SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: FRIAR ISLAND

SITE CODE: 001972

Friar Island comprises a group of marine islets (totalling c. 20ha and rising to 30m) about 1km west of Aughrus Point, Co. Galway, of interest for their colonies of seabirds.

The following seabirds have been reported – Herring Gull (63 pairs in 1969), Great Black-backed Gull (6 pairs in 1969), Lesser Black-backed Gull (2 pairs in 1969) and Common Tern (10 pairs between Friar and Aughrus in 1969). Terns were not found at this site in 1984.

Barnacle Geese are thought to graze here in winter.

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