

# 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	198507
date site designated as SAC	

### 2. Site location:

#### 2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
01 55 09 W	55 37 20 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	Migratory		Population	Conservation	Isolation	Global	
Breed	Winter	Stage							
A043a	<i>Anser anser</i>			2150 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)	3.0
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	18.0
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	49.0
Dry grassland. Steppes	
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	
Improved grassland	
Other arable land	
Broad-leaved deciduous woodland	0.4
Coniferous woodland	29.6
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)	
<b>Total habitat cover</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 4.1 Other site characteristics

#### Soil & geology:

Acidic, Clay, Peat, Sandstone

#### Geomorphology & landscape:

Hilly, Lowland

### 4.2 Quality and importance

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

#### Over winter the area regularly supports:

*Anser anser*  
(Iceland/UK/Ireland)

2.2% of the population  
5 year peak mean 1991/92-1995/96

### 4.3 Vulnerability

The majority of the site is managed as a nature reserve by the Northumberland Wildlife Trust in accordance with a management plan agreed with English Nature. The management plan includes the removal of plantation woodland and ditch damming, to restore the hydrological integrity of the site. Limited wildfowling occurs on the site but is compatible with the SPA objectives.

An adjacent peat extraction site is not currently considered to be affecting the SPA though monitoring of this activity will continue to be undertaken by Northumberland County Council and the Northumberland Wildlife Trust.

## 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