

IUCN protected area management categories
Statement of Compliance for
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Introduction to Statements of Compliance

Statements of Compliance are an innovation of the IUCN National Committee for the United Kingdom's Putting Nature on the Map project. The project has developed guidance on the use of the IUCN definition of a protected area and the assignment of the associated management categories and governance types¹. The guidance suggests that short but authoritative Statements of Compliance are produced for a conservation site or group of sites.

For groups of sites designated for conservation under one overriding piece of legislation or public policy the statements should concentrate on whether the sites meets the IUCN definition of a protected area. For statutory designations the Statements of Compliance should review all relevant legislation, focussing on the priority given to nature conservation in the long-term. For sites not covered by legislation the statements should review the significance for nature conservation of all relevant public policy positions that specifically affect the area.

In addition to reviewing legislation or policy in relation to the IUCN definition of a protected area, individual sites can also review in their Statement of Compliance which IUCN management category and governance type should be assigned to the site. In this case the statements should also provide an overview of current management objectives in particular in relation to prioritising nature conservation and summarize examples of current management practice that demonstrate the priority given to nature conservation and the ambition and vision for nature conservation in the future.

Note Statements of Compliance should be prepared with full reference to the 2008 Guidelines for Applying Protected Area Management Categories (see footnote for details)

The Statement of Compliance below has been prepared for a group of sites some of which are defined in legislation and others in a non-statutory context.

¹ Dudley, N (Editor) (2008) Guidelines for Applying Protected Area Management Categories. Gland, Switzerland: IUCN. X + 86pp.
<http://data.iucn.org/dbtw-wpd/edocs/PAPS-016.pdf>

AND

IUCN NCUK (2012); Putting nature on the map - identifying protected areas in the UK: A handbook to help identify protected areas in the UK and assign the IUCN management categories and governance types to them, IUCN National Committee for the United Kingdom, UK <http://www.iucn-uk.org/Portals/0/PNOTM%20handbook%20small.pdf>

Background

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (the RSPB) is the charity that takes action for wild birds and the environment. We are the largest wildlife conservation organisation in Europe with a membership of over one million. The RSPB manages 212 nature reserves covering 150,742 hectares (372,483 acres), of which 98,800 hectares are classified as Special Protection Areas (SPAs), 73,995 hectares are designated as Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and 53,392 hectares are designated as Ramsar sites.

Founded in 1889, the RSPB is a non-statutory corporation. It was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1904 and giving it legal status. Over the years, the terms of the Royal Charter have been amended from time to time, and in 1996 a Supplemental Charter was granted by The Queen.

Under the provisions of the Charter, RSPB Council is empowered to make Statutes for the regulation of the Society's affairs. These are subject to the approval of the Privy Council, who approved our current Statutes in 1996.

The RSPB is also a registered charity (England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654) and answerable to the charity regulators, eg the Charity Commission for England and Wales, and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) in Scotland.

RSPB vision:

‘a world richer in nature’

RSPB Mission:

‘by 2020 the RSPB will inspire a world richer in nature’

RSPB purpose: is to save nature

- It is a moral imperative to save nature
- Nature is crucial to people's quality of life and the planet's life-support systems.
- Birds are an integral part of the web of life and we are well placed to stand up for birds and nature as a whole.
- The challenge is so great; we must work with others to succeed.
- We need growing popular support.

Reserves Policy

RSPB vision is to secure a wildlife-rich future by expanding and managing a network of nature reserves which contribute significantly to landscape-scale conservation. RSPB aspire to protect, enhance and create habitats for the important species that depend on them, doubling the area in RSPB management over 25 years. RSPB seek to improve land management in the wider countryside by demonstrating best practice and trialling new ideas on reserves. RSPB reserves provide first hand inspiring experiences that connect people with nature, building a deep and lasting commitment to saving nature and supporting RSPB, financially, practically and morally.

RSPB Reserves and the IUCN definition of a protected area

IUCN definition of a protected area

‘A clearly defined geographical space. Recognised, dedicated and managed, through legal or other effective means, to achieve the long-term conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values,’

For the purposes of this analysis 198 of RSPB’s 212 reserves meet the definition of a protected area.

Table 1. Applying the concept of a protected area to RSPB nature reserves

Main elements of IUCN definition	Discussion of element in relation to RSPB Nature Reserves
Are the sites in clearly defined geographical areas?	Yes. 198 RSPB Nature Reserves have defined boundaries which have been digitally mapped and are available as shapefiles. 166 of the nature reserves are, in whole or in part, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a statutory designation used throughout England, Scotland and Wales or Areas of Scientific Interest (ASSI) in Northern Ireland. Each of the SSSI/ASSIs has a legally notified boundary. In addition 143 sites receive protection as SPA and SAC under EC Directives ² .
Are they recognised, dedicated and managed to achieve the long-term conservation of nature? NB ‘nature’ includes all levels of biodiversity as well as geodiversity, landforms and broader natural values.	RSPB aim to protect and enhance the nature conservation value of the nature reserves they own and manage. RSPB own 55% of their estate, the remaining land is held under lease or management agreement. For those RSPB nature reserves that are also in whole or part SSSIs, this designation is open-ended (i.e. permanent). Individual SSSI are designated for one or more specified natural features. Management must give priority to these features but notification may have incidental benefits to other natural features.
Is the main management objective nature conservation? Other objectives of equal standing may be present but they do not cause conflict (i.e.	Nature conservation is the main objective of RSPB nature reserves, however many of the reserves have the secondary objective to promote access for recreation and education.

² EC Directive are taken to mean the Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds (codified version) and Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora

nature conservation is the priority).	For those nature reserves that are also SSSIs, the priority objective of SSSI notification and management is nature conservation.
Does the designation of the site prevent or eliminate where necessary, any exploitation or management practice that will be harmful to the objectives of designation?	RSPB have a strong commitment to the protection and enhancement of their nature reserves. Many reserves have multiple designations, including SSSI, Special Protection Areas, Special Area of Conservation and Ramsar site, which have a high level of statutory protection that restricts damaging activities or practices that, would obstruct achievement of a site's conservation objective(s).
Does the designation of the site aim to maintain, or ideally increase, the degree of naturalness of the ecosystem being protected?	Yes. The RSPB acts to safeguard and enhance the range of native habitats and species through the management of its nature reserves. For those reserves that are also SSSIs, the statutory authorities monitor and report the condition using common standards monitoring and take action to bring features in to favourable condition.
Is the long-term nature conservation ensured through legal or other effective means? For example, national or international statutory law/agreement/convention, traditional rules or NGO policy.	Yes. The RSPB aims to provide long-term protection and management to the reserves; however this is sometimes restricted by shorter-term leases and management agreements. For those RSPB reserves that are also SSSIs, the protection is established in law (Scotland: Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 (as amended); England & Wales: Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)).

IUCN Management Categories

IUCN management categories have been applied to all RSPB nature reserves which meet the definition of a protected area. The categories have been assigned on the basis of a good understanding of the characteristics of each site and the current management objectives as set out in the management plan. The RSPB have opted for the descriptive approach for determining the management category. The results of the categorisation process can be found in the table below, all the reserves fit broadly into five descriptive categories.

Table 2. IUCN management categories for RSPB nature reserves

IUCN Protected Area Category	Number of RSPB Reserves		Explanation (Summary)
1a	15	14	Island seabird colony with no or limited public access
		1	Areas of natural land or water owned or managed almost exclusively for conservation (with no or restricted public access)
II	3	2	Large mainland area set up to preserve or recover natural ecosystem processes (ie, managed for ecological restoration)
		1	Offshore seabird colony, which loosely fits the definition of an ecosystem – a significant part of the management is aimed at encouraging responsible tourism.
III	1	1	Offshore seabird colony which is also designated for its geological and cultural importance
IV	179	179	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
Total	198		

IUCN Governance Categories

Most RSPB reserves fit within the shared governance category because the land is managed in partnership with the relevant statutory authority, tenants, local communities or other landowners. Only six reserves clearly fit the description of private governance (*see table below*).

Table 3. RSPB Reserve governance types

Governance Type	Number of RSPB Reserves
Private Governance	7
Shared Governance	191

Appendix 1. IUCN Management Category – full breakdown by reserve

Name	Category	Governance type	Explanation
SUTTON FEN	1a	Shared governance	Areas of natural land or water owned or managed almost exclusively for conservation (with no or restricted public access)
COQUET ISLAND	1a	Shared governance	Island seabird colony with no or limited public access
EILEAN HOAN	1a	Shared governance	Island seabird colony with no or limited public access
EILEANAN DUBHA	1a	Private governance	Island seabird colony with no or limited public access
LARNE LOUGH ISLANDS	1a	Shared governance	Island seabird colony with no or limited public access
PILSEY ISLAND	1a	Shared governance	Island seabird colony with no or limited public access
PRIEST ISLAND	1a	Shared governance	Island seabird colony with no or limited public access
RAMNA STACKS & GRUNEY	1a	Shared governance	Island seabird colony with no or limited public access
READS ISLAND	1a	Shared governance	Island seabird colony with no or limited public access
THE SKERRIES	1a	Shared governance	Island seabird colony with no or limited public access
CARLINGFORD LOUGH ISLANDS	1a	Shared governance	Island seabird colony with no or limited public access
FIDRA	1a	Shared governance	Island seabird colony with no or limited public access
GRASSHOLM	1a	Shared governance	Island seabird colony with no or limited public access
HORSE ISLAND	1a	Shared governance	Island seabird colony with no or limited public access
INCHMICKERY	1a	Shared governance	Island seabird colony with no or limited public access
ABERNETHY	II	Shared governance	Large mainland area set up to preserve or recover natural ecosystem processes (ie, managed for ecological restoration)
FORSINARD FLOWS	II	Shared governance	Large mainland area set up to preserve or recover natural ecosystem processes (ie, managed for ecological restoration)

RAMSEY ISLAND	II	Shared governance	Offshore seabird colony, which loosely fits the definition of an ecosystem – a significant part of the management is aimed at encouraging responsible tourism.
AILSA CRAIG	III	Shared governance	Offshore seabird colony which is also designated for its geological and cultural importance
THE REEF, TIREE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
MARWICK HEAD	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
MOUSA	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
DOVE STONE	IV	Shared governance	Large mainland area set up to preserve or recover natural ecosystem processes (ie, managed for ecological restoration)
EASTERN MOORS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LAKE VYRNWY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
NORTH HILL	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

NOUP CLIFFS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
ADUR ESTUARY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
AGHATHIOURKE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
AIRDS MOSS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
AMBERLEY WILDBROOKS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
ARDMORE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
ARNE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
AYLESBEARE COMMON	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
BALLINLAGGAN	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

BALRANALD	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
BARFOLD COPSE	IV	Private governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
BARONS HAUGH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
BECKINGHAM MARSHES	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
BELFAST LOUGH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
BEMPTON CLIFFS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
BERNEY MARSHES & BREYDON WATER	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
BIRSAY MOORS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
BLACKTOFT SANDS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

BLEAN WOODS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
BOGSIDE FLATS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
BRADING MARSHES	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
BROADWATER WARREN	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
BRODGAR	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
BROUBSTER LEANS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
CAMPFIELD MARSH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
CARNGAFALLT	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
CHAPEL WOOD	IV	Private governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

CHURCH WOOD	IV	Private governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
CLIFFE POOLS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
COLL	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
COLONSAY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
CONWY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
COOMBES & CHURNET VALLEYS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
COPINSAY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
CORRIMONY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
COTTASCARTH & RENDALL MOSS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

CRANNACH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
CROOK OF BALDOON	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
CULBIN SANDS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
CWM CLYDACH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
DEARNE VALLEY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
DEE ESTUARY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
DINGLE MARSHES	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
DUNGENESS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
DUNNET HEAD	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

DURNESS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
EDDERTON SANDS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
EXE ESTUARY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
FAIRBURN INGS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
FAIRY GLEN	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
FANNYSIDE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
FARNHAM HEATH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
FEN DRAYTON	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
FETLAR	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

FORE WOOD	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
FOWLMERE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
FOWLSHEUGH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
FRAMPTON MARSH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
FREISTON SHORE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
GARSTON WOOD	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
GELTS DALE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
GLENBORRODALE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
GRANGE HEATH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

GREAT BELLS FARM	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
GREYLAKE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
GWENFFRWD and DINAS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
HAM WALL	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
HARTY MARSHES	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
HAVERGATE ISLAND & BOYTON MARSHES	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
HAWESWATER	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
HAYLE ESTUARY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
HAZELEY HEATH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

HESKETH OUT MARSH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
HIGHNAM WOODS	IV	Private governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
HOBBISTER	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
HODBARROW	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
HOY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
INNER CLYDE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
INSH MARSHES	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
INVERNAID	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
ISLEY MARSH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

KEN-DEE MARSHES	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
KIRKCONNELL MERSE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LABRADOR BAY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LAKENHEATH FEN	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LANGFORD LOWFIELDS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LANGSTONE HARBOUR	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LEIGHTON MOSS & MORECAMBE BAY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LEWES BROOKS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LOCH GRUINART & ARDNAVE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

LOCH LOMOND	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LOCH NA MUILNE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LOCH OF KINNORDY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LOCH OF SPIGGIE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LOCH OF STRATHBEG	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LOCH RUTHVEN	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LOCHWINNOCH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LODMOOR	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LOUGH FOYLE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

LOWER LOUGH ERNE ISLANDS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LYDDEN VALLEY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
LYTH VALLEY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
MALLTRAETH MARSH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
MARAZION MARSH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
MARSHSIDE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
MAWDDACH WOODLANDS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
MEDMERRY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
MEIKLE LOCH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

MERSEHEAD	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
MERSEY ESTUARY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
MID YARE VALLEY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
MIDDLETON LAKES	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
MILL DAM	IV	Private governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
MINSMERE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
MORFA DINLLE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
NAGSHEAD	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
NENE WASHES	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

NEWPORT WETLANDS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
NIGG & UDALE BAYS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
NOR MARSH & MOTNEY HILL	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
NORMANTON DOWN	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
NORTH WARREN	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
NORTHWARD HILL	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
OLD HALL MARSHES	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
ONZIEBUST	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
ORONSAY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

OTMOOR	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
OUSE FEN	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
OUSE WASHES	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
PAGHAM HARBOUR	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
PORTMORE LOUGH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
PULBOROUGH BROOKS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
RADIPOLE LAKE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
RAINHAM MARSHES	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
RATHLIN	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

RYE MEADS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
SALTHOLME	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
SANDWELL VALLEY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
SEASALTER LEVELS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
SHORNE MARSHES	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
SKINFLATS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
SMAULL FARM	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
SNAPE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

SNETTISHAM	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
SOUTH ESSEX MARSHES	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
SOUTH STACK CLIFFS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
ST BEES HEAD	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
STOBOROUGH HEATH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
STOUR ESTUARY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
SUMBURGH HEAD	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
TAY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
TETNEY MARSHES	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

THE LODGE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
THE LOONS & LOCH OF BANKS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
THE OA	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
TITCHWELL MARSH	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
TROUP HEAD	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
TRUMLAND	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
VALLAY	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
VALLEY WETLANDS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
VANE FARM, LOCH LEVEN	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

WALLASEA ISLAND	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
WAREHAM MEADOWS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
WEST SEDGEMOOR	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
WINTERBOURNE DOWNS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
WOLVES WOOD RESERVES	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
WOOD OF CREE	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
YELL	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
YNYS-HIR	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)

MULL OF GALLOWAY & SCARE ROCKS	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
STRANGFORD BAY & SANDY ISLAND	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)
Loch Leven	IV	Shared governance	Designated nature reserve for which the primary management objective is to maintain, conserve and restore species and habitats (public access is usually permitted and often actively promoted)