

EC Directive 79/409 on the Conservation of Wild Birds

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

**MINGULAY AND BERNERAY  
(UK9001121)**

**INCLUDING MARINE EXTENSION**

**Site description:**

Mingulay and Berneray Special Protection Area consists of two adjacent islands at the southern end of the Outer Hebrides. They have a maritime/paramaritime vegetation and predominantly cliffed, rocky coastlines.

The boundary of the Special Protection Area overlaps with the boundary of Mingulay and Berneray 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):

Mingulay and Berneray SPA qualifies under **Article 4.2** by regularly supporting populations of European importance of the **migratory** species; **razorbill** *Alca torda* (16,890 individuals, 2% of the Western European biogeographic population).

Mingulay and Berneray SPA also qualifies under **Article 4.2** by regularly supporting **in excess of 20,000 individual seabirds**. It regularly supports 105,000 seabirds including nationally important populations of the following species: **Northern fulmar** *Fulmaris glacialis* (10,450 pairs, 2% of the GB population), **European shag** *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* (720 pairs, 2% of the GB population), **black-legged kittiwake** *Rissa tridactyla* (8,600 pairs, 2% of GB population), **common guillemot** *Uria aalge* (30,900 individuals, 3% of the GB population) and **Atlantic puffin** *Fratercula arctica* (4,000 pairs, 0.9% of the GB population).

Area 7,801.72 ha

National Grid References Mingulay NL560830, Berneray NL560800

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