

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Roman Wall Loughs
Unitary Authority/County: Northumberland
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: NY775695
SAC EU code: UK0030267
Area (ha): 684.26
Component SSSI: Roman Wall Loughs SSSI

Site description:

Roman Wall Loughs comprises three natural eutrophic (nutrient-rich) lakes; Crag, Broomlee and Greenlee Loughs. Together the loughs contain 11 species of pondweed *Potamogeton* including *P. lucens*, *P. pusillus*, and *P. obtusifolius*. *P. gramineus* occurs in all three loughs in an unusual association with stoneworts *Chara* spp. The nationally-rare autumnal water-starwort *Callitriche hermaphrodita* occurs in Crag Lough. Shoreweed *Littorella uniflora* grows in Broomlee and Greenlee Loughs, and greater bladderwort *Utricularia vulgaris* in the latter.

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:

- Natural eutrophic lakes with *Magnopotamion* or *Hydrocharition*-type vegetation. (Naturally nutrient-rich lakes or lochs which are often dominated by pondweed)

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.

Register reference number: UK0030267

Date of registration: 14 June 2005

Signed: *Trew Salmon*

On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs