

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Nene Washes
Unitary Authority/County: City of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: TL302990
SAC EU code: UK0030222
Area (ha): 88.19
Component SSSI: Nene Washes (Whittlesey) SSSI

Site description:

The Nene Washes is one of the country's few remaining areas of washland habitat. The site is notable for the diversity of plant and associated animal life within its network of dykes. Moreton's Leam, a large drainage channel running along the eastern flank of the washes, contains a high density of spined loach *Cobitis taenia*.

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:

- Spined loach *Cobitis taenia*

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

Register reference number: UK0030222

Date of registration: 14 June 2005

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