SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: LISCARRAGH MARSH

SITE CODE: 001451

This small lake and marsh is situated about 6km south of Carlingford, Co. Louth. The terrain forms a natural basin containing the site.

The wetland ranges from open water to stands of Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*) swamp with occasional willow (*Salix* spp.) trees. The plant species occurring include Bulrush (*Typha latifolia*), Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*), Yellow Iris (*Iris pseudacorus*), Ragged-Robin (*Lychnis flos-cuculi*) and Yorkshire-fog (*Holcus lanatus*).

The original area has been subject to drainage and agricultural reclamation. These are potential threats to the wetland habitats. However, since the site occupies a natural basis these threats are diminished.

Liscarragh Marsh is a wetland site including open water, swamp, marsh, fen and scrub habitats with typical floral communities. It is a good representative example of this typical habitat in a part of the country where many wetlands have been destroyed by drainage.

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