

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

## Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

**Name:** Stodmarsh  
**Unitary Authority/County:** Kent  
**SAC status:** Designated on 1 April 2005  
**Grid reference:** TR211612  
**SAC EU code:** UK0030283  
**Area (ha):** 564.64  
**Component SSSI:** Stodmarsh SSSI

### Site description:

This wetland site located in the Stour valley contains a wide range of habitats including open water, extensive reedbeds, scrub and alder carr which together support a rich flora and fauna. The vegetation is a good example of a southern eutrophic (nutrient-rich) flood plain and a number of rare plants are found here. The invertebrate fauna is varied and includes several scarce moths as well as a sizeable population of Desmoulin's whorl snail *Vertigo moulinsiana*. The snail is found beside ditches within pasture on the floodplain of the River Stour, where reed sweet-grass *Glyceria maxima*, large sedges *Carex* spp. and sometimes common reed *Phragmites australis* dominate the vegetation.

**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:

- Desmoulin's whorl snail *Vertigo moulinsiana*

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,  
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