

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

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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	200303
date site designated as SAC	

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
04 56 30 W	55 00 20 N

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

2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UKA21	Dumfries and Galloway	70.78%
UKA22	Strathclyde	29.22%

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						
A082	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>		10 P		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	25.0
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	50.0
Dry grassland. Steppes	
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	25.0
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

<p>Soil & geology: Acidic, Metamorphic, Peat, Sandstone/mudstone, Slate/shale</p> <p>Geomorphology & landscape: Hilly, Upland</p>

4.2 Quality and importance

<p>ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)</p> <p>During the breeding season the area regularly supports:</p> <p><i>Circus cyaneus</i> 2% of the GB breeding population 1994 - 1998 5 year mean</p>
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<p>ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)</p>
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4.3 Vulnerability

Glen App is composed of moorland with acid grassland and blanket bog mosaics. Much of the heather habitat has become fragmented, with acidic grasslands becoming a more common feature due to overgrazing. Limited muirburn is still practised to reclaim moorland for livestock grazing. Many tenant farmers have now entered the Environmentally Sensitive Area Agri-Environment scheme which may result in more beneficial grazing patterns, and some owners have expressed an interest in improving heather moorland for game species. Scottish Natural Heritage is currently in the process of developing a Moorland Management Scheme for owners and occupiers which will include prescriptions for heather restoration, sensitive muirburn and the reduction of stocking levels

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