



Wildlife, People, and Place: Lessons from South Stack



Wildlife in the UK

11% is designated (state of nature report)

1 in 6 species are facing extinction



Lowland heathland is amazing!

Rarer than Rainforests

UK has approximately 20%

Cultural and endangered landscape.

80% lost in UK since 1800.

In Wales Anglesey Lowland Heathland (900ha) is 12.5%, 1.7% of UK.



1: Location of the UK's lowland heathlands (English Nature 2002)



South Stack's place in the UK's network of important places for wildlife

Its importance is reflected in multiple classifications and designations for nature and geology

- **Glannau Ynys Gybi/ Holy Island Coast Special Protection Area (SPA)**, classified for breeding and non-breeding Chough.
- **Glannau Ynys Gybi/ Holy Island Coast Special Area of Conservation (SAC)**, classified for: Vegetated Sea Cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic Coasts and European dry heath are among the best in the UK and the most important in North Wales.
- **Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)**, designated for notified features including exposed Precambrian Rock formations, Silver-studded Blue butterfly, several lichen and plants including South Stack Fleawort, Spotted Rockrose, Pale Heath Violet, Golden Samphire and Rock sea-lavender.
- The seas below South Stack Cliffs are part of the **North Anglesey Marine/Gogledd Môn Forol SAC** and the **Anglesey Terns/Morwenoliaid Ynys Môn SPA**.
- **Anglesey National Landscape**
- **GeoMôn UNESCO Global Geopark.**



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Key species:

Silver studded blue butterflies.

Chough

South stack fleawort, spotted rock-rose

Lichens – Ciliate strap, Golden hair, Cladonia peziziformis

Bare and open ground: Pale heath violet, Portland spurge, Seaside centuary, Western Clover (1987 Wales).

Cliffs: Golden Samphire, Rock sea-lavender.

Geology





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Mynegai / Legend:

- Golden Samphire
- Rock Sea Lavender
- Chough
- Ciliate Strap Lichen
- Dodder, Cladonia Peziziformis
- Fleawort
- Peregrine
- AON's Gulls

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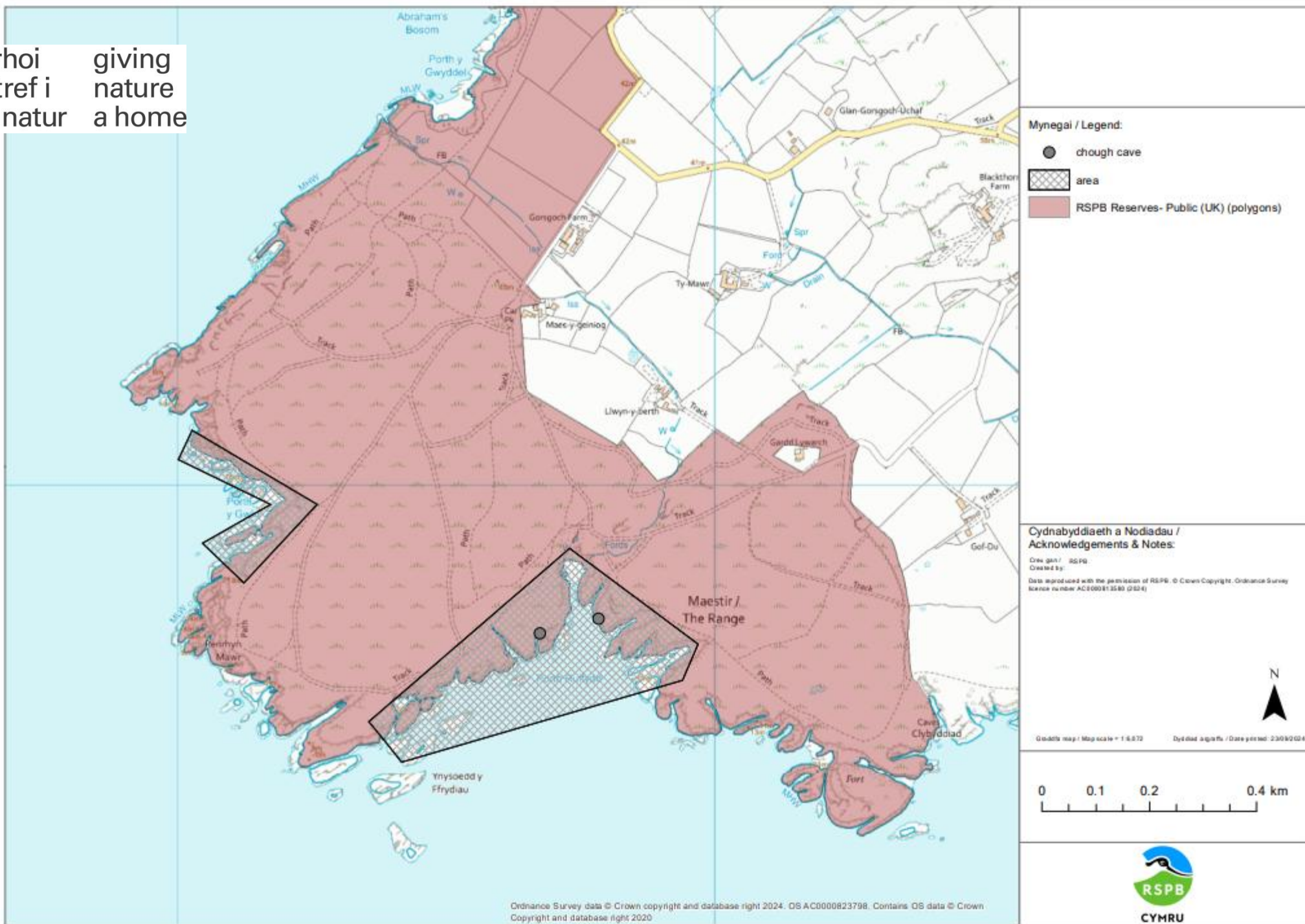
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Countryside access (exclusion or restriction of access) (Wales) regulations 2003

Direction to exclude the right of access

This direction only excludes the right of access given by section 2 of the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000.

It does not affect other rights that may exist on the land, such as public rights of way. Also, it does not remove the need for any other consent or permission that may be required for operations on the land. For example, it does not replace the need to give notice to Natural Resources Wales about proposed operations on SSSIs, or to obtain a felling licence for the felling of trees.

Direction reference:

AP256160

Date on which the direction is given:

4 March 2025

Provision of the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 under which the direction is given:

Section 26 of the Act

Reason for excluding the right of access:

To prevent the disturbance of breeding birds, To prevent the trampling and dislodging of plant species such as fleawort and lichens, found in the coastal grasslands and rocks, To prevent the trampling of caterpillars of the Silver-studded Blue butterfly and its food plant, also found on the coastal grasslands,

Extent of the exclusion:

Seaward of the Wales Coast Path on Maestir/The Range RSPB site,

The period during which this direction excludes the right of access:

From 15 March 2025 to 15 September 2025,

This direction revokes the direction or directions listed to the right and annexed to this direction,

Authorised by:

Euros Jones
Natural Resources Wales,

Date:

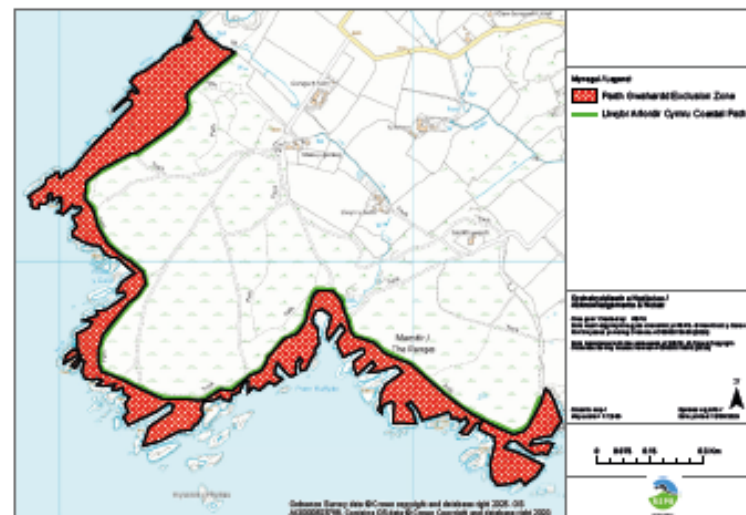
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This map shows the area of land to which this notification of an exclusion or restriction relates.

Application Ref: AP256160

Site Name: Maestir/The Range

Grid Ref: From SH22369 79650 northern end and SH21493 80594 southern end,



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Protecting habitats, saving species
and helping to end the nature and
climate emergency.

If you have any queries regarding this exclusion please contact
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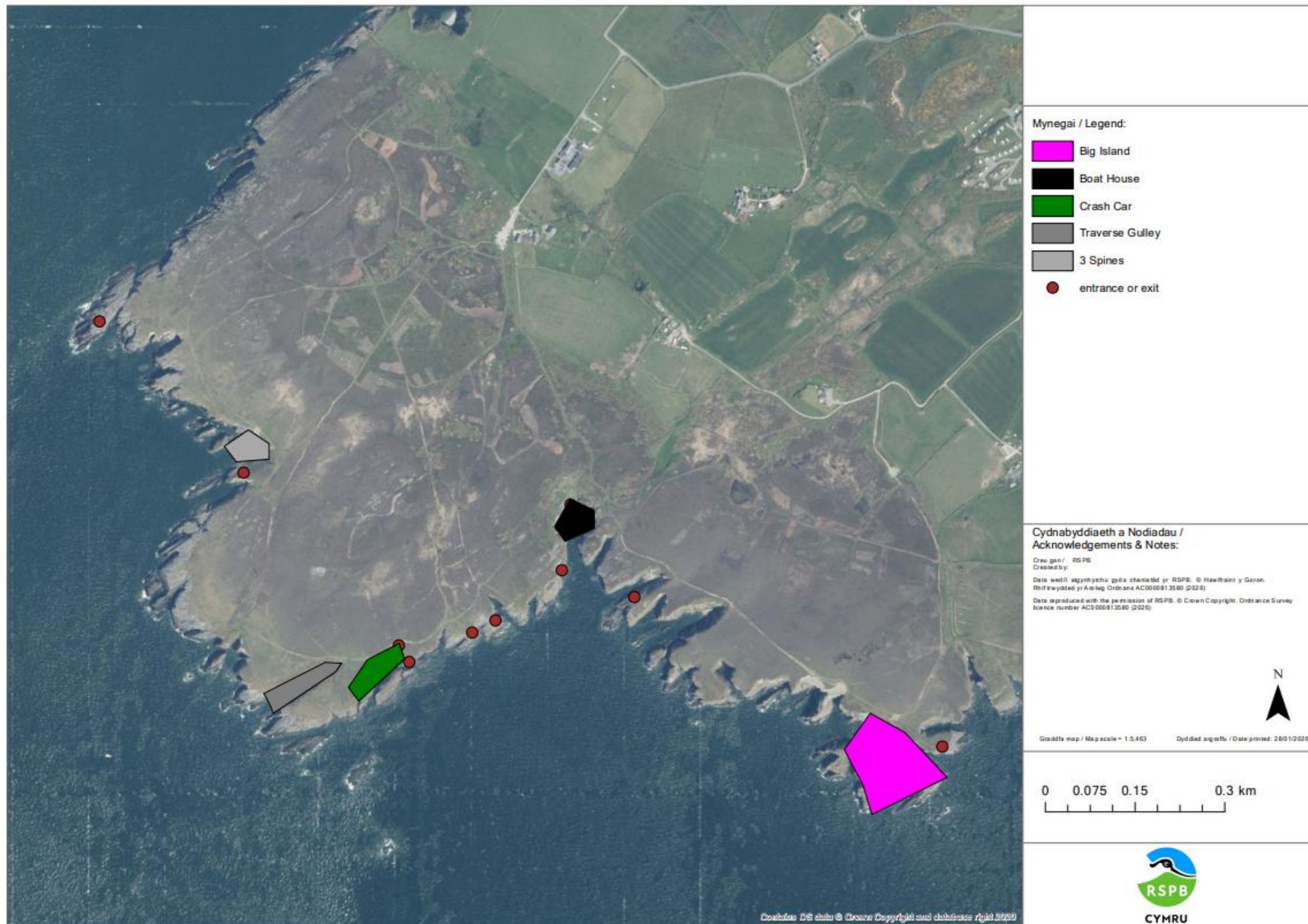
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What is next?

Mapping
 Signage
 Agreements
 MOD
 Anglesey coastal forum
 Collaboration





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