SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: CARRIGEENROE MARSH

SITE CODE: 000596

Carrigeenroe Marsh is located 10km north of Boyle, Co. Roscommon. It occurs on the north-western shore of Lough Key, a mesotrophic lake with coarse and game fishing.

In 1974, An Foras Forbartha provided the following description for the site. "A series of marsh communities ranging from reed swamp to wet meadows and swamp woodland. Some quaking areas are present. The species-rich fens and lake edge communities include the sedge *Carex elongata*".

The Elongated Sedge (*Carex elongata*) is listed in the Red Data Book as a previously protected species but is now listed as non-threatened.

There is a little grazing recorded on this site. Main threats come from drainage and eutrophication of the lake from increased nutrient input.

This marshland has a good mix of plant communities and has a good shoreline habitat associated with Lough Key. These habitats are rare due to widespread drainage of wetlands and are of scientific interest.

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