

# 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 Devon Shore Dock  
**Unitary Authority/County:** Devon  
**SAC status:** Designated on 1 April 2005  
**Grid reference:** SX787362  
**SAC EU code:** UK0030060  
**Area (ha):** 341.01  
**Component SSSI:** Bolt Head to Bolt Tail SSSI, Prawle Point and Start Point SSSI

### Site description:

The bedrock at this site in south Devon is composed of mineral-rich Lower Devonian schists forming cliffs rising to 120 metres. The cliffs support a mosaic of habitat types including maritime grassland communities containing species such as thrift *Armeria maritima*, sea plantain *Plantago maritima* and autumn squill *Scilla autumnalis*. The grassland merges into bare rock, coastal heath and scrub. This combination of habitats support a number of uncommon plant species, a lichen assemblage with Mediterranean affinities, breeding birds and an invertebrate fauna consisting of species limited to southerly coastal sites. The site supports an important population of shore dock *Rumex rupestris*, occurring here at the eastern limit of its current UK range.

**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:

- Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts

**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:

- Shore dock *Rumex rupestris*

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

Register reference number: UK0030060

Date of registration: 14 June 2005

Signed: *Trew Salmon*

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