

# Justification for correcting the borders of a Natura 2000 site

## Purpose of this form

This form should be used to document **corrections to the geospatial description of a site border** (generally due to improvements in technology and geospatial references).

Corrections of this type can give the impression that some areas have been removed from the site, while in reality the protected areas “on the ground” remain exactly the same: use this form only in this case.

So, even if the total area of the site does not change, but some parts of the site appear to be removed, you need to fill in this form.

 Do not use this form if you wish to redesign the site borders by **removing some areas on the ground** (for whatever reason). Instead, you should fill in the area **de-designation form**<sup>1</sup>.

‘De-designation’ means that you wish to change the site borders to remove some areas of land (or sea) from the site.

To check the principles governing de-designation – established by the EU Court of Justice – see NADEG document 19-05-03 “Natura 2000: de-designation of sites or parts of sites – conditions & justifications”<sup>2</sup>.

## How to fill in the form

Please submit the technical correction form together with the update of your national database. Provide **1 form per corrected site** – or **1 form for a group of sites** if they have all been corrected to resolve the same issue. The form filename should begin with the site code (e.g. AB1234567\_borderscorrection.docx), or one of the site codes if many sites are listed in the form.

Keep your explanatory text short and focussed on the problem, solutions and consequences, to help us understand the nature of the issue and the fact that this is only a correction of borders and not a proposed de-designation of part of a site.

Send us the form in **Word or PDF** format preferably in **English**. Please consider attaching any relevant supporting document that could help understanding the situation.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/fcb355ee-7434-4448-a53d-5dc5d1dac678/library/557ee594-34d3-478e-bf1d-07c65f380c37/details>

<sup>2</sup> <https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/fcb355ee-7434-4448-a53d-5dc5d1dac678/library/8555aa28-9fb6-411f-8228-f8c99b296564/details>

## 1. Site identification

Identify all sites concerned by the same technical issues and to which the same solution was applied. Expand the table as much as needed.

Site code	Site name	Site type
<b>Check the code carefully (copy/paste it into the Natura 2000 viewer to check its validity)</b>	<i>This helps us double check the site identification.</i>	A, B, C A: designated under the Birds directive B: designated under the habitats directive C: both

## 2. Reasons for the proposed correction

Please categorize with an 'x' the correction applied.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Improved digitisation of the site borders
<input type="checkbox"/>	Improved consistency with other national geospatial databases
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____

## 3. The problem

Please explain why you had to correct the site borders. It is crucial to show that the problem only affects the geospatial description of the site, and not the land (or sea) actually protected/designated by the site. In other words, the field reality of the land protected should not be affected, only its cartographic representation.

In the event of a digitisation error that could give the impression of de-designation, please provide references showing your initial intention when designing the site borders. For example, if you need to remove islets in an estuary, please explain why the current design includes the islets, and show that the original idea was to exclude them.

## 4. The solution and its consequences

How was the correction done: please focus on the reference data, and any aspect of the correction that are needed to explain the proposed solution. Explain why this is a correction of the borders that does not result in a proposed de-designation of part of the site, but only aims to better define the site's borders.

## 5. Supporting documents

Provide references to additional supporting documents. Expand the table as much as needed.

Name used in this form	File name	Description
<i>The name to which you refer in this document</i>	<i>The document file name, as provided</i>	<i>The document content, in a few words</i>
<i>Eg. Report A</i>	<i>Original_mapping.docx</i>	<i>A report showing the initial intention for the site designation</i>