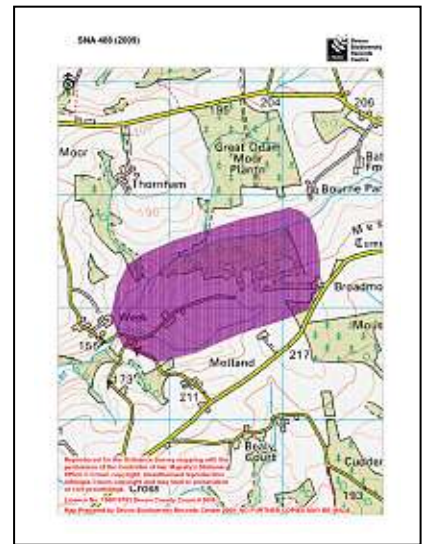


1. SNA details

SNA name:	Middle-of-Nowhere
SNA unique number:	408
SNA area (ha):	168.76



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:	Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland, Wet Woodland, Hedges.

This SNA consists of a section of stream valley for the Huntacott Water. Purple moor grass and rush pasture occurs in a mosaic with wet woodland and lowland mixed deciduous woodland along the stream valley and the slopes leading down to it.

Important species or species assemblage	Status
Flowering plants associated with purple moor grass and rush pasture e.g. Greater Birds-foot Trefoil, Marsh thistle, Meadow Thistle, Common Marsh Bedstraw.	
Devon notable flowering plants e.g. Round-leaved Crowfoot, Wood Club-rush.	Devon notable plants
Butterfly food plants e.g. Devils Bit Scabious.	
Butterflies e.g. Marsh Fritillary, Marbled White, Meadow Brown, Dark Green Fritillary, Silver Washed Fritillary.	S.41, DBAP, Nationally notable (Marsh Fritillary) Decline (Dark Green Fritillary)
Other invertebrates: grasshoppers, dragonflies, damselflies e.g. Blue-tailed Damselfly, spiders, flies, beetles.	
Ancient woodland indicator species e.g. Early Dog-Violet, Barren Strawberry, Hairy Wood-Rush, Bitter Vetch.	

Species listed above have been recorded in County Wildlife Site surveys or as incidental records.

Nature conservation designations

There are no statutory sites within this SNA.

This SNA includes 4 County Wildlife Sites covering habitats including: culm grassland, wet and dry broadleaved woodland, secondary broadleaved woodland, unimproved acid grassland, semi-improved acid and neutral grassland, heath.

There are no Regionally Important Geological Sites within this SNA.

3. UK BAP Priority habitat maintenance and restoration

targets for SNA no 408 (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 & Rush Pasture	Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland	TOTAL
Minimum area *	7		7
Maximum area #	11	23	34

* 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.

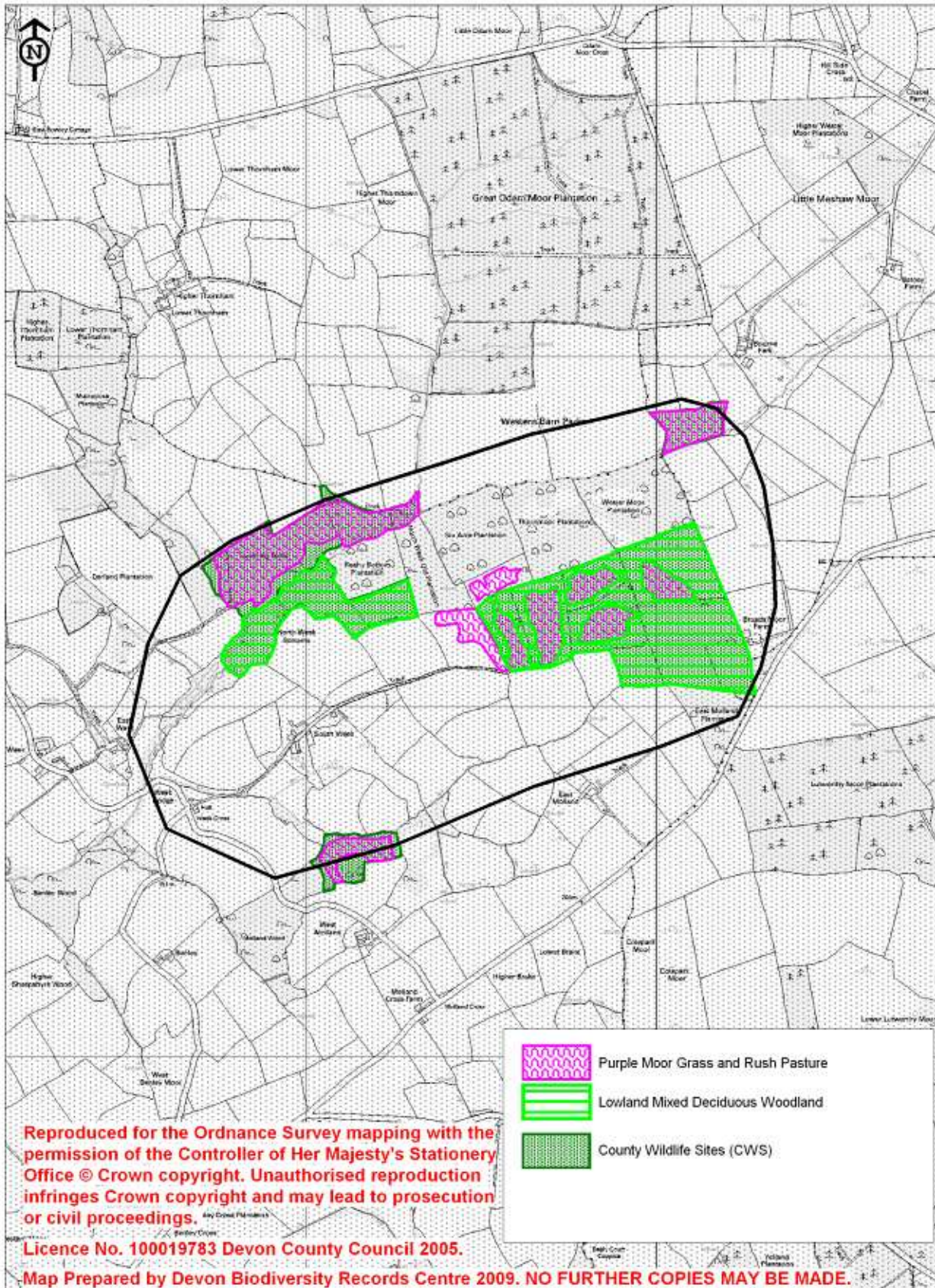
6. Other information

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.

Designated sites and UKBAP priority habitats within SNA 408 (2009)



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Legally protected and notable species recorded within 408

Common Name	Scientific name	Status
Marsh Fritillary	<i>Eurodryas aurinia</i>	S.41; DBAP; Nb
Cowslip	<i>Primula veris</i>	DN3
Wood Club-Rush	<i>Scirpus sylvaticus</i>	DN3
Primrose	<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	DBAP
Round-leaved Crowfoot	<i>Ranunculus omiophyllus</i>	DN1

S.41 **Species or habitat of principal importance in England (i.e. English BAP priority species / habitat)** – 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: 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 Notable¹:** 1-25 2 km squares in Atlas of Devon Flora 1984.

DN3 **Devon Notable³:** Selected species recorded from over 50 2 km squares in Atlas of Devon Flora 1984.

Nb **Nationally Notable B:** known from 100 or fewer 10km squares. Taken from the Invertebrate Site Register.