



**Explanatory Notes and details of the changes included as part of
the UK National Site Network (UK SAC and SPA) database update:
30 April 2025**

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Background

This update was produced on the 30 April 2025.

The update has been carried out in line with the process agreed by the Habitats Regulations and International Sites Management Group in September 2021.

This update covers two sites within the UK's National Site Network.

- The designation status of both sites has changed.
 - For Sound of Barra the status has changed from Site of Community Importance (SCI) to Special Area of Conservation (SAC).
 - For Hatton Bank the status has changed from Candidate Special Area of Conservation (cSAC) to Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
- Changes have been made to the associated Standard Data Forms
- The SAC and SPA site summary spreadsheet has also been updated.

Summary of the updated sites

The sites included in the update are listed in the tables below.

Amended sites

Site code	Site name	Country
UK0012705	Sound of Barra	Scotland
UK0030388	Hatton Bank	UK Offshore

Full details of the changes made can be found in the accompanying change log spreadsheet.

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