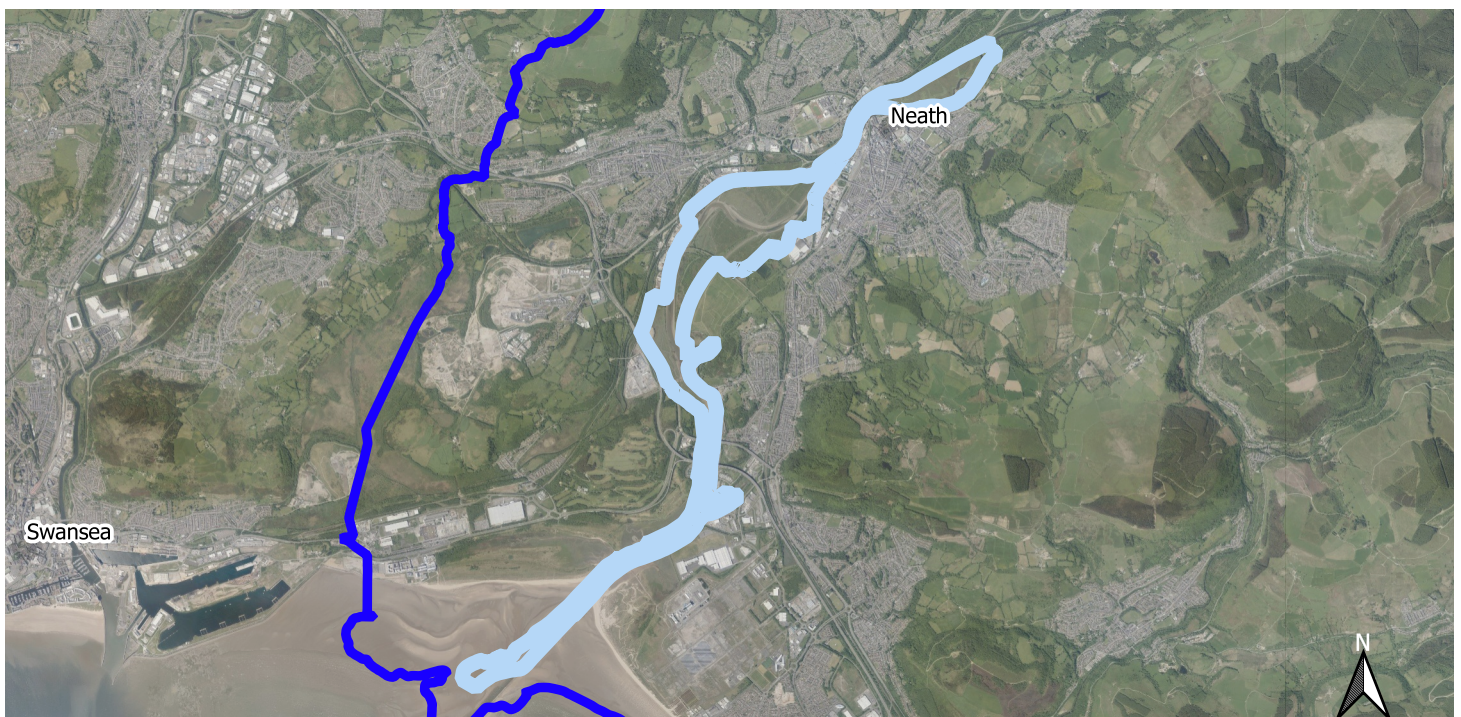
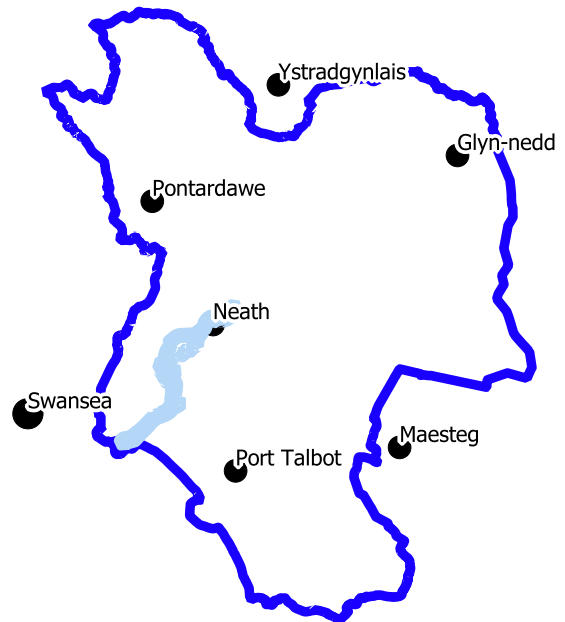


NEATH ESTUARY

Reference No: NPTSINC021
Ward: Coedffranc West, BF West,
Coedffranc Central, Neath East,
Dyffryn, Bryncoch South, Caroxton,
Neath North, Tonna
Grid ref at centre: SS7361095805
Area (ha): 295.34

Reason for selection:
H4:1 Coastal and Floodplain Grazing
Marsh
H12:1 Rivers
H18:1 Coastal Saltmarsh
H18:2 Intertidal Mudflats



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

NEATH ESTUARY

Site Description:

The Neath Estuary is a large site which starts inland at Tonna and runs westwards to Briton Ferry where it meets the sea at Baglan Burrows. As well as the River Neath itself, the Neath Estuary site includes a variety of wetland habitats including Coastal Saltmarsh, Reedbeds, intertidal mudflats and flood plain grazing marsh. It forms the central core of wetland habitats SINCs running along this length of the River Neath. Contiguous SINC sites include both the Neath and Tennant Canals, Catwg Wetland, Square Pond, Crymlyn Burrows and Baglan Bay. Current levels of management are unknown, but are likely to be variable along the length of the estuary. The grazing marsh is known to be grazed mostly by cattle.

Qualifying features

H4:1 Coastal and floodplain grazing marsh
H12:1 Rivers
H18:1 Coastal saltmarsh
H18:2 Intertidal mudflats

Important species

Species recorded: Peregrine, Whimbrel, Kingfisher, Cetti's warbler, Kestrel, Lapwing, Curlew, Black-headed gull, Herring gull, Skylark, Starling, Linnet, Reed bunting, Otter

Management Recommendations

Achieving the correct balance of grazing is likely to be the principal management target, but a number of stretches of the estuary are suffering from invasive plant species principally Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam and a methodical targeted approach is necessary (whole catchment approach).

Last surveyed: Surveyor: Author: WJL

To be read in conjunction with Wildlife Sites Guidance Wales (WBP 2008) and the NPT amendments. This area has been designated as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. This does not formally protect the site or place any restrictions upon the landowner. Neath Port Talbot Council's Countryside & Wildlife Team will endeavour to support and encourage activities that maintain and enhance the biodiversity interest of the land; where funding is available, funds may be provided to facilitate these activities. The information given is used to ensure that nature conservation is taken into account in planning decisions. The designation itself does not confer any rights of access to the site and places no restriction on the management of the land.