SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: SHEELANE ISLAND

SITE CODE: 001977

Sheelane Island is situated c. 0.5km offshore in Bantry Bay. The nearest town is Glengarriff, West County Cork, c. 7km to the north-east. The site comprises Sheelane Island itself which is roughly 100m square and two small rocky outcrops either side of the larger island. A boundary is drawn 200m from the main island.

These rocky islands are used by nationally important numbers of Cormorant (58 pairs, pre-1986) and also the common Herring Gull which breeds here (20 pairs, pre-1986).

The site is proposed for NHA designation as it is used by nationally important numbers of Cormorant and locally important numbers of nesting Herring Gull.

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