SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: LOUGH NAMADDRA AND LOUGH WEST

SITE CODE: 001069

These loughs are located approximately 4km north-east of Glengarriff, close to the summit of Barraboy Mountain, at about 360m. The mountains here are composed of old red sandstone.

The following description of the site is based on the 1986 An Foras Forbartha County Report.

Both lakes are shallow and peaty and surrounded by a twin band of vegetation. They contain an unusual form of mollusc, the Pea Mussel (*Pisidium hibernicum*).

The lakes would be vulnerable to enrichment but do not appear to be under any threat.

Apart from the presence of the aforementioned mollusc, the lakes are of value as examples of the few existing high level lakes in Cork.

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