

EC Directive 79/409 on the Conservation of Wild Birds

CITATION FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA (SPA)

**WEST INVERNESS-SHIRE LOCHS
(UK9020298)**

Site description:

West Inverness-shire Lochs SPA consists of Lochs Affric, Cluanie, Loyne (including Lochan Bad an Losguinn), Garry (including Loch Poulary), Lundie and Blair. For the most part, the site includes the habitats ten metres landward of the lochs' shorelines.

Qualifying interest:

West Inverness-shire Lochs SPA qualifies under Article 4.1 by regularly supporting a population of European importance of the Annex I species black-throated diver *Gavia arctica* (average number between 1990 and 2005 - 6.6 pairs, 3.4% of the maximum estimate of the GB population of 189 pairs).

West Inverness-shire Lochs SPA also qualifies under Article 4.2 by regularly supporting a population of European importance of the migratory species common scoter *Melanitta nigra* (average number between 1994-2000 and 2004-2005 - 7.8 pairs, 8.2% of the GB population of 95 pairs).

Area: 2,967.52 ha

National Grid References:

Loch Affric – NH163224; Loch Cluanie – NH127098; Loch Loyne – NH161048;
Lochan Bad an Losguinn – NH158038; Loch Garry – NH225020;
Loch Poulary – NH124013; Loch Lundie – NH295034; Loch Blair – NN055944

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