

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Cumbrian Marsh Fritillary Site
Unitary Authority/County: Cumbria
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: NY400409
SAC EU code: UK0030126
Area (ha): 22.96
Component SSSI: Middlesceugh Woods and Pastures SSSI, Skelton Pasture SSSI

Site description:

This is a complex of two marsh fritillary butterfly *Euphydryas aurinia* populations which may form a single metapopulation. They inhabit a damp purple moor-grass *Molinia caerulea* or tufted hair-grass *Deschampsia cespitosa* dominated grassland/scrub mosaic. These and the Braithwaite Moss population (within the River Derwent and Bassenthwaite Lake SAC) comprise a north-western set of populations which are genetically different to the other English populations.

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:

- Marsh fritillary butterfly *Euphydryas* (*Eurodryas*, *Hypodryas*) *aurinia*

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

Register reference number: UK0030126

Date of registration: 14 June 2005

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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment,
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