

## CITATION

### WESTER ROSS LOCHS SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST HIGHLAND (Wester Ross)

Site code: 8113

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NG 880804 (Loch Kernsary),  
NG 889867 (Lochan Dubh Druim na h-Airdhe)  
NG 896865 (Loch a' Bhaid-luachraich),  
NG 918864 (Loch Fada),  
NG 922831 (Loch na Moine Buige),  
NG 931878 (Loch na h-Uidhe),  
NG 940773 (Lochan Beannach Mor),  
NG 945791 (Fionn Loch),  
NG 946773 (Lochan Beannach Beag),  
NG 963867 (Loch a' Mhadaidh Mor),  
NH 000706 (Loch Garbhaig),  
NH 053694 (Loch an Sgeireach),

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 19  
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 433, 434, 435

AREA: 1503.34 hectares

## NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURE

**Biological: Birds: Black-throated diver (*Gavia arctica*)**

## DESCRIPTION

Wester Ross Lochs Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) comprises 12 upland lochs and associated islands lying between 25 and 320 metres above sea level, to the north-west of Kinlochewe. The constituent lochs are (from west to east): Loch Kernsary, Loch a' Bhaid-luachraich, Lochan Dubh Druim na h-Airdhe, Loch Fada, Loch na Moine Buige, Fionn Loch, Loch na h-Uidhe, Lochan Beannach Mor, Lochan Beannach Beag, Loch a' Mhadaidh Mor, Loch Garbhaig and Loch an Sgeireach.

Most of the site is in remote, upland terrain. The nutrient poor, freshwater lochs have intricate shorelines and islands and support a characteristic flora.

The group of lochs supports nationally important numbers of black-throated divers *Gavia arctica*.

## NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the 1981 Act: 22 May 2000  
Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 22 July 2010

## REMARKS

Measured area of site corrected from 1503.58 hectares.

Part of Wester Ross Lochs SSSI overlaps the whole of Fionn Loch Islands SSSI notified for upland birch woodland.

Wester Ross Lochs SSSI is also designated as part of Wester Ross Lochs Special Protection Area (SPA) for Black-throated diver *Gavia arctica*.

Part of Wester Ross Lochs is also part of Little Gruinard River Special Area of Conservation (SAC) designated for the European species: Atlantic salmon *Salmo salar*.