SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: SLISHMEEN TURLOUGH

SITE CODE: 001559

Slishmeen Turlough occurs in a relatively even basin, surrounded by drift-covered fields and bills, approximately 1km north of Ballyglass, Co. Mayo.

There is a pattern of old drainage ditches apparent from the irregular floor pattern of the basin, but there is little evidence of present-day drainage. There are no swallow holes visible.

A fenced-off field, at the north-west end, is intensively grazed by cattle, while the rest is commonage and is more extensively grazed by cattle and sheep.

Slishmeen Turlough has a reasonable level of diversity in its vegetation although it is only the presence of Flat-stalked Pondweed (*Potamogeton friesii*) that is of major interest. There is a good zonation of communities at the northern end, but there is not great variety.

Because of its good zonation, absence of drainage and proximity to Mount Pleasant Turlough the site is worthy of NHA status.

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