SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: CREGG CASTLE

SITE CODE: 002050

This site is a nursery roost of Daubenton's Bat (*Myotis daubentonii*). Approximately 100 bats hang from the ceiling of a domed ground floor room in Cregg Castle, approximately 5km east of Fermoy Town. This is a site of national importance because it is the second largest nursery colony of this species in the country. The owners are extremely well disposed towards the bats, and so this site is completely safe from any adverse human disturbance. The only threat facing this site is the deterioration of the castle roof.

This species is dependent on aquatic insects so the proximity of the extensive River Blackwater is of utmost importance to the colony. It is essential that pollution of this river system and its associated tributaries is prevented.

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