

LOCH MAREE COMPLEX SPECIAL AREA OF CONSERVATION (SAC)

Designation date: 17 March 2005

Administrative area: Highland

Qualifying Interests for which the site is designated:

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| Alluvial forests with <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> and <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> (<i>Alno-Padion</i> , <i>Alnion incanae</i> , <i>Salicion alvae</i>)* | Alder woodland on floodplains |
| Alpine and Boreal heaths | Alpine and subalpine heaths |
| Blanket bogs* | Blanket bog |
| Bog woodland* | Bog woodland |
| Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation | Plants in crevices on base-rich rocks |
| Caledonian forest* | Caledonian forest |
| Depressions on peat substrates of the <i>Rhynchosporion</i> | Depressions on peat substrates |
| European dry heaths | Dry heaths |
| Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains and of the montane to alpine levels | Tall herb communities |
| <i>Lutra lutra</i> | Otter |
| Northern Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica tetralix</i> | Wet heathland with cross-leaved heath |
| Old sessile oak woods with <i>Ilex</i> and <i>Blechnum</i> in the British Isles | Western acidic oak woodland |

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| Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the <i>Littorelletea uniflorae</i> and/or of the <i>Isoëto-Nanojuncetea</i> | Clear-water lakes or lochs with aquatic vegetation and poor to moderate nutrient levels |
| Siliceous alpine and boreal grasslands | Montane acid grasslands |
| Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation | Plants in crevices on acid rocks |
| Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels (<i>Androsacetalia alpinae</i> and <i>Galeopsietalia ladani</i>) | Acidic scree |

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