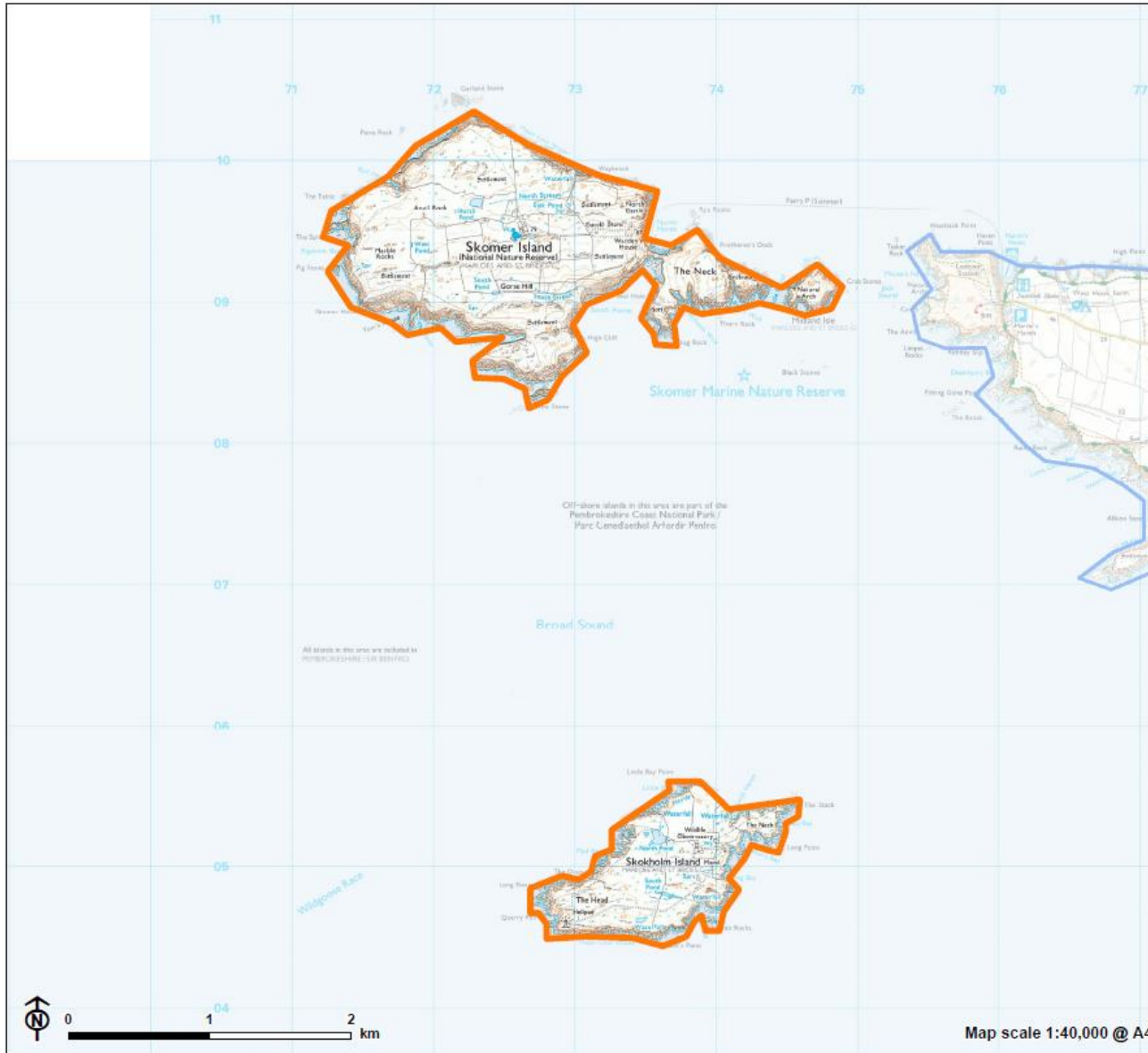


LCA 10: Skomer & Skokholm



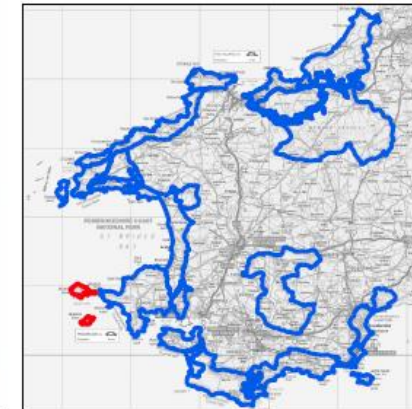
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LCA 10 location and existing woodland coverage

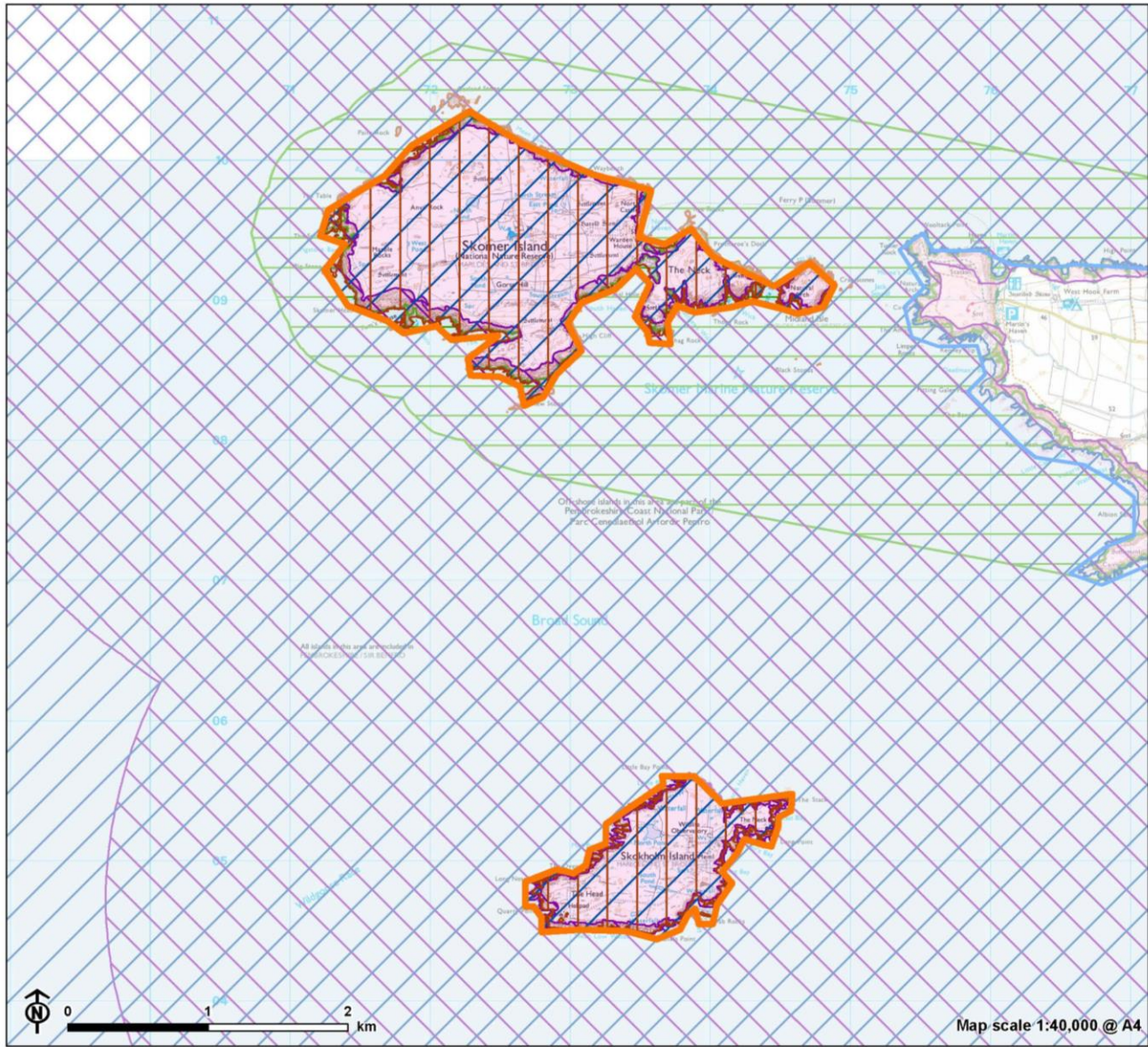
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- Neighbouring LCA

*The NFI definition of woodland is a minimum area of 0.5 hectares



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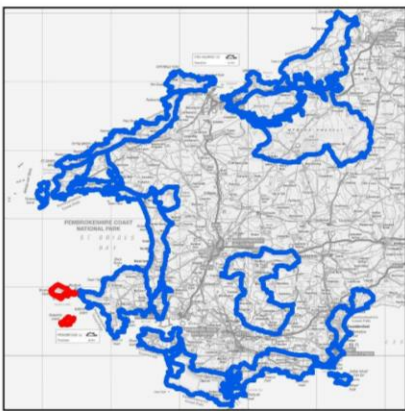
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LCA 10 Nature Conservation Designations

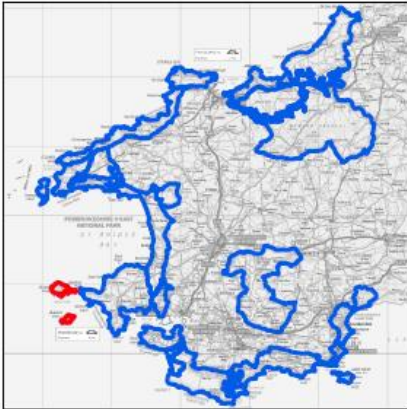
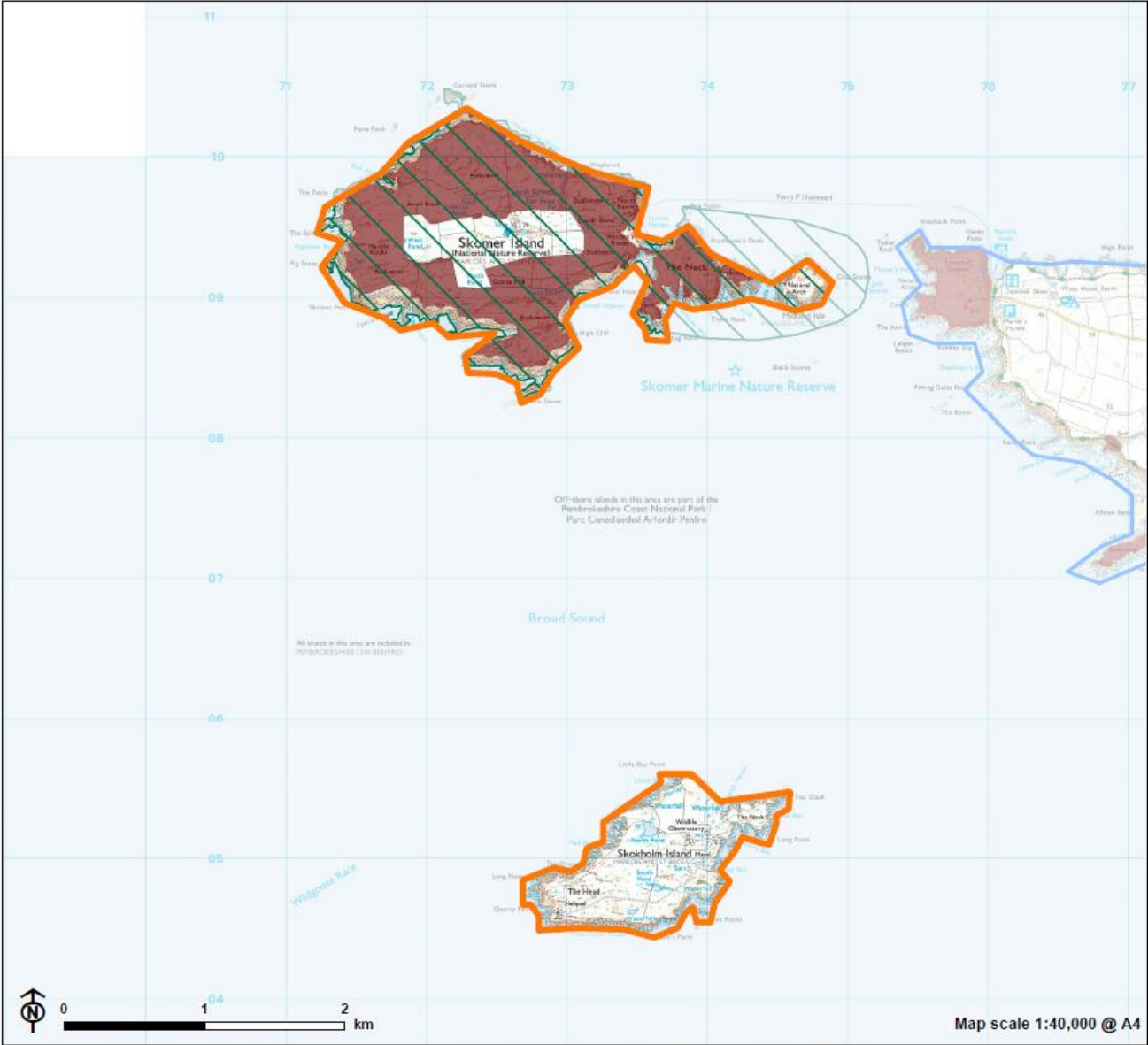
- LCA 10: Skomer & Skokholm
- Neighbouring LCA
- National Nature Reserve
- Special Protection Area
- Special Area of Conservation
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Marine Conservation Zone





LCA 10 Historic Environment Designations

-  LCA 10: Skomer & Skokholm
-  Neighbouring LCA
-  Outstanding Historic Landscape
-  Scheduled Monument



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Description of existing woodland coverage

This Landscape Character Area (LCA) is characterised by the two offshore islands of Skomer and Skokholm which lie to the north and south of Broad Sound. Landcover is dominated by semi-natural coastal heath and grassland habitats with areas of scrub and bracken. The islands are devoid of woodland and mature trees.

Natural and cultural heritage designations and records	
<p><i>The focus of this Guide is on the sensitivity and opportunities for woodland creation in relation to landscape character. It can only play an advisory role in the weighing of potential benefits of woodland creation against likely impacts on non-woodland habitats and cultural heritage assets, which should be considered in more detail at site level. Please refer to the main report for more detail.</i></p>	
<p>SAC, SPA, SSSI NNR, LNR (including Wildlife Trust/ RSPB reserves)</p>	<p>Skomer, Skokholm and the Seas off Pembrokeshire SPA covers 451.5 ha (100% of the LCA).</p> <p>There are two SAC within the LCA which cover 159.5 ha (35.3% of the LCA).</p> <p>There are two SSSI which cover 93.8% of the LCA.</p> <p>Skomer and Skokholm NNR covers 87.1% of the LCA.</p>
<p>National Park Register of Historic Landscapes Scheduled Monuments, Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings and HER data</p>	<p>Skomer Island is a Historic Landscape of Special Interest in Wales covering 310.4 ha (68.8% of the LCA).</p> <p>The LCA includes 74 HER records, which cover a range of archaeological and historical features, including scheduled and undesignated monuments, listed and non-listed historical buildings and locations of finds. These features date from prehistory up to recent times.</p>

Landscape sensitivity to new woodland planting	
<p>Key sensitivities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The distinct flat plateau landform of the offshore islands, with dramatic cliffs marking the coast. ■ The naturalistic landscape with semi-natural maritime grassland forming the dominant land cover, interspersed with areas of heath and bracken. The islands are internationally and nationally designated as SPA/SSSI/NNR for the natural habitats and important colonies of sea birds they support. ■ Prehistoric field patterns which are legible on the islands. ■ Internationally significant archaeological remains, including prehistoric agricultural and settlement features and Iron Age fort. The northern part of the LCA is within the Skomer Island Registered Landscape of Outstanding Historical Interest. ■ The islands form landmark features in views from the mainland and the sea. The Trinity House Lighthouse (Grade II listed) on Skokholm adds to the sense of place. ■ Open and exposed character with an absence of human influence and panoramic sea views. ■ The perceptual qualities of the islands are ever changing, influenced by the surrounding sea.
<p>Overview</p>	<p>Both islands are valued for their internationally important semi-natural habitats including maritime grassland with small areas of heath, internationally significant archaeological features and remote and exposed perceptual qualities. The whole of this LCA is highly sensitive to any scale of woodland creation as planting would significantly alter the character of the islands and could have an adverse effect on the special qualities of the islands.</p> <p>Landscape sensitivity to all scales of mixed woodland for this LCA is high.</p>
Landscape Sensitivity Scores	
<p>Small-scale broadleaved woodlands (≤5ha)</p>	<p>High</p>
<p>Small-medium scale broadleaved woodlands (>5- 15ha)</p>	<p>High</p>

Medium-scale broadleaved woodlands (>15-30ha)					High
Large-scale broadleaved woodlands (>30ha)					High

Opportunities for future tree and woodland coverage within the LCA

- The islands of Skomer and Skokholm are highly sensitive to any scale of woodland planting, therefore no opportunities have been included.

Strategic guidance for new woodland / tree planting

- This LCA is assessed as having high landscape sensitivity to any new woodland creation and therefore no guidance has been included.