

Conservation objectives for North Norfolk Sandbanks and Saturn Reef Special Area of Conservation

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What the conservation advice package includes

The information provided in this document sets out the site's conservation objectives. This forms part of JNCC's formal conservation advice package for the site and must be read in conjunction with all parts of the package as listed below:

- [Background document](#) explaining where to find the advice package, JNCC's role in the provision of conservation advice, how the advice has been prepared, when to refer to it and how to apply it;
- Conservation objectives setting out the broad ecological aims for the site (this document);
- [Statements](#) on:
 - the condition of the site's qualifying features;
 - conservation benefits that the site can provide; and
 - conservation measures needed to support achievement of the conservation objectives set for the site.
- [Supplementary Advice on Conservation Objectives \(SACO\)](#) providing more detailed and site-specific information on the conservation objectives;
- [Advice on operations](#) providing information on those human activities that, if taking place within or near the site, can impact it and present a risk to the achievement of the conservation objectives.

The most up-to-date conservation advice for this site can be downloaded from the conservation advice tab in the [Site Information Centre](#) (SIC) accessible on JNCC's website. JNCC provide supplementary advice on the conservation objectives in the SACO document (see link in the box above). The SACO is essential reading to support interpretation of the conservation objectives set out below. The SACO provides further detail and site-specific information for each feature within the site, including which of the attributes listed in the conservation objectives below to be maintained and which ones restored.

The Conservation Objectives for the North Norfolk Sandbanks and Saturn Reef SAC are:

For the features to be in favourable condition thus ensuring site integrity in the long term and contribution to Favourable Conservation Status of Annex I Sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all of the time and Annex I Reefs. This contribution would be achieved by maintaining or restoring, subject to natural change:

- **The extent and distribution of the qualifying habitats in the site;**
- **The structure and function of the qualifying habitats in the site; and**
- **The supporting processes on which the qualifying habitats rely**