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CITATION FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA (SPA)

**EILEAN NA MUICE DUIBHE (DUICH MOSS)
(UK9003054)**

Site Description:

Eilean na Muice Duibhe SPA is located on the Hebridean island of Islay on the West coast of Scotland. It is a patterned mire (peatland with extensive pool systems) occurring at the south-western limit of the distribution of this peatland habitat in the UK. The diverse nature of the peatland habitat includes hummocks, ridges and deep watershed pools as well as an unusual transition from blanket bog to raised mire habitats. Eilean na Muice Duibhe is one of the largest single roost sites in the UK for Greenland White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons flavirostris*. The main feeding grounds for these birds are on surrounding agricultural areas although significant feeding also occurs on the roost site.

The boundary of the SPA is coincident with Eilean na Muice Duibhe Site of Special Scientific Interest.

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

Eilean na Muice Duibhe SPA qualifies under **Article 4.1** by regularly supporting a population of European importance of the **Annex 1** species: **Greenland white-fronted goose** *Anser albifrons flavirostris* (1988, over 600 wintering individuals, over 4.4% of the GB population).

Area: 577.27 ha

National Grid Reference: NR329556

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