

Site name:	Lough Golagh and Breesy Hill SAC 2164
County:	Donegal
Site Specific Conservation Objective (SSCO) Ecological Attributes	
[7130] Blanket bogs if active bog	
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2	Habitat Distribution
3.1	Ecosystem function: soil nutrients
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5.1	Vegetation composition: positive indicator species
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Habitat/Species: [7130] Blanket bogs if active bog

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