

**Addition of Harbour Porpoise as a new Qualifying Interest
to
West Connacht Coast Special Area of Conservation 002998
in Counties Galway and Mayo**

Ireland designates Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) in its inshore and offshore waters to protect marine habitats and species listed on Annex I and Annex II of the 1992 EU Habitats Directive.

The Minister has added Harbour Porpoise as a Qualifying Interest to West Connacht Coast SAC 002998 in Counties Galway and Mayo.

The full list of Qualifying Interests, including the newly added Harbour Porpoise, for West Connacht Coast SAC is as follows:

Animal and Plant Species

Natura 2000 Code	Common Name	Scientific Name
1349	Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>
1351	Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>

The Minister has reason to believe that certain activities may cause disturbance of and may impact on the conservation status of this species and the existing Qualifying Interests. These activities, known as Activities Requiring Consent (ARCs), are contained in a Ministerial Direction listing all the ARCs that apply to this site. These activities cannot be carried out, caused or permitted to be carried out or continued to be carried out in the SAC, unless it is with the consent of the Minister.

It is an offence to contravene this Direction by carrying out any of the activities within the site unless the activity is carried out with the consent of the Minister or another statutory authority (in practice, such consent should be sought initially from the Department's National Parks and Wildlife Service <https://www.npws.ie/contact-us>).

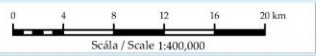
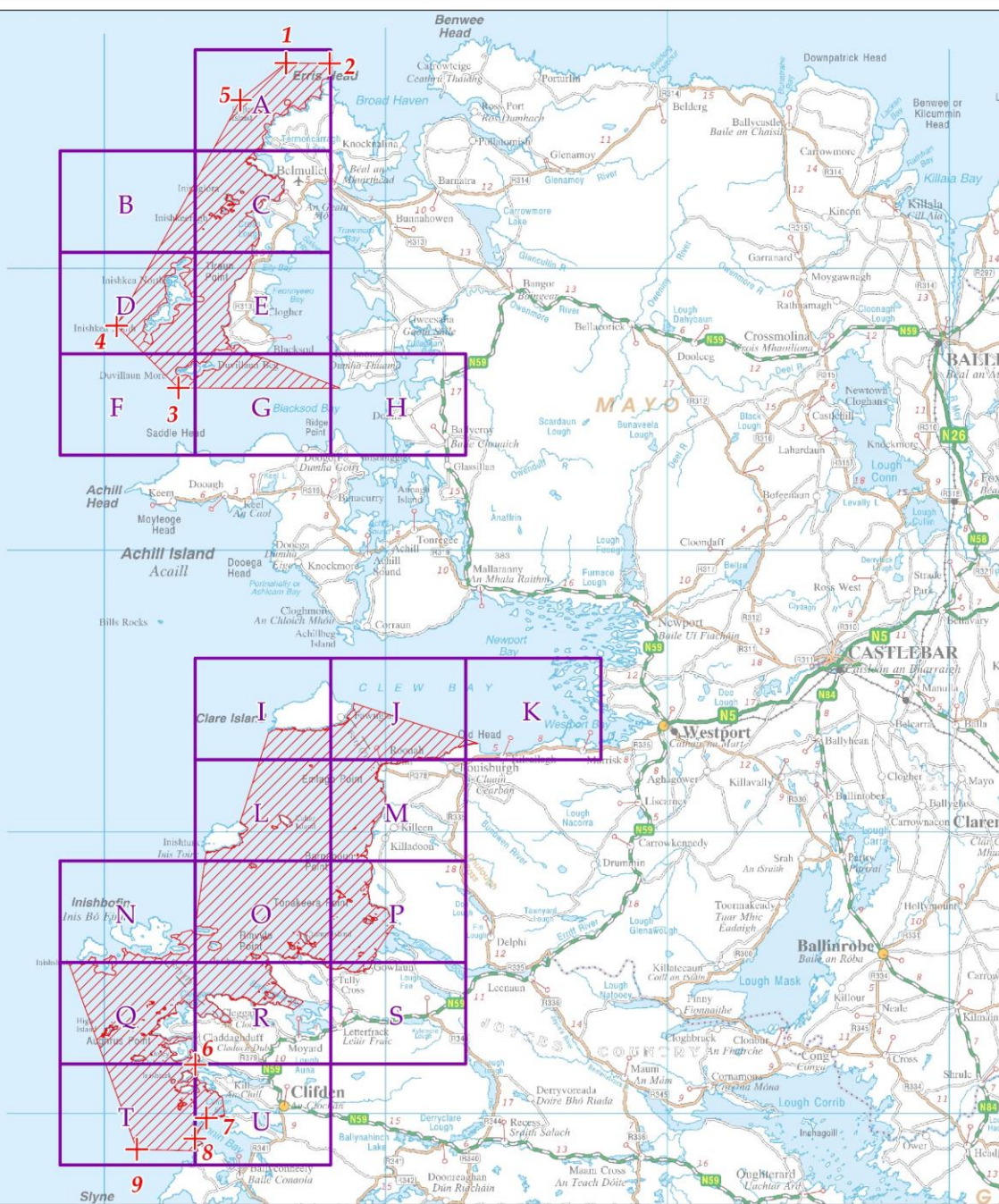
The list of Activities Requiring Consent that apply to this site are:

ARC Code	Description
ARC 01	Reclamation, including infilling.
ARC 03	Blasting, drilling, dredging or otherwise removing or disturbing fossils, rock, minerals, mud, sand, gravel or other sediment.
ARC 05	Cutting, uprooting or otherwise removing plants. [Consent is not required for harvesting of cultivated crops, or for grazing or mowing.]
ARC 06	Introduction, or re-introduction, of plants or animals not found in the area. [Consent is not required for the planting of crops on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land.]
ARC 08	Undertaking scientific research involving the collection and removal of biological material.

- ARC 11 Digging, ploughing, harrowing or otherwise disturbing soil or substrate. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 50m from a river, stream, floodplain, wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]
- ARC 14 Storage, burial, disposal or recovery of any materials. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]
- ARC 18 Application of pesticides, including herbicides. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]
- ARC 31 Developing or consenting to the development or operation of commercial recreational/visitor facilities or organised recreational activities.
- ARC 35 Undertaking active acoustic surveys in the marine environment.

22nd March 2024

Coordinates in WGS84		
	Latitude	Longitude
1	54° 19' 15" N	10° 3' 34" W
2	54° 19' 18" N	10° 0' 0" W
3	54° 3' 34" N	10° 11' 33" W
4	54° 6' 27" N	10° 16' 44" W
5	54° 17' 25" N	10° 7' 12" W
6	53° 31' 15" N	10° 8' 30" W
7	53° 28' 42" N	10° 7' 30" W
8	53° 27' 42" N	10° 8' 21" W
9	53° 27' 6" N	10° 13' 0" W



Sceideal 1 / Schedule 1

LIMISTÉAR FAOI CHAOMHNÚ SPEISIALTA SPECIAL AREA OF CONSERVATION

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LCS Chósta Iarthar Chonnacht
West Connacht Coast SAC
002998
Achar / Area 65,945.58 ha



Co. na Gaillimhe agus Co. Mhaigh Eo
Co. Galway and Co. Mayo



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