

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	199610
date confirmed as SCI	
date site classified as SPA	
date site designated as SAC	

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
04 12 00 W	56 09 30 N

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

2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UKA12	Central	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
Active raised bogs	60	A	B	A	A

Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration	30	B	C	B	B
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3.2 Annex II species

Species name	Population			Site assessment			
	Resident	Migratory		Population	Conservation	Isolation	Global
		Breed	Winter				

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	70.0
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	3.0
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	3.0
Mixed woodland	20.0
Non-forest areas cultivated with woody plants (including orchards, groves, vineyards, dehesas)	
Inland rocks. Scree. 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

<p>Soil & geology: Acidic, Nutrient-poor, Peat</p> <p>Geomorphology & landscape: Floodplain, Lowland, Valley</p>
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4.2 Quality and importance

<p>Active raised bogs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for which this is considered to be one of the best areas in the United Kingdom. <p>Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for which this is considered to be one of the best areas in the United Kingdom.

4.3 Vulnerability

There are few significant threats to the qualifying interests at present. Part of the site is a National Nature Reserve managed for its natural heritage interest. In this area a Management Agreement is in place which allows for positive management via a twin programme of ditch-blocking and scrub removal, thus redressing damage caused by drainage in the past. This approach is also being pursued over the remainder of the site, and under the SNH National Nature Reserve Review it is intended to increase the area of the site within the NNR. There is a peat-extraction consent adjacent to Offerance Moss SSSI, which runs until August 2003, after which any application for renewal will be considered by Stirling Council; and the implications for the site will be considered by SNH.

5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover
UK01 (NNR)	19.5
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	100.0