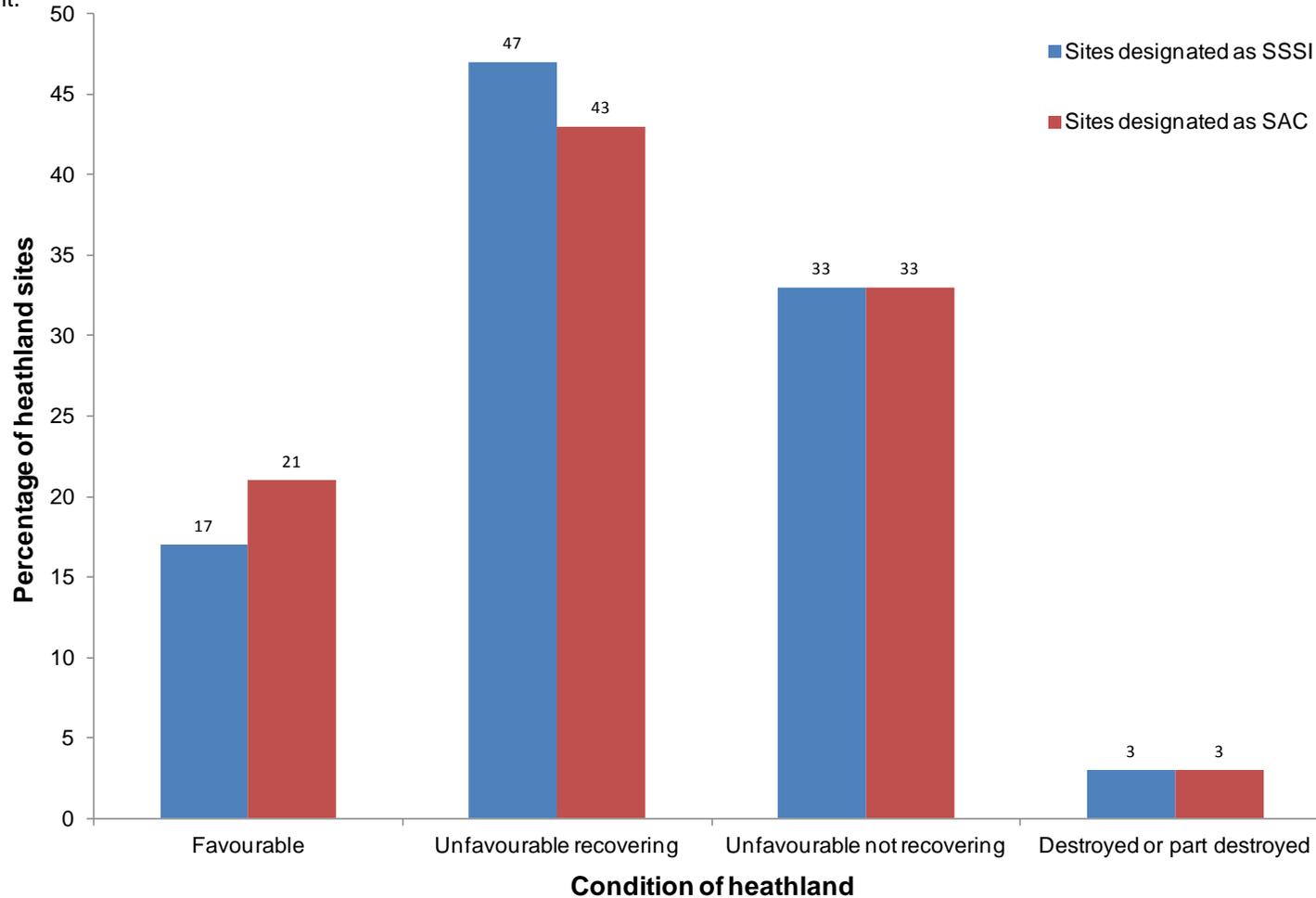


Heathland Status: The condition of UK lowland heathland sites designated as SSSI or SAC



What does the graph show?

The Joint Nature Conservation Committee assessed the condition of UK lowland heathland sites currently designated as a SSSI or SAC using a standard monitoring technique. This involves making an assessment of individual sites using a series of habitat characteristics or attributes. Sites are judged to be in favourable condition when the objectives for the habitat are met. Sites with habitat that is in an unsatisfactory state are classed as being in 'unfavourable condition'. Where this is the case, a judgement is made as to whether the habitat is: (i) recovering – moving towards the desired state; (ii) declining – moving away from the desired state; or (iii) no-change – neither improving nor declining. Sites are classed as destroyed (partially or completely) when the habitat is no longer present and there is no prospect of being able to restore it.



Source: <http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-5943>