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CITATION FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA (SPA)

CAENLOCHAN (UK9004011)

Site Description:

Caenlochan SPA is a large area of montane plateau, corries and glens at the southernmost extent of the Cairngorm mountains in the East Scottish Highlands. The varied geology and topography, with both acidic and calcareous rocks, presents a diverse range of habitats, with dwarf-shrub and bryophyte heath, mire, grassland, herb-rich communities, open water, snow-bed communities and woodland. The site is particularly notable as one of the best upland botanical sites in Britain. It is one of the most important sites in the EC for its montane/upland birds.

The boundary of the SPA falls within those of Caenlochan Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Glen Callater SSSI and additionally, lies wholly within the Cairngorms Massif SPA.

Qualifying Interest N.B All figures relate to numbers at the time of classification:

Caenlochan SPA qualifies under **Article 4.1** by regularly supporting populations of European importance of the **Annex 1** species: **dotterel** *Charadrius morinellus* (up to 47 pairs, up to 5% of the GB population) and **golden eagle** *Aquila chrysaetos* (6 pairs, 1% of the GB population).

Area: 5972.57 ha

National Grid Reference: NO205782

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The Cairngorms Massif SPA is a single species SPA classified on the 28 October 2010 for golden eagle. Holding 26 active golden eagle territories in 2003, the Cairngorms Massif SPA total includes the Caenlochan SPA population.

Classified on the 25 September 1997

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