SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: DERRYMORE BOG

SITE CODE: 000447

This lowland raised bog is situated some 3km southeast of Longford town. The bog was surveyed in 1985 when its condition was described as being about 50% destroyed by turf cutting with the effect of drying out the margins thus making them unsuitable for the growth of bog mosses (*Sphagnum* spp.). In addition the bog had been subject to burning with only one unburned area on the northwestern lobe. This area had a pool complex with hummocks of the notable moss *Sphagnum imbricatum*. Another notable species amongst the regenerating mosses was *S. fimbriatum*.

Active raised bogs are vulnerable to drainage and exploitation, and have been recognised by the European Union as a habitat which demands special international efforts to conserve. Derrymore, although damaged in the past, remains comparatively intact having escaped wholesale exploitation.

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