

## Reasons for recommendation as a candidate Special Area of Conservation

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Area name: **Bolton Fell Moss**

Administrative area: **Cumbria**

Component SSSI: **Bolton Fell Moss**

This area has been recommended as a candidate Special Area of Conservation (SAC) because it contains habitat types and/or species which are rare or threatened within a European context. The SSSI citation describes the special interests for which the site was notified in the British context. [NB: not for marine interests below mean low water mark]. The interests for which the site was selected as SSSI may differ from the interests selected in a European context.

The habitats and/or species for which the area has been recommended as a candidate SAC are listed below. The reasons for their selection are listed, together with a brief description of the habitats and species as they typically occur across the UK. This area contains the interests described although it may not contain all the typical features.

### Interest(s) submitted to the European Commission

#### European interest(s):

##### 1. Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration

- **for which this is considered to be one of the best areas in the United Kingdom.**

Degraded raised bog. Where a raised bog has been modified, as by drainage or peat-cutting, but still has a peat mass of sufficient thickness to ensure there is a rain-fed water supply, as well as low nutrient levels, it can be described as degraded raised bog. Bogs capable of natural regeneration have been identified as those in which the surface vegetation contains a reasonable representation of species typical of active raised bog coupled to environmental features which also favour future peat development.

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