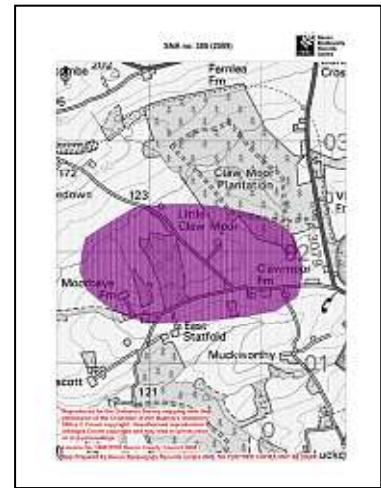


## 1. SNA details

SNA name:	The Claw
SNA unique number:	385
SNA area (ha):	174.07



## 2. Summary of nature conservation interest

### Priority BAP habitats

Main Regional Nature Map habitat:	Purple Moor Grass and Rush Pasture
Other Regional Nature Map habitat(s):	
Other UK BAP habitats:	Hedges, Stream, Wet Woodland, Wet Heath

This is a small SNA with two Culm grassland County Wildlife Sites. These also contain some wet woodland and wet heath, although this has not been mapped separately. The County Wildlife Sites were re-surveyed in 2008, and unfortunately, both sites have experienced some loss of Culm, to tree planting or scrub encroachment. There has been a lot of conifer planting in the area, some of which appears to be fairly recent on the 2006 aerial photo. The rest of the SNA is improved fields, although there is an area of possible Culm grassland between the two existing sites, which has not yet been surveyed.

Species associated with Culm grassland habitat include the following:

Important species or species assemblage	Status
Devon notable flowering plants e.g. Lesser Butterfly Orchid, <b>Wavy-Leaved St John's Wort, Round-leaved Crowfoot.</b>	S. 41 (Lesser Butterfly Orchid) Devon notable plants
Butterfly food plants e.g. <b>Devils Bit Scabious.</b>	
Butterflies e.g. Marsh Fritillary, Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary, <b>Small Heath.</b>	S. 41 (Marsh Fritillary, Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary & Small Heath) DBAP, Nationally notable (Marsh Fritillary)
Moths e.g. Narrow-bordered Bee Hawk-moth.	S. 41, Nationally notable
Other invertebrates e.g. dragonflies, damselflies, spiders, flies, beetles.	
Farmland Birds e.g. Curlew, <b>Barn-Owl, Snipe, Reed Bunting, Skylark.</b>	S. 41 (Reed Bunting, skylark) DBAP (Curlew, Barn Owl) Red bird list (Skylark) Amber bird list (Curlew, Barn Owl, Snipe, Reed Bunting)
Dormouse	S. 41, DBAP
Otter	S. 41, DBAP

Species in **bold** have been recorded in this SNA.

## Nature conservation designations

There are no statutory conservation designations in relation to this SNA.

The SNA includes two 'Culm grassland' County Wildlife Sites.

### 3. UK BAP Priority habitat maintenance and restoration targets for SNA no 385

(the measurement unit is hectare unless stated otherwise and is rounded up/down)

**Maintenance targets** (current extent of habitat) – 100 % favourable condition  
(based on NBN habitat layers)

UK BAP priority habitat	Purple moor grass and rush pasture	TOTAL
Minimum area *	0.25	0.25
Maximum area #	10	10

\* *current extent of habitat = a + b*

a) *sum of all the areas of criterion 1 polygons (Definitely is)*

b) *number of criterion 2 polygons multiplied by the minimum mappable unit for that habitat (Definitely present within polygon but not mappable) [criterion 3 polygons not included] (Probably the Priority Habitat but some uncertainty of interpretation)*

# *current extent of habitat = criterion 1 + criterion 2 + criterion 3*

### Theoretical restoration/creation targets using Rebuilding Biodiversity (RB) methodology:

The Rebuilding Biodiversity in the South West Technical Manual, November 2005 suggests the following restoration/creation targets for a Strategic Nature Area profile where the priority habitat is purple moor grass & rush pasture.

- 30% cover of priority habitat
- 30% cover of other semi-natural habitat
- 40% cover of other land uses.

*This SNA will be further developed as follows:*

#### **4. Opportunities for habitat restoration and creation in the SNA**

This is an optional but desirable section to be completed by local experts and which would outline the practical opportunities for habitat restoration and creation on the ground. This may include emphasising the importance of an SNA for habitats additional to the primary one for which it was identified or, indeed, for particular species.

This section can also be used to develop more realistic habitat restoration targets, which could then be used to refine the theoretical targets listed above.

#### **5. Constraints to habitat restoration and creation in the SNA**

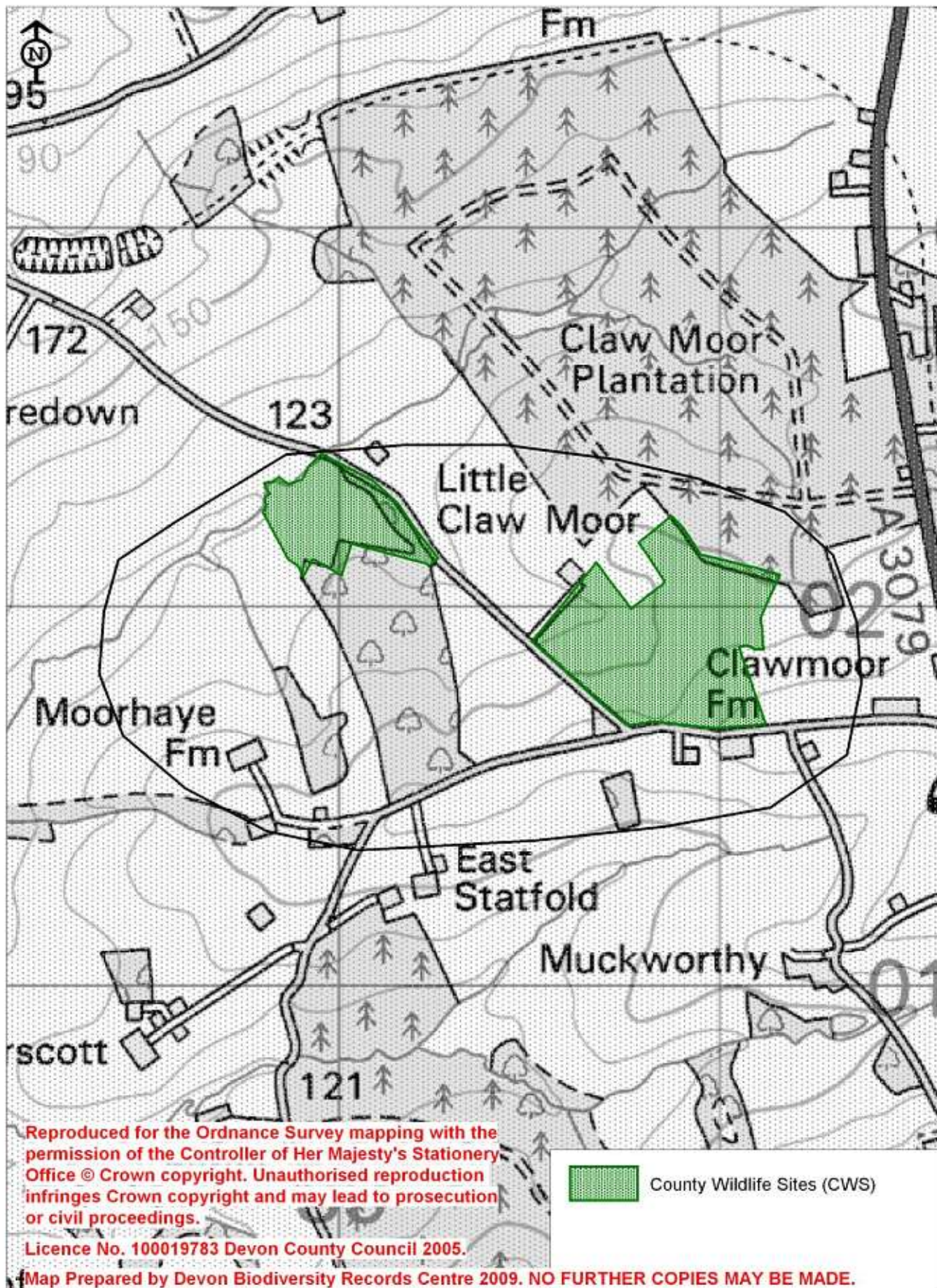
As above, but in this case outlining the constraints to habitat restoration and creation in the SNA.

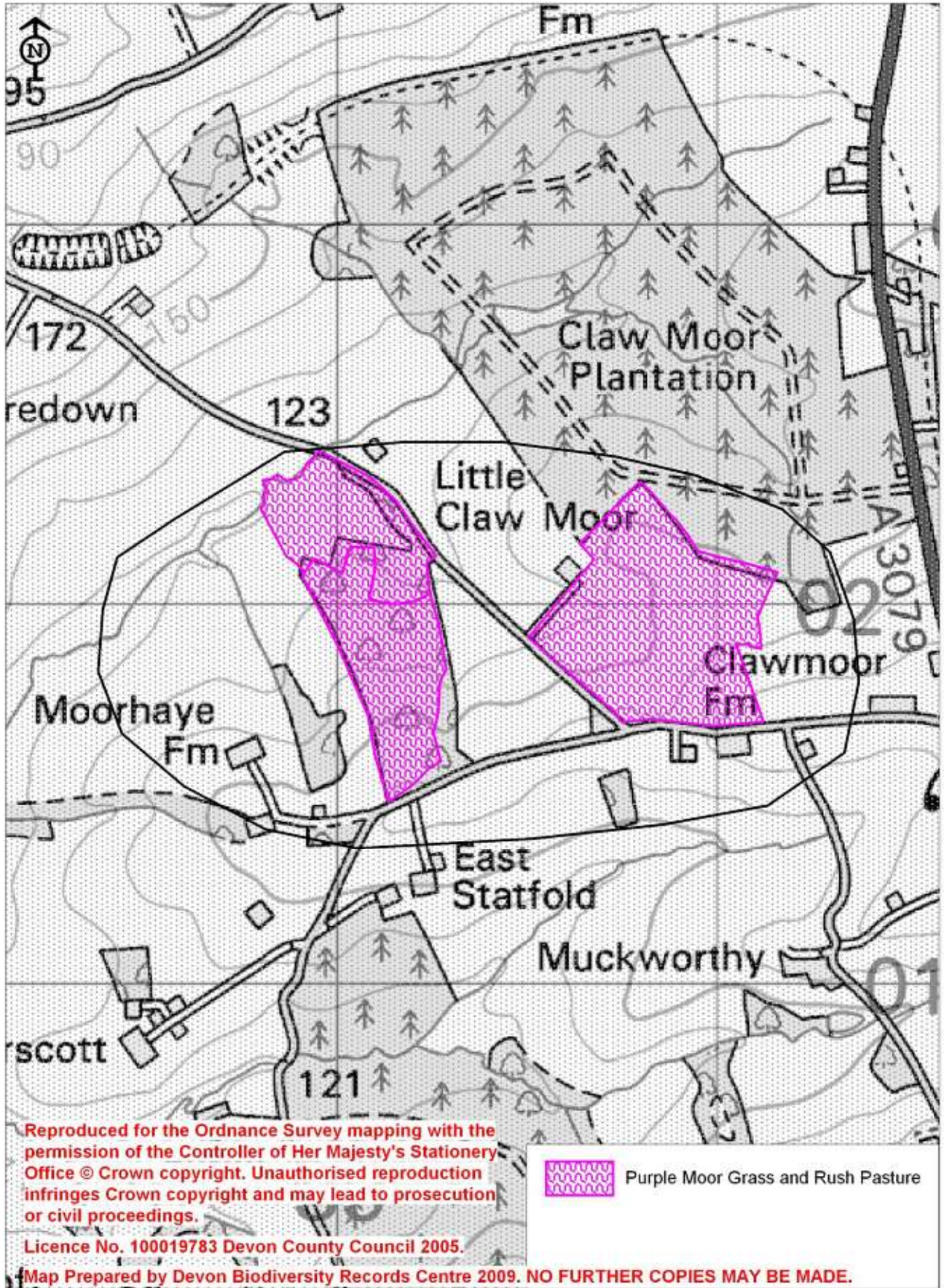
#### **6. Other information**

This is another optional section reliant upon local knowledge of the SNA. This section can be used for any other information that might be useful. It may be particularly useful for those SNAs within which there current projects or for which projects are planned.

Contents could include:

- Restoration targets for BAP habitats additional to the main nature map habitat.
- Maps detailing areas for restoration
- Nature conservation objectives
- And so on.





Appendix 1: Legally protected and notable species recorded within SNA no 385

Common name	Scientific name	Status
Barn Owl	Tyto alba	DBAP; Amber
Common Frog	Rana temporaria	WCA
Green Hairstreak	Callophrys rubi	Decline
Red Deer	Cervus elaphus	DA
Reed Bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	S. 41; Amber
Round-leaved Crowfoot	Ranunculus omiophyllus	DN1
Skylark	Alauda arvensis	S. 41; Red
Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus	S. 41
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	Amber

**WCA**                    **Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981)**

**DA**                      **Deer Act 1991:** deer protected under the Deer Act.

**S. 41**                    **Species of principal importance in England (i.e. English BAP priority species)** – see Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006).

**DBAP**                    **Devon Biodiversity Action Plan species:** these have been identified as species of key conservation concern in Devon.

**Devon Notable Species:** Selected species recorded from 2km squares in the Atlas of Devon Flora 1984 (R.B. Ivimey-Cook, Department of Biological Sciences, The University of Exeter).

**DN1**                    **Devon Notable<sup>1</sup>:** 1-25 2 km squares in Atlas of Devon Flora 1984.

**Decline**                Substantial local decline in Devon

**Red List**              Bird species of high conservation concern, such as those whose population or range is rapidly declining, recently or historically, and those of global conservation concern.

**Amber List**            Bird species of medium conservation concern, such as those whose population is in moderate decline, rare breeders, internationally important and localised species and those of unfavourable conservation status in Europe.