

## CITATION

**INCHLONAIG**  
**SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST**  
Argyll and Bute

Site code: 803

PLANNING AUTHORITY: Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NS 380935

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 56  
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 347

AREA: 75.36 hectares

## NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES

**Biological: Woodlands: Upland oak woodland**

## DESCRIPTION

Inchlonaig Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is located in Loch Lomond to the east of Luss. The upland oak woodland is the seventh largest stand in Scotland. Within the semi-natural oak woodland is the only yew *Taxus baccata* woodland of any extent in Scotland and has a well documented history dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

The main area of oak and birch woodlands is in the north-east of the island on thinner soils in drier areas. There is a limited understory throughout the island with extensive bracken *Pteridium aquilinum*, but in the oak woodland there is blaeberry *Vaccinium myrtillus* and heather *Calluna vulgaris*. In wetter areas rushes dominate the understory with the occasional herb such as whorled caraway *Carum verticillatum*, quillwort *Isoetes lacustris* and marsh pennywort *Hydrocotyle vulgaris*. The shore of the island has a more diverse flora with colonies of remote sedge *Carex remota*, hemlock water-dropwort *Oenanthe crocata*, hay-scented buckler fern *Dryopteris aemula* and Tunbridge filmy-fern *Hymenophyllum tunbrigense*.

## NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the 1949 Act: 1971

Re-notified under the 1981 Act: 22 March 1983 with a 6.86 ha decrease in area.

Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 19 November 2010

## REMARKS

Measured area of site corrected (from 74.8 ha)

The eastern side of Inchlonaig SSSI is part of the Loch Lomond Woods Special Area of Conservation (SAC), which is designated for the European habitats and species listed below.

Habitats : Western acidic oak woodland  
Species : Otter (*Lutra lutra*)