SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: ROSSNASHUNSOGE

SITE CODE: 001537

This site, located on a hillside north-east of Glengarriff in west Cork, consists of a very wet, grazed and trampled field. This small field has a sheltered aspect and is sloping so that the wet flushed areas contain moving water. Generally, it has open peaty soil with water seeps and tussocks.

The most common species present reflect the damp, peaty nature of the grassland. The assemblage includes Purple Moor-grass (*Molinia caerulea*), Bog Pimpernel (*Anagallis tenella*), Marsh St. John's-wort (*Hyperium elodes*), Marsh Pennywort (*Hydrocotyle vulgaris*), Bulbus Rush (*Juncus bulbosus*), Bog Pondweed (*Potamogeton polygonifolius*) and sedges (*Carex panicea, C. echinata*).

The main interest of the site is a dense concentration of Irish St. John's-wort (*Hypericum canadense*). This Irish Red Data book species is considered rare at European level and is legally protected within Ireland (Flora Protection Order, 1987). The plant is only know to occur in two areas within Ireland, namely north-east of Glengarriff and around Lough Mask, Co. Mayo.

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