i>			440 I		B		B	
A043a	<i>Anser anser</i>			7190 I		B		C	
A038	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>			240 I		B		C	

## 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)	74.0
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	24.2
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	
Dry grassland. Steppes	
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	1.8
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. Screes. 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, Alluvium, Neutral, Nutrient-poor, Peat, Sand, Sandstone, Sedimentary

#### Geomorphology & landscape:

Coastal, Floodplain, Lowland, Valley

### 4.2 Quality and importance

#### ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

#### Over winter the area regularly supports:

<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i> (Greenland/Ireland/UK)	3% of the GB population 5 year peak mean for 1993/94 to 1997/98
<i>Cygnus cygnus</i> (Iceland/UK/Ireland)	4% of the GB population 5 year peak mean for 1993/94 to 1997/98

**ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)**

**Over winter the area regularly supports:**

*Anser anser*  
(Iceland/UK/Ireland)

7% of the population  
5 year mean for 1993/94 to 1997/98

**4.3 Vulnerability**

Angling occurs on several of the lochs but is mainly outside the wintering period and is not thought to have any impact. Liason with local wildfowlers and shooting guides is encouraging adherence to the BASC guide for inland goose shooting. There is some potential for disturbance to be caused but it is not thought to be significant. SNH plan to monitor the situation.

Feeding areas at some constituent sites are threatened by field drainage, rough grazing and afforestation. SNH is monitoring these activities and will encourage sympathetic land management, using wider countryside measures where appropriate.

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

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

Code	% cover
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	100.0