

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Ford Moss
Unitary Authority/County: Northumberland
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: NT970377
SAC EU code: UK0030151
Area (ha): 61.14
Component SSSI: Ford Moss SSSI

Site description:

Ford Moss is a largely intact bog in undulating topography in the rain-shadow of the Cheviot Hills. Although partially drained, the re-wetted surface contains many waterlogged areas with species typical of peat-formation and water runs into the bog from the surrounding slopes. Although there are drier purple moor-grass *Molinia caerulea*-dominated parts, it is considered to be predominantly active raised bog with a good depth of peat within the confining basin. Large areas are dominated by heather *Calluna vulgaris* and there are good examples of bog-moss *Sphagnum* species, areas of cotton grass *Eriophorum vaginatum* and cranberry *Vaccinium oxycoccus*.

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:

- Active raised bogs*

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: UK0030151

Date of registration: 14 June 2005

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