

EC Directive 79/409 on the Conservation of Wild Birds

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

**SUMBURGH HEAD  
(UK9002511)**

**INCLUDING MARINE EXTENSION**

**Site Description:**

Sumburgh Head SPA covers an area of cliffs and boulder beaches at the southern tip of Mainland, Shetland.

The boundary of the SPA is coincident with that of Sumburgh Head 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):

Sumburgh Head SPA qualifies under **Article 4.1** by regularly supporting populations of European importance of the **Annex 1** species: **Arctic tern** *Sterna paradisaea* (700 pairs, 2% of GB).

Sumburgh Head SPA also qualifies under **Article 4.2** by regularly supporting **in excess of 20,000 individual seabirds**. The site regularly supports 35,000 seabirds including nationally important populations of the following species: **common guillemot** *Uria aalge* (16,000 individuals, 1% of GB); **black-legged kittiwake** *Rissa tridactyla* (1,366 pairs, 0.3% of the GB population); and **Northern fulmar** *Fulmarus glacialis* (2,542 pairs, 0.5% of the GB population).

Area: 2,477.91 Ha

National Grid Reference: HU 408091

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