

# 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	200106
date site designated as SAC	

### 2. Site location:

#### 2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
04 00 10 W	52 38 31 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>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		6 P			C		B	
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## 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	
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	
Dry grassland. Steppes	64.0
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	
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	31.0
Other land (including towns, villages, roads, waste places, mines, industrial sites)	4.0
<b>Total habitat cover</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 4.1 Other site characteristics

<p><b>Soil &amp; geology:</b> Igneous</p> <p><b>Geomorphology &amp; landscape:</b> Craggs/ledges, Hilly</p>
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### 4.2 Quality and importance

<b>ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)</b>	
<b>During the breeding season the area regularly supports:</b>	
<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	1.8% of the GB breeding population 1999
<b>Over winter the area regularly supports:</b>	
<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	8% of the GB population 1996

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

**4.3 Vulnerability**

The crags regularly support over 1% of the British population of breeding chough, and 8% of the British wintering population, as it is also a roost site for this species. It is the site of the only regular in-land breeding colony of cormorant in Wales. Both these species are vulnerable to disturbance as the crags are a well known climbing site. This is being addressed by imposing restrictions on when the activity can take place. The grazing pressure is regulated by a Tir Gofal management agreement at the moment, to produce favourable chough feeding habitat.

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

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

<b>Code</b>	<b>% cover</b>
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	100.0