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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

SWANSEA

BLACKPILL, SWANSEA

Date of Notification: 1984

National Grid reference: SS623878 to SS 621907

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Site Area: 467.4 ha

Description:

Swansea Bay provides an overwintering and passage site for a larger number of waders. Although forming part of a complex which includes the Gwendraeth, Burry and Severn Estuaries, it supports significant proportions of some species in its own right.

Counts for Ringed Plover and Sanderling exceed 1% of both British and Western European populations, making the Bay of international importance in this respect.

Other species, such as Oystercatcher, Grey Plover, Bar-tailed Godwit, Knot and Dunlin are all of local significance.

The topography and seasonal remoteness of the foreshore at low tide are important for the maintenance of the scientific interest, while suitable roosting spots, outside of the SSSI, are necessary on the highest tides.

Remarks:

Part of Bird Sanctuary declared under Protection of Birds Act 1954.