

THE SKYE NATURE CONSERVATION ORDER 2019

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 23(1) of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 (“the 2004 Act”) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 23(2) and (3)(b) of the 2004 Act, the Scottish Ministers consider that the land described in the schedule to this Order is of special interest by reason of its natural features.

In accordance with paragraph 2 of schedule 2 of the 2004 Act, the Scottish Ministers have consulted, and had regard to any representations made by, Scottish Natural Heritage.

1. APPLICATION

This Order applies to the areas of land described in the Schedule to this Order and shown delineated in red on Plan numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 annexed and signed as relative thereto.

2. PROHIBITED OPERATIONS

The operations specified in Article 3 of this Order appear to the Scottish Ministers to be likely to destroy or damage the geological or physiographical features of the area of land referred to in Article 1 of this Order and are prohibited.

3. DESCRIPTION OF PROHIBITED OPERATIONS

The following are prohibited operations (within the meaning given by section 23(5) of the 2004 Act):

- (a) Damaging, excavating and attempting to excavate (by mechanical means or through use of hand-held tools) vertebrate fossils (body and trace) from either *in situ* rock or beach deposits including rock fall from cliffs.
- (b) Infilling vertebrate trace fossils and covering or coating trace fossils and immediately associated rock with decorative coatings such as paint or plaster and other cementing or construction material that sets and hardens.