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

### **EAST SANDAY COAST (UK9002331)**

#### **Site Description:**

East Sanday Coast SPA is a 55km stretch of coast on the island of Sanday in Orkney. The coastline consists of rocky and sandy sections and is notable for the presence of sand dune and machair habitats, rare outside the Hebrides, as well as extensive intertidal flats and saltmarsh. The site is further characterised by a series of tombolos, bars, spits and shingle ridges.

The boundary of the SPA includes almost all of the East Sanday Coast Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), most of Central Sanday SSSI and parts of Northwall SSSI.

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

East Sanday Coast SPA qualifies under **Article 4.1** by regularly supporting a population of European importance of the **Annex 1** species: **bar-tailed godwit** *Limosa lapponica* (1991/92 to 1993/94, three year winter peak mean of 600 individuals, 1.2% of the GB population).

East Sanday Coast SPA further qualifies under **Article 4.2** by regularly supporting populations of European importance of the **migratory** species (three year winter peak means 1991/92 to 1993/94): **purple sandpiper** *Calidris maritima* (830 individuals, 2% of the Eastern Atlantic biogeographic population) and **turnstone** *Arenaria interpres* (1,400 individuals, 2% of the Western Palearctic biogeographic population).

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