

# 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	199206
date site designated as SAC	

### 2. Site location:

#### 2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
04 41 18 W	53 18 06 N

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

#### 2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UKL12	Gwynedd	100.0%

#### 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
A346	<i>Pyrhcorax pyrrhcorax</i>			48 I		B		B	
A346	<i>Pyrhcorax pyrrhcorax</i>		22 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	31.0
Inland water bodies (standing water, running water)	
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	2.0
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	62.0
Dry grassland. Steppes	
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	3.0
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. Screes. Sands. Permanent snow and ice	2.0
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:

Metamorphic, Quartzite

#### Geomorphology & landscape:

Cave/tunnel, Coastal, Crags/ledges

### 4.2 Quality and importance

#### ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

##### During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

*Pyrhcorax pyrrhcorax* 6.4% of the GB breeding population  
Count: RSPB 2001

##### Over winter the area regularly supports:

*Pyrhcorax pyrrhcorax* 7% of the GB population  
Count: RSPB 2001

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

**4.3 Vulnerability**

Glannau Ynys Gybi is a spectacular coastal heath and cliff site, with ornithological, botanical and geological interest. Part of the site is an RSPB reserve however, there are heavy recreational pressures which require careful management. This is partly achieved by a policy of restricting parking spaces and a long standing voluntary ban on climbing in key areas during the nesting season. Chough breeding numbers have increased in the reserve in recent years partly due to control of disturbance. However, winter survival of chough appears to be low and the regional chough population is stubbornly static despite good fledging success. This is being addressed through research programmes but may be dependent on wider regional land management factors. The heathland habitat (away from the cliff top) is dependent upon periodic fires, which are carried out in a controlled (and sometimes uncontrolled) manner and partly on maintaining traditional pastoral practices.

**5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:**

**5.1 Designation types at national and regional level**

Code	% cover
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	76.0