SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: KILTULLAGH LOUGH

SITE CODE: 001282

Kiltullagh Lough is located 3km south-west of Glenamaddy in Co. Galway. It neighbours the Lough Lurgeen Bog/Glenamaddy Turlough NHA, and is possibly itself a turlough.

The three lakes together provide a good habitat for waterfowl. At Kiltullagh counts (from 1984/85 – 86/87) for waterfowl are – Mute Swan (20), Whooper Swan (12), Wigeon (346), Teal (59), Mallard (196), Tufted Duck (152), Ringed Plover (6), Golden Plover (303), Lapwing (86) and Curlew (59). Golden Plover and Whooper Swan are species listed in Annex I of E.U. Birds Directive.

With its close association with the Lough Lurgeen Bog/Glenamaddy Turlough NHA, and its importance for waterfowl, this site is of scientific importance and should be preserved. Threats are from drainage and eutrophication from farming practices.

It is likely that there is very species-rich grassland on eskers running down into the turlough.

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