SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: CAHER ISLAND

SITE CODE: 001969

Caher Island is an uninhabited marine island situated about 2km east of Inishturk, and is of ornithological interest for its seabird colonies.

The following birds have been recorded from a census in 1969:- Storm Petrel (23 pairs), Shag (12 pairs), Great Black-backed Gull (16 individuals), Herring Gull (70 pairs), Lesser Black-backed Gull (1 pair) and Arctic Tern (2 pairs). Fulmars (1) and Black Guillemots (3) have been recorded also.

The island is also a traditional wintering ground for Barnacle Geese, which occur in nationally important numbers (120 individuals in 1994).

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