

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Dawlish Warren
Unitary Authority/County: Devon
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: SX984792
SAC EU code: UK0030130
Area (ha): 58.84
Component SSSI: Dawlish Warren SSSI

Site description:

Dawlish Warren is a large sand-spit with a dune system at the mouth of the Exe Estuary. A wide variety of habitats is present, including sand dunes, dune grassland, dune slacks and heath. The flora includes several plants of local distribution. Short-sward grassland on the warren supports the only mainland British population of the sand crocus *Romulea columnae*. Large populations of petalwort *Petalophyllum ralfsii* occur in two dune slacks.

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

- Fixed dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes). (Dune grassland)*
- Humid dune slacks
- Shifting dunes along the shoreline with *Ammophila arenaria* (white dunes). (Shifting dunes with marram)

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:

- Petalwort *Petalophyllum ralfsii*

Annex I priority habitats are denoted by an asterisk (*).

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.
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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment,
Food and Rural Affairs