

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

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| date site proposed as eligible as SCI | 200101 |
| date confirmed as SCI | 200412 |
| date site classified as SPA | |
| date site designated as SAC | 200504 |

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

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|------------|------------|
| longitude | latitude |
| 01 34 08 E | 52 06 06 N |

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

2.5 Administrative region

| NUTS code | Region name | % cover |
|-----------|-------------|---------|
| UK403 | Suffolk | 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 |
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| Sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time | 2 | D | | | |

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| Estuaries | 70 | B | C | C | B |
| Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide | 40 | B | C | B | C |
| Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae</i>) | 25 | C | C | C | C |

3.2 Annex II species

| Species name | Population | | | Site assessment | | | |
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| | Resident | Migratory | | Population | Conservation | Isolation | Global |
| | | Breed | Winter | | | | |
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4. Site description

4.1 General site character

| Habitat classes | % cover |
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| Marine areas. Sea inlets | |
| Tidal rivers. Estuaries. Mud flats. Sand flats. Lagoons (including saltwork basins) | 70.0 |
| Salt marshes. Salt pastures. Salt steppes | 25.0 |
| Coastal sand dunes. Sand beaches. Machair | |
| Shingle. Sea cliffs. Islets | 5.0 |
| Inland water bodies (standing water, running water) | |
| Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens | |
| Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana | |
| Dry grassland. Steppes | |
| 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. 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

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| <p>Soil & geology: Mud, Sand, Shingle</p> <p>Geomorphology & landscape: Coastal, Enclosed coast (including embayment), Estuary, Intertidal sediments (including sandflat/mudflat), Islands, Lagoon, Open coast (including bay), Subtidal sediments (including sandbank/mudbank)</p> |
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4.2 Quality and importance

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| <p>Estuaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for which this is considered to be one of the best areas in the United Kingdom. <p>Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for which the area is considered to support a significant presence. <p>Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for which the area is considered to support a significant presence. |
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4.3 Vulnerability

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| Past canalisation and erosion together with sea-level rise has resulted in the loss of much of the saltmarsh. There are plans for managed coastal retreat which in the long-term will result in the creation of saltmarsh. |
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5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

| Code | % cover |
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| UK04 (SSSI/ASSI) | 100.0 |