

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	200306
date site designated as SAC	

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
04 30 46 W	52 47 37 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>			>18 I		B		B	
A346	<i>Pyrhcorax pyrrhcorax</i>		>9 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)	6.0
Salt marshes. Salt pastures. Salt steppes	
Coastal sand dunes. Sand beaches. Machair	8.0
Shingle. Sea cliffs. Islets	14.6
Inland water bodies (standing water, running water)	
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	25.5
Dry grassland. Steppes	10.6
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	
Improved grassland	35.3
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	
Other land (including towns, villages, roads, waste places, mines, industrial sites)	0.0
Total habitat cover	100%

4.1 Other site characteristics

Soil & geology:

Sandstone, Sedimentary, Slate/shale

Geomorphology & landscape:

Cliffs, Coastal, Craggs/ledges, Intertidal rock

4.2 Quality and importance

ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

Pyrhcorax pyrrhcorax

at least 9 pairs which represents 2.6% of the population in Great Britain
RSPB 2000

Over winter the area regularly supports:

Pyrhcorax pyrrhcorax

at least 18 individuals which represents 2.6% of the population in Great Britain
RSPB 2000

ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

4.3 Vulnerability

The choughs depend on the proximity of several sea cliff nesting sites to maritime heath, grassland and farmland feeding sites. The integrity of such feeding sites and their diverse invertebrate and plant assemblages depend on medium grazing pressures twinned with low intensity traditional farming methods that do not involve the use of agrochemicals. The cliff nesting sites are vulnerable to disturbance from climbers, a problem which seems to have been successfully overcome by means of a voluntary climbing ban between February and July, mediated by British Mountaineering Council.

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