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Rock of Gibraltar Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

The Government of Gibraltar is pleased to announce, in accordance with the requirements of the Nature Protection Act 1991 and the EU Habitats Directive, the designation of the Rock of Gibraltar Site of Community Importance (SCI) as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC). This has been effected through the publication of Legal Notice 118/2012.

The Rock of Gibraltar has long been recognised as an important biogeographical area due to its rich diversity in species and habitats. It is for these reasons that it was designated by the EU as a Site of Community Importance in 2006. In fulfilling our obligations on the management of the Rock of Gibraltar SAC the Government will be working with relevant bodies to ensure the long term sustainability of these areas, which must be developed and enhanced as one of Gibraltar's most precious resources.