Review of existing and potential Ramsar sites in UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies

Final Report from the UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum

Annex 2: Draft Ramsar Information Sheets for proposed sites identified (as complete as possible in relation to any variations in the actual status of proposed sites), organised by Territory

This is additional to the original contract. Its inclusion in the contract addition reflects the fact that preparation of such draft RISs integrated with the review is a cost-effective way of aiding work towards eventual designation of the sites. The contractor agreed to bring forward the inclusion of a draft of this section at the same time as the main report. The opportunity may be taken to make further some further changes to this section when maps are submitted, in May 2005 (see below). All the RISs in this section remain as drafts until the sites to which they refer are designated as Ramsar sites. Because the state of progress towards designation differs greatly between sites, the degree of completion of various RISs will differ from very incomplete (and in some cases including notes on further queries) to virtually final in some cases where the authorities concerned have decided to ask HMG to progress with designation.

During the course of this project, JNCC changed (in fairly small ways) the standard format that they used for Ramsar Information Sheets. At an early stage in the project, it had been agreed that RIS format would be used to collate information on individual sites. This would both ensure that appropriate information was gathered and maximise efficiency, because it would minimise the additional work needed to move any site on to eventual designation. It had further been decided not to change the format used during the project, because of the unproductive time that this would take. Accordingly, the older format has been retained in Annexes 1 and 3. (The only exceptions are a few cases where new site descriptions had been prepared using the newer form; these have not been changed back to the old format.) It has been agreed with JNCC that retention of the older format presents no problems, because the older format holds slightly more information than the newer one, so that the latter can be derived from the former, but not *vice versa*. The older format also has an advantage in this report in that it includes explanations in words of some coding systems used, thereby aiding understanding by non-specialists in Ramsar matters.

The currently proposed sites are listed below, with an indication of the page on which a draft (generally incomplete) RIS can be found at this stage:

Ramsar	Site name	Country	Status	Page
code				
UK21001	The Ballaugh Curragh	Isle of Man	Proposed	300
UK21002	The Ayres	Isle of Man	Proposed	307
UK21003	Southern Coasts & Calf of Man	Isle of Man	Proposed	313
UK21004	Central Valley Curragh	Isle of Man	Proposed	319
UK21005	Gob ny rona, Maughold Head & Port	Isle of Man	Proposed	323
	Cornaa			
UK21006	Dalby Peatlands	Isle of Man	Proposed	328
UK22001	Lihou Island & L'Eree Headland	Guernsey	Proposed;	333
			consultation	
			in progress	
UK22002	Alderney West Coast & the Burhou	Guernsey (Alderney)	Alderney has	340
	Islands		asked UK to	
			designate	
UK22003	North Herm and Les Amfrocques	Guernsey	Proposed	354

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UK22004	Gouliot Caves	Guernsey (Sark)	Proposed	359
UK22005	Orchid Fields at Rocquaine Bay	Guernsey	Proposed	383
UK23002	Les Minquiers	Jersey	Designation in preparation	see Annex 1
UK23003	Les Écréhous & Les Dirouilles	Jersey	Designation in preparation	see Annex 1
UK23004	Les Pierres de Lecq (the Paternosters)	Jersey	Designation in preparation	see Annex 1
UK23005	St Ouen's Bay and Les Mielles	Jersey	Proposed	368
UK31001	Bay of Gibraltar	Gibraltar	Proposed	-
UK41001	Devonshire Marsh East and West Basins	Bermuda	Proposed	375
UK41008	Trott's Pond and Mangrove Lake	Bermuda	Proposed	384
UK41012	Walsingham Formation – Karst and Caves	Bermuda	Proposed	389
UK41013	Harrington Sound and Notch	Bermuda	Proposed	395
UK41014	Reef areas	Bermuda	Proposed	401
UK41015	Castle Bay Islands and reef	Bermuda	Proposed	406
UK42004	Central Mangrove Wetland, Little Sound, Ponds and associated Marine Zones	Cayman Islands	Proposed	416
UK42005	Little Cayman Crown Wetlands and Marine Parks	Cayman Islands	Proposed	424
UK42006	Salina Reserve	Cayman Islands	Proposed	431
UK42007	Barker's Wetland	Cayman Islands	Proposed	438
UK43002	Grand Turk salinas, ponds and shores	Turks and Caicos Islands	Proposed	444
UK43003	Salt Cay creeks and salinas	Turks and Caicos Islands	Proposed	450
UK43004	Turks Bank Seabird Cays	Turks and Caicos Islands	Proposed	456
UK43005	Caicos Bank Southern Cays	Turks and Caicos Islands	Proposed	462
UK43006	West Providenciales Wetlands	Turks and Caicos Islands	Proposed	469
UK43007	West Caicos saline lake and coral reef system	Turks and Caicos Islands	Proposed	479
UK43008	Leeward-Going-Through Cays	Turks and Caicos Islands	Proposed	488
UK44004	Anegada Eastern Ponds and The Horseshoe Reef	British Virgin Islands	Proposed	496
UK44005	Fat Hogs and Bar Bays	British Virgin Islands	Proposed	504
UK45006	Sombrero Island	Anguilla	Proposed	510
UK45007	Dog Island & Middle Cay	Anguilla	Proposed	515
UK45008	Prickly Pear Cays	Anguilla	Proposed	520
UK45009	Scrub & Little Scrub Islands	Anguilla	Proposed	525
UK45010	Anguilla mainland wetlands	Anguilla	Proposed	513
UK46001	Montserrat NW coasts and marine shallows	Montserrat	Proposed	536
UK46002	Centre Hills and forested ghauts	Montserrat	Proposed	541
UK51001	Ascension Island	Ascension Island	Proposed	550
UK52001	St Helena Central Peaks	St Helena	Proposed	565
UK52002	St Helena inshore waters, stacks and cliffs	St Helena	Proposed	577
UK52003	Fisher's Valley	St Helena	Proposed	587

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UK53001	Gough Island	Tristan da Cunha	Proposed	595
UK53002	Inaccessible Island	Tristan da Cunha	Proposed	606
UK53003	Nightingale Group	Tristan da Cunha	Proposed	616
UK53004	Tristan Island	Tristan da Cunha	Proposed	626
UK54002	East Bay, Lake Sulivan and River Doyle	Falkland Islands	Proposed	638
UK54004	Pebble Island East	Falkland Islands	Proposed	647
UK54006	Cape Dolphin	Falkland Islands	Proposed	656
UK54007	Concordia Beach & Ponds, Limpet Creek and Cape Bougainville	Falkland Islands	Proposed	663
UK54008	Seal Bay	Falkland Islands	Proposed	673
UK54009	Volunteer Point	Falkland Islands	Proposed	680
UK54010	Kidney Island and Kidney Cove	Falkland Islands	Proposed	690
UK54011	Cape Peninsula, Stanley Common and Port Harriet	Falkland Islands	Proposed	697
UK54012	Swan Inlet and Ponds	Falkland Islands	Proposed	703
UK54013	Flats Brook and Bombilla Flats	Falkland Islands	Proposed	708
UK54014	Lafonia ponds and streams catchment	Falkland Islands	Proposed	713
UK54015	Bull Point	Falkland Islands	Proposed	718
UK54016	Beauchêne Island	Falkland Islands	Proposed	725
UK54017	Jason Islands Group	Falkland Islands	Proposed	732
UK54018	Keppel Island	Falkland Islands	Proposed	741
UK54019	Hawks Nest Ponds	Falkland Islands	Proposed	750
UK54020	Bird Island	Falkland Islands	Proposed	756
UK54021	New Island Group	Falkland Islands	Proposed	763
UK55001	South Georgia	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands	Proposed	772
UK55002	South Sandwich Islands	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands	Proposed	784
UK61004	Chagos Banks	British Indian Ocean Territory	Proposed	790
UK62001	Ducie Island	Pitcairn Islands	Proposed	804
UK62002	Henderson Island	Pitcairn Islands	Proposed	811
UK62003	Oeno Island	Pitcairn Islands	Proposed	821
UK62004	Browns Water, Pitcairn	Pitcairn Islands	Proposed	828
UK62005	Coastal waters, Pitcairn	Pitcairn Islands	Proposed	835