

Site Improvement Plan

Godrevy Head to St Agnes

Site Improvement Plans (SIPs) have been developed for each Natura 2000 site in England as part of the Improvement Programme for England's Natura 2000 sites (IPENS). Natura 2000 sites is the combined term for sites designated as Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protected Areas (SPA). This work has been financially supported by LIFE, a financial instrument of the European Community.

The plan provides a high level overview of the issues (both current and predicted) affecting the condition of the Natura 2000 features on the site(s) and outlines the priority measures required to improve the condition of the features. It does not cover issues where remedial actions are already in place or ongoing management activities which are required for maintenance.

The SIP consists of three parts: a Summary table, which sets out the priority Issues and Measures; a detailed Actions table, which sets out who needs to do what, when and how much it is estimated to cost; and a set of tables containing contextual information and links.

Once this current programme ends, it is anticipated that Natural England and others, working with landowners and managers, will all play a role in delivering the priority measures to improve the condition of the features on these sites.

The SIPs are based on Natural England's current evidence and knowledge. The SIPs are not legal documents, they are live documents that will be updated to reflect changes in our evidence/knowledge and as actions get underway. The information in the SIPs will be used to update England's contribution to the UK's Prioritised Action Framework (PAF).

The SIPs are not formal consultation documents, but if you have any comments about the SIP or would like more information please email us at IPENSLIFEProject@naturalengland.org.uk, or contact Natural England's Responsible Officer for the site via our enquiry service 0300 060 3900, or enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk

This Site Improvement Plan covers the following Natura 2000 site(s)

UK0012549 Godrevy Head to St Agnes SAC

Site description

Godrevy Head to St Agnes SAC, located on the north Cornwall coast, is characterised by maritime European dry heath and represents a typical example of coastal wind-pruned, 'waved' western gorse- bristle bent and heather (ling) heathland.

Along the Chapel Porth Valley scattered areas of Temperate Atlantic wet heath supporting stands of Dorset heath occur. The site also supports Early gentian.

Plan Summary

This table shows the prioritised issues for the site(s), the features they affect, the proposed measures to address the issues and the delivery bodies whose involvement is required to deliver the measures. The list of delivery bodies will include those who have agreed to the actions as well as those where discussions over their role in delivering the actions is on-going.

Priority & Issue	Pressure or Threat	Feature(s) affected	Measure	Delivery Bodies
1 Change in land management	Pressure/ Threat	S1654 Early gentian	Review management for Early gentian population	National Trust, Natural England
2 Air Pollution: risk of atmospheric nitrogen deposition	Pressure	H4020 Wet heathland with Dorset heath and cross-leaved heath, H4030 European dry heaths, S1654 Early gentian	Control and reduce impacts of atmospheric nitrogen deposition	Natural England

Issues and Actions

This table outlines the prioritised issues that are currently impacting or threatening the condition of the features, and the outstanding actions required to address them. It also shows, where possible, the estimated cost of the action and the delivery bodies whose involvement will be required to implement the action. Lead delivery bodies will be responsible for coordinating the implementation of the action, but not necessarily funding it. Delivery partners will need to support the lead delivery body in implementing the action. In the process of developing the SIPs Natural England has approached the delivery bodies to seek agreement on the actions and their roles in delivering them, although in some cases these discussions have not yet been concluded. Other interested parties, including landowners and managers, will be involved as the detailed actions are agreed and delivered. Funding options are indicated as potential (but not necessarily agreed or secured) sources to fund the actions.

1 Change in land management

A review of management for the Early gentian population with the site managers is desirable. The most recent records for Early gentian are from June 2009. The short turf habitat is maintained by exposure (wind and salt). However conditions for Early gentian might be improved on the cliff slopes further inland by management to maintain a shorter turf.

Action	Action description	Cost estimate	Timescale	Mechanism	Funding option	Delivery lead body	Delivery partner(s)
1A	Review HLS management for Early gentian population with the National Trust to improve conditions for Early gentian on the cliff slopes further inland by management to maintain a shorter turf.	Not yet determined	2014-16	Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE): Environmental Stewardship Higher Level Scheme (HLS)	Rural Development Programme (RDPE)	Natural England	National Trust

2 Air Pollution: risk of atmospheric nitrogen deposition

Nitrogen deposition exceeds site relevant critical loads above which the quality and character of heathland vegetation and population of Early Gentian begin to be altered and adversely impacted.

Action	Action description	Cost estimate	Timescale	Mechanism	Funding option	Delivery lead body	Delivery partner(s)
2A	Control, reduce and ameliorate atmospheric nitrogen impacts	Not yet determined	2014-20	Site Nitrogen Action Plan	Not yet determined	Natural England	n/a

Site details

The tables in this section contain site-relevant contextual information and links

Qualifying features

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Godrevy Head to St Agnes SAC	H4020# Temperate Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica ciliaris</i> and <i>Erica tetralix</i>
	H4030 European dry heaths
	S1654 <i>Gentianella anglica</i> : Early gentian

Site location and links

Godrevy Head to St Agnes SAC

Area (ha) 128.07	Grid reference SW700496	Map link
Local Authorities	Cornwall	
Site Conservation Objectives	European Site Conservation Objectives for Godrevy Head to St Agnes SAC	
European Marine Site conservation advice	n/a	
Regulation 33/35 Package	n/a	
Marine Management Organisation site plan	n/a	

Water Framework Directive (WFD)

The Water Framework Directive (WFD) provides the main framework for managing the water environment throughout Europe. Under the WFD a management plan must be developed for each river basin district. The River Basin Management Plans (RBMP) include a summary of the measures needed for water dependent Natura 2000 sites to meet their conservation objectives. For the second round of RBMPs, SIPs are being used to capture the priorities and new measures required for water dependent habitats on Natura 2000 sites. SIP actions for non-water dependent sites/habitats do not form part of the RBMPs and associated consultation.

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River basin

[South West RBMP](#)

WFD Management catchment

West Cornwall and the Fal

WFD Waterbody ID (Cycle 2 draft)

n/a

Overlapping or adjacent protected sites

Site(s) of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	
Godrevy Head to St Agnes SAC	Godrevy Head to St Agnes SSSI

National Nature Reserve (NNR)	
Godrevy Head to St Agnes SAC	n/a

Ramsar	
Godrevy Head to St Agnes SAC	n/a

Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Areas (SPA)	
Godrevy Head to St Agnes SAC	n/a

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