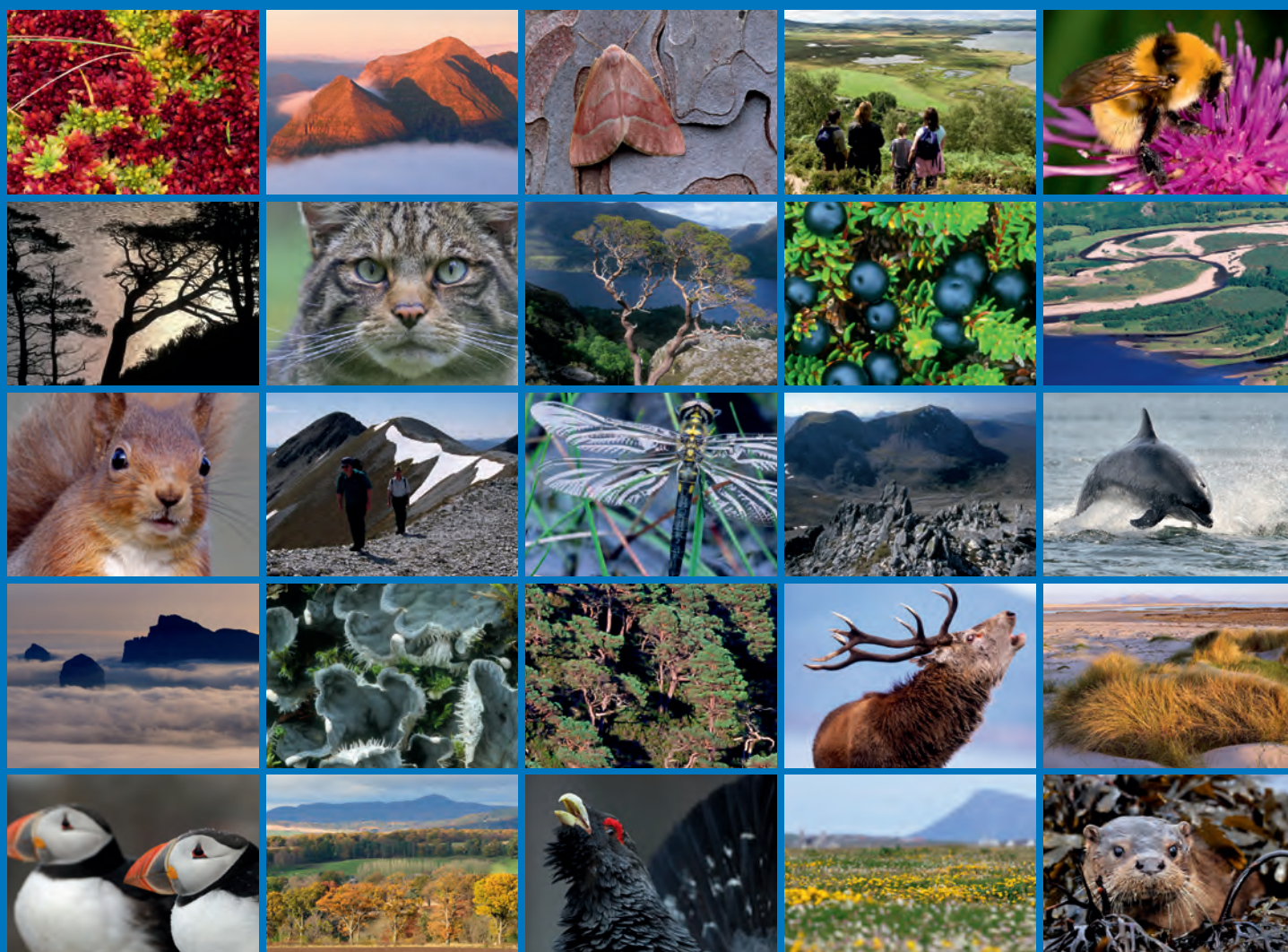


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Background

This report is one of a series, covering all known golden eagle ranges in the Jura, Scarba and the Garvellachs Golden Eagle SPA. It contains sensitive environmental information on protected species. As such it will only be distributed under licence.

The report identifies areas of search for habitat management which may be of interest to farmers, managers, landowners and agents, which will enhance habitats to support golden eagles and comply with the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994. A novel methodology has been developed to facilitate this. The methodology entails identifying areas of three generic categories of prey-habitat communities found in any given range. The three categories are as follows:

Rich Prey Communities (RPC): have high productivity in terms of prey.

Medium Prey Community (MPC): have an existing prey productivity that could be improved further by improved management of the existing habitat; and

Constrained Prey Community (CPC): contain virtually no or very little prey for golden eagles.

The main management objective for a range is to change CPCs into RPCs. This makes a range more robust and sustainable in the long term as its overall baseline MPC/RPC area will have increased. Improving the existing MPCs can bring additional benefits to the range, and should be considered in any habitat/prey management improvement programme.

The report also contains baseline data which may be of subsequent use for initial screening of proposed development or other management within the territory.

It is important to note that each range is unique and the recommendations in any given range report may not be applicable to other ranges. Furthermore, the advice on the Habitat Regulations Appraisal (HRA) contained in this report is specific to this range, and cannot be used to inform HRA decisions on other sites.

Main findings

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