



Text on the East Loch Shiel LMP Key Issues – Environmental map

General

The Ardgour Pinewoods Special Area of Conservation (SAC) designation is depicted by a black outline on the map.

The Moidart & Loch Shiel Woods SAC is depicting by a dark green cross-hatched polygon on the map.

The feature of the Loch Shiel Special Protection Area (SPA) is black-throated diver.

The feature of the Moidart and Ardgour SPA is golden eagle. This affects the high elevation open areas of Loch Shiel Forest and the open and pinewood are of south Callop.

The features of the Loch Shiel Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) are: oligotrophic loch, oak woodland, native pinewood, bryophyte assemblage, chequered skipper and black-throated diver.

The features of the nearby Loch Moidart & Loch Shiel Woods SAC are: oak woodland rich in bryophyte and lichen communities, Tilio-Acerion forest, alluvial forest with alder and ash, otter.

High quality PAWS throughout the LMP area is impacted by mature non-native conifer species.

Callop and Drumfern

Non-native tree species have been removed from Callop and the associated designations.

Unauthorised overnight stays in the old forest car park at Callop is associated with campfires and other activities threatens the designated features.

The area of peatland restoration requires continued monitoring and maintenance.

Afforested deep peat in Drumfern lies adjacent to nationally important peatland as defined by the James Hutton Institute (JHI). The conifer crops are variable, often poor growth.

Mature non-native pines in Drumfern are affected by Dothistroma Needle Blight (DNB) with the potential to threaten native pines.

The features of the Ardgour Pinewood SAC and SSSI designations include: native pinewood, alder woodland on floodplain, beetles, reptile assemblage and chequered skipper.

The Caledonian pinewood remnants straddle public and private ownership and as such involves shared management objectives and responsibilities.

Loch Shiel

The Moidart and Ardgour SPA affects much of the land out with the non-native conifer areas.

The Natural Reserves are important ravine native woodland habitat.

Invasive non-native alders as well as rhododendron affect native habitats in Loch Shiel Forest.

Achanellan

The afforested deep peat areas of west Achanellan contains pools and dragonfly assemblage akin to those found in the adjacent Claish Moss RAMSAR designation.

The features of the Claish Moss RAMSAR/SAC/SSSI designations include: patterned mire blanket bog, bog orchid, dragonfly assemblage, sphagnum moss and assemblage.