

EC Directive 79/409 on the Conservation of Wild Birds

CITATION FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA (SPA)

**CAPE WRATH
(UK9001231)**

INCLUDING MARINE EXTENSION

Site Description:

Cape Wrath SPA covers two stretches of Torridonian sandstone and Lewisian gneiss cliff around Cape Wrath headland in north west Scotland. These cliffs support large colonies of breeding seabirds.

The boundary of the SPA overlaps with the boundary of Cape Wrath SSSI, and the seaward extension extends approximately 2 km into the marine environment to include the seabed, water column and surface.

Qualifying Interest (N.B. All figures relate to numbers at the time of classification except where amended by the 2001 SPA Review):

Cape Wrath SPA qualifies under **Article 4.2** by regularly supporting **in excess of 20,000 individual seabirds**. It regularly supports 50,000 seabirds including nationally important populations of the following species: **black-legged kittiwake** *Rissa tridactyla* (9,700 pairs, 2% of the GB population), **common guillemot** *Uria aalge* (13,700 individuals, 1% of the GB population), **razorbill** *Alca torda* (1,800 individuals, 1% of the GB population), **Atlantic puffin** *Fratercula arctica* (5,900 pairs, 1.3% of the GB population) and **Northern fulmar** *Fulmarus glacialis* (2,300 pairs, 0.4% of the GB population).

Area: 6,737.26 ha

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