SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: GLANMORE LAKE

SITE CODE: 001354

Glanmore Lake is situated approximately 3km south of Lauragh on the Beara peninsula. The following description of the site is based largely upon the An Foras Forbatha County Report of 1972.

The site encompasses a large lake with small wooded islands and a steeply wooded slope, rising to over 200m, along the western shore. To the east and north of the lake the aspect is more open.

The main habitat of interest is the wooded islands which have fragments of semi-native woodland on them, including Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*), Oak (*Quercus* spp.) and Strawberry-tree (*Arbutus unedo*). The latter species is almost exclusively confined to the south-west.

The woodland to the west of the lake is plantation in origin and is dominated by European Silver-fir (*Abies alba*) and Rhododendron (*Rhododendron ponticum*). Unfortunately, the recent NHA survey reports that some of the islands have also been invaded by Rhododendron.

The main land uses within the site are tourism and grazing, although the spread of Rhododendron probably poses the greatest threat to the interest of the site.

Glanmore Lake is of value because of the presence of Strawberry-tree which, although frequent in the south-west, is unusual here in forming a community rather than occurring as isolated individuals.

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