

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	199801
date site designated as SAC	

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
03 36 20 W	52 50 19 N

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

2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UK911	Clwyd	40.87%
UK913	Gwynedd	16.95%
UK914	Powys	42.20%

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>		14 P			B		B	
A098	<i>Falco columbarius</i>		14 P			C		C	
A103	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		18 P			C		C	
A074	<i>Milvus milvus</i>		2 P			C		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)	1.0
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	34.0
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	38.0
Dry grassland. Steppes	22.0
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	1.0
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	
Improved grassland	1.0
Other arable land	
Broad-leaved deciduous woodland	1.0
Coniferous woodland	1.0
Evergreen woodland	
Mixed woodland	
Non-forest areas cultivated with woody plants (including orchards, groves, vineyards, dehesas)	
Inland rocks. Scree. Sands. Permanent snow and ice	1.0
Other land (including towns, villages, roads, waste places, mines, industrial sites)	
Total habitat cover	100%

4.1 Other site characteristics

Soil & geology:

Acidic, Igneous, Nutrient-poor, Peat, Sedimentary

Geomorphology & landscape:

Crags/ledges, Hilly, Upland

4.2 Quality and importance

ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	2.2% of the GB breeding population 5 year mean, 1991-1995
<i>Falco columbarius</i>	1.1% of the GB breeding population 5 year mean, 1991-1995
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	1.5% of the GB breeding population 5 year mean, 1991-1995
<i>Milvus milvus</i>	1.2% of the GB breeding population 5 year mean, 1991-1995

ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

4.3 Vulnerability

The breeding habitats of the hen harrier, merlin, red kite and peregrine are threatened by inappropriate agricultural operations such as drainage and reseeded, application of fertilisers and the adoption of damaging grazing regimes. These problems are being addressed successfully by means of management agreements with owners and occupiers and through joint agreement via the Tir Cymen Scheme, an agri-environment scheme.

The breeding productivity of the ground nesting hen harriers and merlins is vulnerable to high levels of predation by species such as the fox and carrion crow. Landowners are encouraged to use appropriate measures to control pest species.

All the qualifying species are vulnerable to human persecution, by disturbance or destruction of nests, eggs or young; as well as illegal killing of adult birds. Liaison with owners, the police and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, as well as improving public understanding is attempting to address this problem.

5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover
UK01 (NNR)	32.4
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	100.0