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CITATION FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA (SPA)

PAPA STOUR (UK9002051)

Site Description:

Papa Stour SPA is a small island off the western tip of Shetland. Most of the island is covered by lichen-rich heath, which has developed on substrates which formerly consisted of peat and turf. There are also several small lochs scattered around the heathland. The coastline is mainly cliff.

The boundary of the SPA is contained within the Papa Stour Site of Special Scientific Interest.

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

Papa Stour SPA qualifies under **Article 4.1** by regularly supporting a population of European importance of the **Annex 1** species: **Arctic tern** *Sterna paradisaea* (1991, 1994 and 1995, an average of 850 pairs, 2% of the GB population).

Papa Stour SPA further qualifies under **Article 4.2** by regularly supporting a population of European importance of the **migratory** species: **ringed plover** *Charadrius hiaticula* (1995, 89 pairs, 0.37% of the Europe/Northern Africa biogeographic population and selected as one of the most suitable sites for ringed plover in GB with 1% of the GB population).

Area: 569.6 ha
National Grid Reference: HU167610
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