

Table 21: Airborne Sports

	Relevant Authorities for this activity	Other Competent Authorities	Other associated organisations
Authorities associated with activity	Isle of Wight council (IWC) Ventnor Haven; English Nature (EN); Civil Aviation Authority		
Location	Kite and model flying can occur in most areas of beach and public open space on the island. Bembridge and Sandown airports lie within the SWMEMS area and so aircraft, glider and helicopter flights are likely to encroach over the South Wight SAC from these points.		
Frequency	The wide variation in type of activity naturally adds much variability to the intensity variations of the activities and seasonal/temporal variations.		
Potential effects with regards to Reg. 33 advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise • Visual presence 		
Research undertaken	Unknown		
Research required	None		
Ongoing management	<p>Bembridge and Sandown Airports are managed through the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). The CAA provides guidance, low fly zones and byelaws. In general aircraft are not allowed to fly within 1500 vertical feet of the tallest building in a built up area and 500 feet of a structure, vehicle or person in a rural area. Landowners may also control landing /take off activity from their land.</p> <p>The Isle of Wight Unitary Development Plan expresses a desire to improve the facilities at both Sandown and Bembridge Airports to encourage commercial (Bembridge only) and recreational flying and gliding (both airports).</p> <p>Permission is required from EN for any operation likely to damage a SSSI. EN may consent, assist or advise on any operations listed as 'an operation requiring EN's consent (formerly Operations Likely to Damage, OLD). EN is able to prosecute anyone for damage to a SSSI under the CRoW Act 2000. EN is also able to make byelaws for the protection of a European marine site under Regulation 36 of the Conservation Regulations 1994 but this is considered a last resort in the management of this site. This activity may constitute us eof vehicles and recreational activities on the OLD list of all SSSIs.</p>		
Gaps in management			
New actions required	Relevant Authority to implement new actions	Timescale	
No management action required.			