JERSEY MARINE WOODS

Reference No: NPTSINC005 Ward: Coedffranc West Grid ref at centre: SS7159794879 Area (ha): 56.03

Reason for selection: H1:3 Native Woodlands H1:4 Scrub Communities H16:2 Other Bracken Communities





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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

A mosaic of habitats are established on the small hill sandwiched between the redevelopment footprint of the former Llandarcy oil refinery and low-lying fen complex of Red Jacket Pil and Pant-y-sais. The site ranges in elevation between 10m and 107m asl, with the underlying geology being that of the South Wales Upper Coal Measures Formation, overlain by a patchwork of glacial till. The principal habitats are deciduous woodland (including a small parcel of ancient woodland), Bracken slopes with a few parcels of less improved pasture. The site would appear to be mostly in private ownership and is primarily used for grazing, though some woodland areas are unmanaged. Species data are required as the original data set appears to have been lost from the system.

Qualifying features

H1:3 Native Woodlands
H1:4 Scrub Communities
H2:1 Hedgerows
H5:1 Lowland Meadows
H9:3 Purple Moor-grass and Rush Pastures
H16:2 Other Bracken Communities

Important species

Management Recommendations

Some of the Bracken slopes of the eastern slopes could be managed to remove the dense stands of Bramble that have encroached. Otherwise easing the grazing in some of the woodland blocks would benefit the ground flora and field units, though each should be assessed on a case by case basis first.

Last surveyed: Surveyor: BS Author: BS

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