

1. SNA details

SNA name:	Common Moor
SNA unique number:	386
SNA area (ha):	186.01



2. Summary of nature conservation interest

Priority BAP habitats

Main Regional Nature Map habitat:	Purple moor grass & rush pasture
Other Regional Nature Map habitat(s):	
Other UK BAP habitats:	Lowland heathland, hedges.

This is a small SNA which contains one 'culm grassland' County Wildlife Site (surveyed 1990) which in the 2006 aerial photo looks like it is now mostly 'scrubbed over'. The area of lowland heathland that was digitised was based on the Devon's commons report (1989). The rest of the SNA is mostly conifer plantation with a few improved fields. Species associated with 'culm grassland' habitat include the following:

Important species or species assemblage	Status
Devon notable flowering plants e.g. Lesser Butterfly Orchid, Wavy-Leaved St John's Wort .	S. 41 (Lesser Butterfly Orchid) Devon notable plants
Butterfly food plants e.g. Devils Bit Scabious.	
Butterflies e.g. Marsh Fritillary, Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary.	S. 41 (Marsh Fritillary & Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary) 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, Barn-Owl, Snipe, Reed Bunting.	S. 41 (Reed Bunting) DBAP (Curlew, Barn Owl) Red bird list (Reed Bunting) Amber bird list (Curlew, Barn Owl, Snipe)
Dormouse	S. 41, DBAP
Otter	S. 41, DBAP

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

See Appendix 1 for further species recorded in this SNA.

Nature conservation designations

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

The SNA includes 1 'Culm grassland' County Wildlife Site.

3. UK BAP Priority habitat maintenance and restoration targets for SNA no 386

(the measurement unit is hectare unless stated otherwise and 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	Lowland Heathland	TOTAL
Minimum area *	0.25		0.25
Maximum area #	44	16	60

* current extent of habitat = a + b

a) sum of all the areas of criterion 1 polygons

b) number of criterion 2 polygons multiplied by the minimum mappable unit for that habitat

[criterion 3 polygons not included]

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 profile 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.

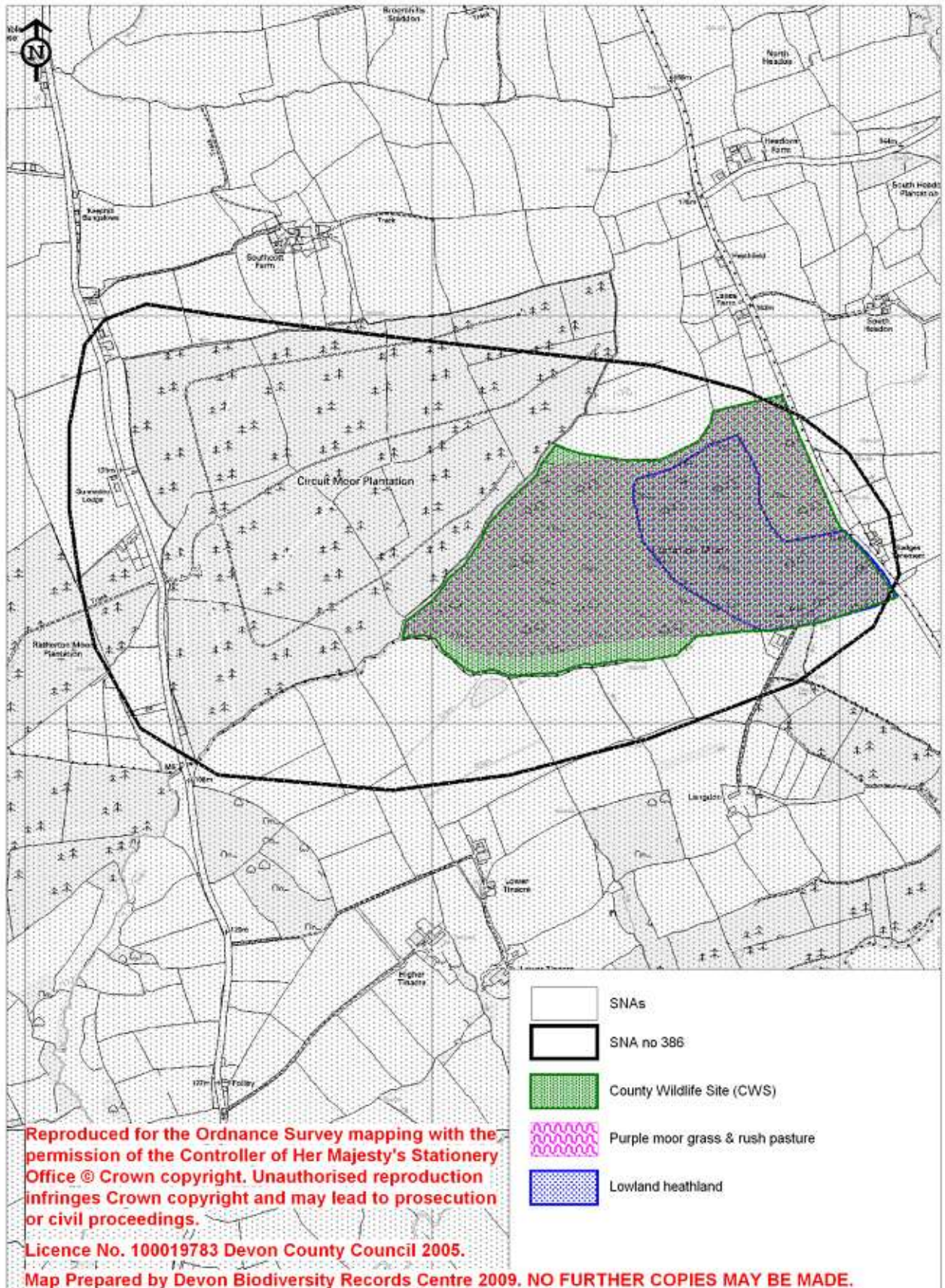
6. Other information

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.

Designated sites and selected UKBAP priority habitats
within SNA no 386 (2009)



Appendix 1: Legally protected and notable species recorded within SNA no 386

Common name	Scientific name	Status
Badger	<i>Meles meles</i>	WCA
Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	S. 41; Red
Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	Amber
Stoat	<i>Mustela erminea</i>	CITES (UK reservation)
Wavy St. John's-Wort	<i>Hypericum undulatum</i>	NS; DN2
Willow Tit	<i>Parus montanus</i>	Red
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Amber

WCA

Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981)

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).

NS

Nationally Scarce: 15-100 10km squares in Atlas of British Flora 1962.

DN2

Devon Notable²: 26-50 2 km squares in Atlas of Devon Flora 1984.

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.

CITES

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)