

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Richmond Park
Unitary Authority/County: Greater London
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: TQ199728
SAC EU code: UK0030246
Area (ha): 846.68
Component SSSI: Richmond Park SSSI

Site description:

Richmond Park has been managed as a royal deer park since the seventeenth century, producing a range of habitats of value to wildlife. In particular, Richmond Park is of importance for its diverse deadwood beetle fauna associated with the ancient trees found throughout the parkland. Many of these beetles are indicative of ancient forest areas where there has been a long continuous presence of over-mature timber. The site is at the heart of the south London centre of distribution for stag beetle *Lucanus cervus*.

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:

- Stag beetle *Lucanus cervus*

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

Register reference number: UK0030246

Date of registration: 14 June 2005

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