

EC Directive 92/43 on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Godrevy Head to St Agnes
Unitary Authority/County: Cornwall
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: SW700496
SAC EU code: UK0012549
Area (ha): 128.07
Component SSSI: Godrevy Head to St Agnes SSSI

Site description:

The dry heathland in this site represents typical examples of wind-pruned, 'waved' western gorse – bristle bent (*Ulex gallii* – *Agrostis curtisii*) and heather *Calluna vulgaris* – western gorse heaths, with some maritime features. Several noteworthy species occur, including bristle bent, red-flowered kidney vetch *Anthyllis vulneraria* var. *coccinea*, Portland spurge *Euphorbia portlandica* and hairy greenweed *Genista pilosa*. Scattered areas of wet heath occur, including stands of Dorset heath *Erica ciliaris* along the Chapel Porth valley. At this site the species occurs on drier substrates than in Dorset. The site also supports early gentian *Gentianella anglica*, occurring here on a non-calcareous substrate in the extreme west of its range.

Qualifying habitats: The site is designated under **article 4(4)** of the Directive (92/43/EEC) as it hosts the following habitats listed in Annex I:

- Temperate Atlantic wet heaths with *Erica ciliaris* and *Erica tetralix* (wet heathland with Dorset heath and cross-leaved heath)*
- European dry heaths

Qualifying species: The site is designated under **article 4(4)** of the Directive (92/43/EEC) as it hosts the following species listed in Annex II:

- Early gentian *Gentianella anglica*

Annex I priority habitats are denoted by an asterisk (*).

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.

Register reference number: UK0012549

Date of registration: 14 June 2005

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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs