SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: LOUGHAVAUL

SITE CODE: 000098

Loughavaul is located some 4km to the south-east of Glengarriff and 0.5km from the northern shore of Bantry Bay, in west county Cork. It is a small (8.5ha) acid lake, situated c. 90m above sea level and surrounded by rough upland grassland and blanket bog with many rock outcrops. The site boundary is the waters edge, with an access road to the south-west of the lough and an old building on the southern edge.

A survey of the lake and the lake margin vegetation in 1993 by the B.S.B.I. noted the following aquatic species in the lough itself – Water Lobelia (*Lobelia dortmanna*), Shoreweed (*Littorella uniflora*), White Water-lily (*Nymphaea alba*), Delicate Stonewort (*Chara virgata*) and *Nitella translucens*. They comment that the water looks polluted and that the surrounding vegetation is overgrazed and there are also some dead sheep. This lake is managed by the south-west Regional Fishery Board and is regularly stocked with Rainbow Trout, an exotic introduced species.

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