

# Site Improvement Plan

## Tregonning Hill

Site Improvement Plans (SIPs) have been developed for each Natura 2000 site in England as part of the Improvement Programme for England's Natura 2000 sites (IPENS). Natura 2000 sites is the combined term for sites designated as Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protected Areas (SPA). This work has been financially supported by LIFE, a financial instrument of the European Community.

The plan provides a high level overview of the issues (both current and predicted) affecting the condition of the Natura 2000 features on the site(s) and outlines the priority measures required to improve the condition of the features. It does not cover issues where remedial actions are already in place or ongoing management activities which are required for maintenance.

The SIP consists of three parts: a Summary table, which sets out the priority Issues and Measures; a detailed Actions table, which sets out who needs to do what, when and how much it is estimated to cost; and a set of tables containing contextual information and links.

Once this current programme ends, it is anticipated that Natural England and others, working with landowners and managers, will all play a role in delivering the priority measures to improve the condition of the features on these sites.

The SIPs are based on Natural England's current evidence and knowledge. The SIPs are not legal documents, they are live documents that will be updated to reflect changes in our evidence/knowledge and as actions get underway. The information in the SIPs will be used to update England's contribution to the UK's Prioritised Action Framework (PAF).

The SIPs are not formal consultation documents, but if you have any comments about the SIP or would like more information please email us at [IPENSLIFEProject@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:IPENSLIFEProject@naturalengland.org.uk), or contact Natural England's Responsible Officer for the site via our enquiry service 0300 060 3900, or [enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk)

**This Site Improvement Plan covers the following Natura 2000 site(s)**

**UK0012604 Tregonning Hill SAC**

## Site description

The site consists of old china clay workings, pits and spoil tips, surrounded mostly by western lowland heath. Western rustwort *Marsipella profunda*, for which the SAC is designated, is a very rare liverwort.

## Plan Summary

*This table shows the prioritised issues for the site(s), the features they affect, the proposed measures to address the issues and the delivery bodies whose involvement is required to deliver the measures. The list of delivery bodies will include those who have agreed to the actions as well as those where discussions over their role in delivering the actions is on-going.*

Priority & Issue	Pressure or Threat	Feature(s) affected	Measure	Delivery Bodies
1 Inappropriate scrub control	Pressure/ Threat	S1390 Western rustwort	Remove/manage scrub and vascular plants under a CES scheme	Natural England
2 Undergrazing	Pressure	S1390 Western rustwort	Implement a periodic disturbance regime under a CES scheme	Natural England

## Issues and Actions

This table outlines the prioritised issues that are currently impacting or threatening the condition of the features, and the outstanding actions required to address them. It also shows, where possible, the estimated cost of the action and the delivery bodies whose involvement will be required to implement the action. Lead delivery bodies will be responsible for coordinating the implementation of the action, but not necessarily funding it. Delivery partners will need to support the lead delivery body in implementing the action. In the process of developing the SIPs Natural England has approached the delivery bodies to seek agreement on the actions and their roles in delivering them, although in some cases these discussions have not yet been concluded. Other interested parties, including landowners and managers, will be involved as the detailed actions are agreed and delivered. Funding options are indicated as potential (but not necessarily agreed or secured) sources to fund the actions.

### 1 Inappropriate scrub control

Western rustwort no longer exists at the site due to dense scrub and vascular plant development. Large areas of bare, soft granite rock and clayey granitic spoil need to be re-exposed in order to provide suitable habitat for re-colonisation by *Marsupella profunda*.

Action	Action description	Cost estimate	Timescale	Mechanism	Funding option	Delivery lead body	Delivery partner(s)
1A	Scrub/vascular plant removal, and follow up management to maintain cleared areas in an open state.	£20,000	2015-20	Conservation and Enhancement Scheme (CES)	Natural England	Natural England	n/a

### 2 Undergrazing

Habitat disturbance is necessary. Advice from a bryophyte expert recommends that moderate grazing pressure would help to prevent scrub development, though periodic major disturbance events would continue to be needed in order to supply habitat for *Marsupella profunda*.

Action	Action description	Cost estimate	Timescale	Mechanism	Funding option	Delivery lead body	Delivery partner(s)
2A	Maintain open areas with periodic major disturbance events.	Not yet determined	2015-20	Conservation and Enhancement Scheme (CES)	Natural England	Natural England	n/a

## Site details

The tables in this section contain site-relevant contextual information and links

### Qualifying features

#UK Special responsibility

#### Tregonning Hill SAC

S1390# *Marsupella profunda*: Western rustwort

### Site location and links

#### Tregonning Hill SAC

Area (ha) **5.21**      Grid reference **SW600300**      [Map link](#)

Local Authorities      Cornwall

Site Conservation Objectives      [European Site Conservation Objectives for Tregonning Hill SAC](#)

European Marine Site conservation advice      [n/a](#)

Regulation 33/35 Package      [n/a](#)

Marine Management Organisation site plan      [n/a](#)

## Water Framework Directive (WFD)

*The Water Framework Directive (WFD) provides the main framework for managing the water environment throughout Europe. Under the WFD a management plan must be developed for each river basin district. The River Basin Management Plans (RBMP) include a summary of the measures needed for water dependent Natura 2000 sites to meet their conservation objectives. For the second round of RBMPs, SIPs are being used to capture the priorities and new measures required for water dependent habitats on Natura 2000 sites. SIP actions for non-water dependent sites/habitats do not form part of the RBMPs and associated consultation.*

### **Tregonning Hill SAC**

River basin

[South West RBMP](#)

WFD Management catchment

West Cornwall and the Fal

WFD Waterbody ID (Cycle 2 draft)

n/a

## Overlapping or adjacent protected sites

Site(s) of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	
Tregonning Hill SAC	Tregonning Hill SSSI

National Nature Reserve (NNR)	
Tregonning Hill SAC	n/a

Ramsar	
Tregonning Hill SAC	n/a

Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Areas (SPA)	
Tregonning Hill SAC	n/a

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