

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

## Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)


**Name:** River Clun  
**Unitary Authority/County:** Herefordshire; Shropshire  
**SAC status:** Designated on 1 April 2005  
**Grid reference:** SO393754  
**SAC EU code:** UK0030250  
**Area (ha):** 14.93  
**Length (km)** 4.7  
**Component SSSI:** River Teme SSSI

### Site description:

The River Clun is a tributary of the River Teme, which is the second largest tributary of the River Severn, draining a hilly, predominantly rural catchment of Silurian and Devonian rocks. The site includes only the lower reaches of the river and extends upstream from the confluence with the Teme to Broadward Bridge near Marlow. This section of the river holds a population of the freshwater pearl mussel *Margaritifera margaritifera*, one of the few lowland populations left in the UK. The freshwater pearl mussel larvae attach to the gills of salmon and trout before eventually detaching and settling in the riverbed gravels where they grow to adulthood.

**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:

- Freshwater pearl mussel *Margaritifera margaritifera*

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.  
Register reference number: UK0030250  
Date of registration: 14 June 2005  
Signed:   
On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs