Register of European sites

Register entry UK0030378 under Regulation 13 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010

This is the register entry for the European site known as **Tankerton Slopes and Swalecliffe** in the Region of **Kent**. This area has been designated by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs pursuant to Article 4.4 of the "Habitats Directive" (Council Directive 92/43/EEC) as a Special Area of Conservation. The register reference number for this European site is UK0030378 and a folder, kept under this reference as part of this register, contains a map of the European site and a citation, both signed by me, giving the reasons for designation of the site as a Special Area of Conservation.

Other details of the European site are as follows:

Date submitted as a Special Area of Conservation: 11 February 2016

Site centre location¹

Longitude: 1° 4' 13" E

Latitude: 51° 21' 57" N

Area (ha): 13.01 Priority status²: No

Date of registration: 11 February 2016

Signed:

on behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

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.

² Indicates whether the site has been identified under Article 4.2 of the Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC) as hosting one or more priority natural habitat types or priority species.

Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Tankerton Slopes and Swalecliffe

Unitary Authority/County:

SAC status: designated as a SAC on 11 February 2016

Grid reference: TR137675 SAC EU code: UK0030378

Area (ha): 13.01

Component SSSI: Tankerton Slopes SSSI, Thanet Coast SSSI

Site description:

Fisher's estuarine moth Gortyna borelii lunata has a localised population distribution in the UK, due to its specific habitat requirements and is only found in two areas, the north Essex coast and the north Kent Coast.

Tankerton slopes and Swalecliffe supports the majority of the north Kent population of this moth which is approximately 20% of the UK population.

The site's north facing slopes are composed of London Clay and support a tall herb community dominated by the moth's food plant - hog's fennel (Peucedanum officinale), together with areas of neutral grassland also required by the species for egg laying.

Qualifying species: The site is designated under article 4(4) of the Directive (92/43/EEC) as it hosts the following species listed in Annex II:

Fisher's estuarine moth Gortyna borelii lunata

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.

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