

# Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Mulfran, Mynydd Coity, Mynydd James & Gwastad

GRID REF: SO230070

SURVEYOR(S): J.Winder

SIZE (approx.): 963.96 ha

DATE OF SURVEY: July/August 2001

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

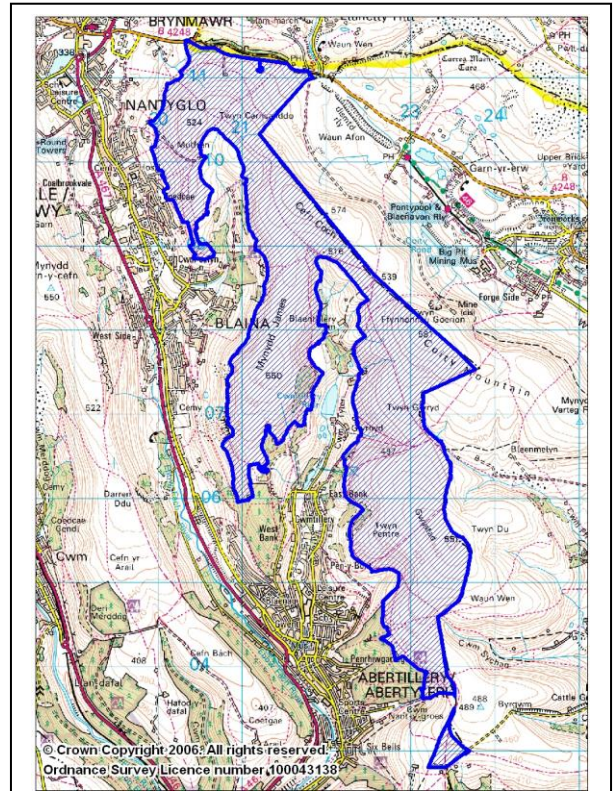
Blaenau Gwent

WARD: Nantyglo & Blaina & Abertillery

MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Acid Grassland	U1/U4/U5	
Dry Heathland	H12/H18	
Wet Heath	M15/M19	
Blanket Mire	M17/M6c	
Marshy Grassland	M23/M25	
Standing Water	-	

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



FULL DESCRIPTION OF SITE (including topography, adjacent land use, access and boundaries etc.):

The site comprises of a large area of upland common land between the valleys of Ebbw Fach and the Afon Llwyd.

Dry heath communities are extensive throughout the survey area and represent H12 and H18 NVC communities. Wet heath is found on the common north of Gwastad with blanket mire also predominantly found to the north. Mulfran has a high frequency of *Molinia caerulea* (purple moor-grass) with flushing throughout and the south is dominated by *Vaccinium myrtillus* (bilberry) with small areas of *Erica tetralix* (cross-leaved heath) and *Calluna vulgaris* (ling).

Mynydd Coity and Mynydd James is the largest common in this survey. To the north at Waun Afon is a large area of blanket mire. Mynydd James is largely *V.myrtillus* (bilberry) dominated dry heath. Mynydd Coity is similar but with a notable wet influence. The lower eastern slopes are mire communities and to the east spoil has been colonised by acid grassland with some wet heath. Gwastad is almost completely covered with heather and some bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*) on the edges.

This is the only known breeding site in Britain for the Silurian moth (*Eriopygodes imbecilla*) (a Section 42 species).

Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under:

Mosaic Habitats (H20)	
Qualifying Habitat types	Number of indicator species present
Acid grassland	
Dry heathland	
Wet heath	
Blanket mire	
Marshy grassland	

**Official Use Only:** Site selected as a Wildlife Site/SINC? YES ☒ NO ☐ Date: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008