

**Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conservation of wild birds (this is the codified version of Directive 79/409/EEC as amended)**

**CITATION FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA (SPA)**

**GLEN AFFRIC TO STRATHCONON  
(UK9020303)**

**Site Description:**

Glen Affric to Strathconon Special Protection Area (SPA) is a large, predominantly upland site in the northern Highlands of Scotland.

The site contains some of the highest mountains north of the Great Glen and has a rich diversity of montane habitats and species including acid grasslands, heaths and willow scrub. At lower levels there are dry and wet heaths, blanket bog, nutrient-poor lochs, Caledonian forest and bog woodlands. The pinewoods in Glen Affric, Glenstrathfarrar and Glen Cannich make up one of the largest remaining areas of Caledonian forest in the UK.

**Qualifying Interest:**

Glen Affric to Strathconon SPA qualifies under **Article 4.1** by regularly supporting a population of European importance of the **Annex 1** species **golden eagle** *Aquila chrysaetos* (10 active territories in 2003, 2.2% of the GB population).

Area: 50,419.34 ha.

National Grid Reference: NH300410

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