

Register entry UK9020021 under regulation 10 of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995.

This is the register entry for the European site known as Sheep Island Special Protection Area. The site has been classified by the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland pursuant to Article 4(1) and/or 4(2) of Council Directive 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds as a Special Protection Area.

The register reference number for this European site is UK9020021 and a folder, kept under this reference as part of the register, contains a map of the European site and a citation giving the reasons for the classification of the site as a Special Protection Area. The map and citation are identified by the register reference number and signed by me on the date of registration.

Other details of the European site are as follows:

Date of classification: 21 December 1992

Site centre location (1):

longitude:

006° 21' 04" W

latitude:

055° 14' 55" N

Area: 3.5 hectares

Priority status(2): N/A

Date of registration: 17 February 1998

Signed:

on behalf of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland

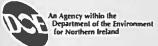
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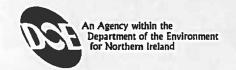
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- 1. This indicates the approximate centre of the site. Where the European site consists of several distinct areas, the co-ordinates of the most important sub-area are entered.
- Indicates if the site has been identified under Article 4.2 of Council Directive 92/43/EEC 2. on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora as hosting one or more priority natural habitat types or priority species.

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SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA UNDER THE TERMS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY DIRECTIVE 79/409/EEC ON THE CONSERVATION OF WILD BIRDS

IRISH GRID REFERENCE D 048459

Area:

3.5 hectares

Sheep Island Special Protection Area (SPA) incorporates and coincides with the Sheep Island Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) boundary. The 3.5ha island is located 0.5km off the North Antrim Coast. The island is almost circular, with a lower promontory to the north west, a near vertical cliff face rising between 20m to 30m above the High Water Mark Mean Tide and a domed top overlaid with a thin layer of soil.

Sheep Island qualifies under article 4.2 by regularly supporting, in summer, a nationally important breeding population of the Northern European Sub-species of Cormorant Phalacrocorax carbo carbo (5% of the British Isles breeding population and 7% of the Irish breeding population). In addition the population is the largest in the North of Ireland and thus makes an important contribution to the range of the Sub-species.

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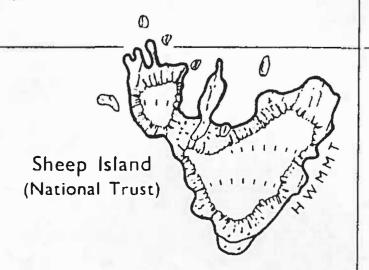
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