SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: CREEVAGH HEAD

SITE CODE: 000482

Situated on the rugged northern coastline of Mayo, 10km north of Killala, the rocky, horizontally stratified north-facing sea cliffs at Creevagh Head rise to 30m above sea level and stretch for 2km.

The nearly vertical to overhanging limestone cliffs have nationally important populations of Kittiwakes (1686 pairs in 1981), Fulmars (177 pairs in 1981) and Guillemots (964 individuals in 1981).

There are small numbers of Razorbills (10 individuals in 1980 (see rest of sentence)) and Black Guillemots (5 individuals in 1976). The Razorbill population has declined from 51 individuals in 1973.

These cliffs are part of a breeding territory for Peregrine Falcon, an Annex I species under the E.U. Birds Directive.

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