

EC Directive 79/409 on the Conservation of Wild

**SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA (SPA) CITATION
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MOUSA, SHETLAND (236A)

Mousa is a low-lying, grassy island 1km off the south-east coast of Shetland Mainland. It supports acidic grassland and some maritime vegetation and is of outstanding nature conservation and scientific interest for its breeding seabirds. The boundary of the site follows that of Mousa SSSI.

Mousa qualifies under Article 4.1 by regularly supporting internationally important breeding colonies of storm petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus* (4,750 pairs, 6% of GB & 2% of total world breeding populations) and arctic tern *Sterna paradisaea* (up to 1,000 pairs, 1% of GB).

The diverse assemblage of breeding seabirds comprises thirteen species in total

Area: 209.8 Ha
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