

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	199903
date site designated as SAC	

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
07 23 24 W	57 02 40 N

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

2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UKA32	Islands	100.00%

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						
A122	<i>Crex crex</i>		20 I		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	15.0
Shingle. Sea cliffs. Islets	
Inland water bodies (standing water, running water)	7.0
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	15.0
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	
Dry grassland. Steppes	
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	
Improved grassland	30.0
Other arable land	30.0
Broad-leaved deciduous woodland	
Coniferous woodland	
Evergreen woodland	
Mixed woodland	
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)	3.0
Total habitat cover	100%

4.1 Other site characteristics

Soil & geology:

Basic, Metamorphic, Nutrient-poor, Nutrient-rich, Peat, Sand, Shingle

Geomorphology & landscape:

Coastal, Lowland

4.2 Quality and importance

ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

<i>Crex crex</i>	4.2% of the GB breeding population
(Europe/Africa/Western Asia)	5 year mean 1993-1997

ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

4.3 Vulnerability

The corncrake population is dependent on the continued availability of early and late cover and provision of late cut or late grazed fields of grass. This site is a non-SSSI SPA specifically for corncrake, which is underpinned by a voluntary SNH management scheme. The main issue on the site concerns the retention of traditional crofting practices as part of a low intensive agricultural system, as these maintain suitable habitat for corncrakes. Both the SNH management scheme and the grassland bird measures of the SOAEFD ESA agri-environment scheme help address this issue.

5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover