

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Kennet and Lambourn Floodplain
Unitary Authority/County: West Berkshire, Wiltshire
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: SU313704
SAC EU code: UK0030044
Area (ha): 114.47
Component SSSI: Boxford Water Meadows SSSI, Chilton Foliat Meadows SSSI, Kennet and Lambourn Floodplain SSSI, Thatcham Reed Beds SSSI


Site description:

The cluster of sites in the Kennet and Lambourn valleys supports an extensive population of Desmoulin's whorl snail *Vertigo moulinsiana* in association with chalk stream habitat. The habitat occupied at this site differs from the sites in East Anglia in that it is predominantly reed sweet-grass *Glyceria maxima* swamp or tall sedges at the river margins, in ditches and in depressions in wet meadows.

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:

- Desmoulin's whorl snail *Vertigo moulinsiana*

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.
Register reference number: UK0030044
Date of registration: 14 June 2005

Signed: 

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