

Site Name: Kilcarren-Firville Bog SAC 647

County: Roscommon

Site Specific Conservation Objective (SSCO) Ecological Attributes

7110 Active raised bogs*

- 1 Habitat Area
- 2 Habitat Distribution
- 3 High Bog Area
- 4.1 Hydrological regime - water levels
- 4.2 Hydrological regime - flow patterns
- 5 Transitional areas between high bog and adjacent mineral soils (including cutover areas)
- 6.1 Vegetation quality: central ecotype, active flush, soaks, bog woodland
- 6.2 Vegetation quality: microtopographical features
- 6.3 Vegetation quality: bog moss (Sphagnum) species
- 7.1 Typical ARB species: flora
- 7.2 Typical ARB species: fauna
- 8 Elements of local distinctiveness
- 9 Negative physical indicators
- 10.1 Vegetation composition: native negative indicator species
- 10.2 Vegetation composition: non-native invasive species
- 11 Air quality: nitrogen deposition
- 12 Water quality

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7120	The long-term aim for Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration is that its peat-forming capability is re-established; therefore, the conservation objective for this habitat is inherently linked to that of Active raised bogs (7110) and a separate conservation objective has not been set in Kilcarren-Firville Bog SAC 000647.
7150	Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion is an integral part of good quality Active raised bogs (7110) and thus a separate conservation objective has not been set for the habitat in Kilcarren-Firville Bog SAC 000647.

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1	1. Habitat area, 2. Habitat Distribution, 3. High Bog Area, 4.1 Hydrological regime - water levels, 4.2 Hydrological regime - flow patterns, 5. Transitional areas between high bog and adjacent mineral soils (including outcoter areas), 6.1 Vegetation quality: central ecotype, active flush, soaks, bog woodland, 6.2 Vegetation quality: microtopographical features, 6.3 Vegetation quality: bog moss (Sphagnum) species, 7.1 Typical ARB species: flora, 7.2 Typical ARB species: fauna, 8. Elements of local distinctiveness, 9. Negative physical indicators, 10.1 Vegetation composition: native negative indicator species, 10.2 Vegetation composition: non-native invasive species, 12 Water quality	PL02 Drainage (mixed or unknown drivers)	High	MF08 Manage changes in hydrological and coastal systems and regimes for construction and development (incl. restoration of habitats).	Statutory	Regulation controlling development including associated drainage.	S.I. NO. 600/2001 - Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended	Local Authority (Roscommon County Council)/An Bord Pleanála (ABP)	2001+	All government plans and policy documents are cognisant of these protections
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