

CITATION

BORERAY
SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST
Western Isles

Site code: 1717

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NF 852814

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 18
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 454

AREA: 257.05 ha

NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES

Biological

Birds (non-breeding): Greenland Barnacle goose (*Branta leucopsis*)
Greylag goose (*Anser anser*)

DESCRIPTION:

The island of Boreray is situated within the south-western part of the Sound of Harris. The site has been notified for its nationally important population of wintering Greenland Barnacle geese and native Greylag geese. These numbers represent 1% or more of the total British non-breeding population for both Greenland Barnacle and Greylag Geese.

The island also supports an important assemblage of both breeding and wintering wader birds; however these species are not listed as a notified natural feature within the site.

NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the 1981 Act: 26 October 1999

Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 10 March 2009

REMARKS

Measured area of site corrected (from 261 ha)

Boreray SSSI overlaps part of the North Uist Machair and Islands Special Protection Area (SPA) designated for the birds listed below.

Birds: Corncrake *Crex crex*
Ringed plover *Charadrius hiaticula*
Dunlin *Calidris alpina schinzii*
Greenland Barnacle goose *Branta leucopsis*
Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*
Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*
Purple sandpiper *Calidris maritima*
Redshank *Tringa totanus*