

**Site name:** Drummin Wood SAC 002181  
**County:** Galway

**Site Specific Conservation Objective (SSCO) Ecological Attributes**  
**[91A0] Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles**

- 1 Habitat area
- 2 Habitat distribution
- 3 Woodland size
- 4.1 Woodland structure: cover and height
- 4.2 Woodland structure: community diversity and extent
- 4.3 Woodland structure: natural regeneration
- 4.4 Woodland structure: dead wood
- 4.5 Woodland structure: veteran trees
- 4.6 Woodland structure: indicators of local distinctiveness
- 4.7 Woodland structure: indicators of overgrazing
- 5.1 Vegetation composition: native tree cover
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| No.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Ecological Requirements<br>(Attributes as per SSCO)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Pressure /Threat<br>(EU Code 2025)                                      | Pressure/<br>Threat Ranking | EU Conservation Measure Type<br>(EU Code 2019-2024)                                                                                                                                                            | Measure<br>Category | Conservation Measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Delivery mechanism                                                                                          | Public Authority with statutory responsibility                                                                                                          | Implementation<br>timeframe | Integration with high level<br>plans/policy:                                  |
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