

EC Directive 79/409 on the Conservation of Wild Birds

**SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA (SPA) CITATION
FOR PUBLIC ISSUE**

LOCH MAREE, HIGHLAND REGION (153A)

Loch Maree is a large (2,875 ha) oligotrophic loch in north west Scotland with a mean depth of 38m and a volume of 1091 million cubic metres. The loch contains many islands, both large and small, which support native woodland communities. The boundary of the international site follows that of the Loch Maree SSSI. The total area of the site is 3,100 ha.

Loch Maree Special Protection Area qualifies under Article 4.1 by regularly supporting, in summer, 9 pairs of breeding black-throated diver Gavia arctica (6% of the EC and British breeding population). Loch Maree is the single most important breeding site for this species in Britain.

Area: 3,100 Ha
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