

CITATION

RANNOCH LOCHS
SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST
Highland (Lochaber), Perth & Kinross, Argyll & Bute

Site code: 8111

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 41, 42, 50
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 377, 385

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NN211419, NN321503, NN382543,
NN365657, NN391679, NN468610,
NN522556

AREA: 353.11 ha.

NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES:

Biological : Birds Black-throated diver

DESCRIPTION:

Rannoch Lochs SSSI comprises a grouping of five oligotrophic freshwater lochs: Loch Dochard (Argyll and Bute); Loch Ossian, Loch na Tota and Loch na Sgeallaig (Highland); and Lochan Loin nan Donnlaich (Perth and Kinross) located around Rannoch Moor in the southern Highlands of Scotland. They are between 220 and 420 metres above sea level. The site is in remote, upland terrain where human activity is low.

The group of lochs that comprise the Rannoch Lochs Site of Special Scientific Interest is nationally important for breeding black-throated divers. These lochs support in excess of 1% of the British breeding population and maintain higher than average chick productivity .

NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the 1981 Act:: 13 March 2000
Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 28 March 2008

REMARKS

Rannoch Lochs SSSI is designated as part of the Rannoch Lochs Special Protection Area (SPA) for the birds listed below.

Black-throated diver *Gavia arctica*