

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	200110
date site designated as SAC	

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
03 37 00 W	57 17 00 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						
A108	<i>Tetrao urogallus</i>	34 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)	
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	0.5
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	3.0
Dry grassland. Steppes	
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	0.5
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	
Improved grassland	
Other arable land	
Broad-leaved deciduous woodland	10.0
Coniferous woodland	85.0
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)	1.0
Total habitat cover	100%

4.1 Other site characteristics

Soil & geology:

Acidic, Alluvium, Metamorphic, Nutrient-poor, Peat, Quartzite

Geomorphology & landscape:

Crags/ledges, Hilly, Slope, Upland

4.2 Quality and importance

ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the year the area regularly supports:

Tetrao urogallus

3.2% of the GB breeding population

Extrapolated from mean number of males counted at leks 1996 to 2000

ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

4.3 Vulnerability

Craigmore Wood is a privately owned coniferous woodland which is managed for its population of capercaillie, timber and deer. The woodland is managed under a grant scheme for native (Caledonian) pine forest. This scheme contains management prescriptions to reduce potential impacts on capercaillie. There is no domestic grazing within the site and strategies to prevent overgrazing by deer are included within the forest grant scheme. In order to reduce fence strikes by woodland grouse within Craigmore Wood a programme of fence removal has been undertaken. Disturbance of capercaillie is of concern, however current recreational use of the site is relatively low and visitors are actively encouraged to keep to a network of established paths that avoid sensitive areas of the site.

5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover