

CITATION**FARAY AND HOLM OF FARAY
SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST**

Orkney Islands

Site code: 1683

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: HY 528367; HY527390

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 5
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 464

AREA: 116.62 hectares

NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURESBiological: Mammals: Grey Seal *Halichoerus grypus***DESCRIPTION:**

Faray and Holm of Faray are two small uninhabited islands which lie between Westray and Eday. They are notified for grey seals *Halichoerus grypus*.

The site is one of the most important breeding and haul out sites for grey seals in Orkney. In 2006, an estimated 3148 pups were produced, equivalent to around 16% of the annual pup production for Orkney, and 7% of the total annual pup production for Britain.

NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the 1981 Act: 29 September 1997

Notification confirmed on 12 June 1998 with a 11.32 ha reduction in area

Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 27 August 2010

REMARKS

Faray and Holm of Faray SSSI is designated as part of Faray and Holm of Faray Special Area of Conservation (SAC) for the European species listed below.

Grey seal *Halichoerus grypus*