SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: BALLINVONEAR POND

SITE CODE: 000012

Ballinvonear Pond is located 5km north-east of Buttevant and 15km north of Mallow Town on the north of County Cork. The site comprises a field and a small pond beside the Ballyhoura-Doneraile Road. The site supports the rare Red Data Book species Golden Dock (*Rumex maritimus*). It is an annual species, found mainly on exposed mud in areas with a fluctuating water table. The pond also supports the growth of species such as Water-pepper (*Persicaria hydropiper*), Redshank (*Persicaria maculosa*), Lesser Spearwort (*Ranunculus flammula*), Brooklime (*Veronica beccabunga*), Narrow-fruited Water-cress (*Nasturtium microphyllum*) and starworts (*Callitriche* spp.).

Since 1870 Golden Dock has been recorded from Kilcolman Marsh, c.1.5km south-east of this site. Here at Ballinvonear Pond, there are over 30 individuals of Golden Dock, both juvenile and fruiting plants. The disturbed areas created by cattle drinking at the pond seem ideal conditions for this species. Current conditions at this site are good and within the field to the north-east are damp hollows which also look suitable for the growth of Golden Dock.

4.11.2009