

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	199207
date site designated as SAC	

2. Site location:**2.1 Site centre location**

longitude	latitude
01 40 34 W	51 07 55 N

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

2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UKJ3	Hampshire and Isle of Wight	34.49%
UKK15	Wiltshire CC	65.51%

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							
A133	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>		20 P			B		B	

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	
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	6.0
Dry grassland. Steppes	89.0
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	
Improved grassland	
Other arable land	
Broad-leaved deciduous woodland	2.0
Coniferous woodland	3.0
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)	
Total habitat cover	100%

4.1 Other site characteristics

Soil & geology:

Basic, Calc-schists, Clay, Limestone/chalk

Geomorphology & landscape:

Hilly, Lowland, Slope

4.2 Quality and importance

ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

Burhinus oedicnemus

(Western Europe - breeding)

10.6% of the GB breeding population

5 year mean, 1995 - 1999

ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

4.3 Vulnerability

The site forms the ranges of the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory which is an agency of the Ministry of Defence, and military training activities take place. The SPA interest is dependant on the chalk grassland habitat, which is a SAC in its own right. On the whole, the existing land use is compatible with maintaining the SPA interest and the habitat is generally robust to ground disturbance, provided this is kept to an acceptable level. During the Salisbury Plain LIFE Natura Project a significant proportion of scrub was managed and now an ongoing scrub management programme continues, albeit at a lower level, to prevent significant loss of grassland to scrub. Management and operational issues continue to be dealt with through a working Integrated Land Management Plan and a generic consent which is periodically reviewed. Consent is issued by Natural England on a case by case basis for operations/ management outside the scope of the generic consent.

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