

EC Directive 79/409 on the Conservation of Wild Birds:
Special Protection Area

ISLAY: BRIDGEND FLATS (STRATHCLYDE)

The site qualifies under Article 4(1) by virtue of its supporting internationally important numbers of the Greenland population of Barnacle Geese Branta leucopsis. An average of 22% (6700 birds) of the total population roost in the area and an average of 3% (900 birds) feed within the site. Smaller numbers of the following species listed in Annex 1 of the Directive also occur: Whooper Swan Cygnus cygnus, Greenland White-fronted Goose Anser albifrons flavirostris, Peregrine Falco peregrinus and Golden Plover Pluvialis apricaria.

Numerous other migrant species, particularly waterfowl, also occur.