SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: ROSSDOHAN ISLAND

SITE CODE: 001375

Lying within the Kenmare River on the south side of the Iveragh peninsula, this site is situated 4.5km south-east of the village of Sneem in Co. Kerry.

Included within the National Heritage Area is the whole of the rocky and shingle shoreline of Rossdohan Island as far as 200m from the Low Water Mark. This is an area of unimproved land in the south of this island comprising approximately one third of its area and several small satellite islands.

The scientific interest of this site lies in the occurrence of colonies of Arctic Tern (5 pairs in 1984) and Black-Headed Gull (45 individuals in 1984) and in the occurrence of Common Seals (12-14 individuals in 1994), which frequent the site. The latter species is listed in Annex II of the E.U. Habitats Directive.

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