

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Pasturefields Salt Marsh
Unitary Authority/County: Staffordshire
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: SJ992249
SAC EU code: UK0012789
Area (ha): 7.70
Component SSSI: Pasturefields Salt Marsh SSSI


Site description:

Pasturefields Salt Marsh is the only known remaining example in the UK of a natural salt spring with inland saltmarsh vegetation. The vegetation consists of red fescue *Festuca rubra*, with common saltmarsh-grass *Puccinellia maritima*, lesser sea-spurrey *Spergularia marina*, saltmarsh rush *Juncus gerardii* and sea arrowgrass *Triglochin maritimum* in the most saline situations.

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:

- Inland salt meadows*

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.
Register reference number: UK0012789
Date of registration: 14 June 2005
Signed: 
On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs