

Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as  
Waterfowl Habitat

**CITATION FOR RAMSAR SITE**

**(Kampala criteria, 2005)**

**BRIDGEND FLATS, ISLAY (UK13001)**

**Site Description:**

Bridgend Flats, Islay Ramsar site is located on the Hebridean Island of Islay. The site lies in a sheltered location at the head of Loch Indaal and comprises natural saltmarsh and intertidal sand and mud-flats.

The boundary of the Ramsar site is coincident with both Bridgend Flats, Islay Special Protection Area (SPA) and Bridgend Flats Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

**Interest Feature (marked in bold):** N.B All bird figures relate to numbers at the time of designation:

Bridgend Flats, Islay Ramsar site qualifies under Ramsar Criterion 6 by regularly supporting 1% or more of the individuals in a population of waterbirds:

- **Greenland Barnacle goose** *Branta leucopsis* (an average of 6,700 individuals roost in the area and an average of 900 individuals feed within the site, 22% and 3% respectively of the E Greenland/Scotland & Ireland biogeographic population).

Area: 332.08 ha

National Grid Ref: NR322621

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