

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: South Solway Mosses
Unitary Authority/County: Cumbria
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: NY203597
SAC EU code: UK0030310
Area (ha): 1962.36
Component SSSI: Bowness Common SSSI, Drumburgh Moss SSSI, Glasson Moss SSSI, Wedholme Flow SSSI

Site description:

This is a complex of estuarine raised bogs to the south of the Solway, and is comprised of Wedholme Flow, Bowness Common, Drumburgh Moss and Glasson Moss. Bowness Common is one of the largest active raised bogs remaining in the UK. Although affected by past drainage and peat-cutting, much of these sites support typical bog vegetation, including bog rosemary *Andromeda polifolia*, cranberry *Vaccinium oxycoccos* and great sundew *Drosera anglica*. Wedholme Flow contains the largest area of almost-intact active raised bog in England, but also some degraded raised bog habitat in which peat-cutting has recently ceased. The central part of Glasson Moss displays some of the most diverse raised bog vegetation in the UK today, with bog-moss species including abundant *Sphagnum pulchrum* as well as *S. fuscum*.

Qualifying habitats: The site is designated under **article 4(4)** of the Directive (92/43/EEC) as it hosts the following habitats listed in Annex I:

- Active raised bogs*
- Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration

Annex I priority habitats are denoted by an asterisk (*).

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.
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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs