SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: INISHDEGIL ISLANDS

SITE CODE: 001511

Inishdegil Islands are a group of small marine islands (totalling over 17ha) off Tonakeera Point about 2km from the mouth of Killary Harbour in Co. Mayo. The site includes Inishdegil More, Inishdegil Beg, Carricknaglamph and several other small islets.

The islands are of ornithological interest for their nesting seabirds. These include Arctic Tern (30 pairs in 1980, 33 pairs in 1984), Little Tern (1 pair in 1984), Herring Gull (100 individuals in 1984), Great Black-backed Gull (2 individuals in 1984) and Common Gull (20 pairs in 1980, 2 individuals in 1984).

The islands are also used by small numbers of Barnacle Geese in winter.

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