SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: GLASHEDY ISLAND

SITE CODE: 001135

Glashedy Island is a small (c. 5ha), uninhabited, rocky, marine island situated 6.5km south of Malin Head. The island is c. 30m high, steep-sided and flat-topped and supports a vegetation of short grassland. In recent years the island has become home to large numbers of Brown Rats.

This site is nationally important for Barnacle Geese which feed here in the winter (over 165 individuals recorded in 1993). Several seabird species have also been recorded from the island. These include Shag (20 individuals in 1970), Herring Gull (10-99 individuals in 1970) and Kittiwake (breeding in 1970; 50 individuals).

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