

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	198507
date site designated as SAC	

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
01 38 55 W	55 37 13 N

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

2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UK131	Northumberland	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	Breed	Winter	Stage	Population	Conservation	Isolation	Global
A193	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		230 P			C		C	
A194	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>		2840 P			B		C	
A191	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>		2070 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	1.0
Shingle. Sea cliffs. Islets	80.5
Inland water bodies (standing water, running water)	0.1
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	
Dry grassland. Steppes	
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	
Improved grassland	16.2
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)	2.2
Total habitat cover	100%

4.1 Other site characteristics

Soil & geology:

Boulder, Clay, Cobble, Metamorphic, Peat, Sand, Shingle

Geomorphology & landscape:

Cave/tunnel, Cliffs, Coastal, Crags/ledges, Geos (rocky inlets), Intertidal rock, Intertidal sediments (including sandflat/mudflat), Islands, Pools, Subtidal rock (including rocky reefs), Surge gullies

4.2 Quality and importance

ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

Sterna hirundo 1.9% of the GB breeding population
(Northern/Eastern Europe - breeding) 5 year mean, 1993-1997

Sterna paradisaea 6.5% of the GB breeding population
(Arctic - breeding/Southern Oceans - wintering) 5 year mean, 1993-1997

Sterna sandvicensis
(Western Europe/Western Africa)

14.8% of the GB breeding population
5 year mean, 1993-1997

ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

4.3 Vulnerability

The site is managed by the National Trust as a National Nature Reserve in accordance with a management plan agreed with English Nature. Two islands are open to visitors, though access is controlled and managed.

The thin soil cap found on the islands is easily disturbed by burrowing rabbits and puffins and by seals during their breeding season. Management of the vegetation/ soil cap and the pupping areas for seals is undertaken by the National Trust.

Marine activities including inshore fishing, recreation and pleasure craft are currently being monitored to assess any potential impact within the SPA.

5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover
UK01 (NNR)	95.2
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	100.0