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COUNTRYSIDE COUNCIL FOR WALES**

SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

NEATH PORT TALBOT

MARGAM MOORS

Date of Notification: 1985

National Grid Reference: SS 783846

O.S. Maps: 1:50,000 Sheet number: 170
1:25,000 Sheet number: SS 78

Site Area: 108 ha

Description:

The last remaining example of the once extensive coastal levels in West Glamorgan. Bounded to the seaward by dunes and to landward by high ground, the meadows provide an agriculturally-managed freshwater habitat which hosts many species of plant on the edge of their geographical range, and nationally important invertebrates.

Mesotrophic marsh, fen meadow and ditch communities support Flowering-rush *Butomus umbellatus*, Frogbit *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*, Arrowhead *Sagittaria sagittifolia*, Cyperus Sedge *Carex pseudocyperus* and Brown Sedge *C. disticha* on the edge of their range, with others such as Lesser Water-plantain *Baldellia ranunculoides*, Tubular Water-dropwort *Oenanthe fistulosa* and Marsh Helleborine *Epipactis palustris* of local interest.

The nationally rare beetle *Haliplus mucronatus*, the dragonfly *Sympetrum sanguineum* the regionally rare beetle *Anacaena bipustulata*, and the water-bug *Corixa panzeri* have all been found in the ditches.

Remarks:

In close proximity to Kenfig Local Nature Reserve.