

Site Name:	Ballymore Fen SAC 2313
County	Westmeath
	Site Specific Conservation Objective (SSCO) Ecological Attributes
	[7140] Transition mires and quaking bogs
1	Habitat area
2	Habitat distribution
3.1	Ecosystem function: Soil Nutrients
3.2	Ecosystem function: peat formation
3.3	Ecosystem function: hydrology - water levels
3.4	Ecosystem function: hydrology - flow patterns
3.5	Ecosystem function: water quality
4	Community diversity
5.1	Vegetation composition: typical vascular plants and bryophytes
5.2	Vegetation composition: native negative indicator species
5.3	Vegetation composition: nonnative species
6.1	Physical structure: drainage
6.2	Physical structure: disturbed bare ground
7	Indicators of local distinctiveness

No.	Ecological Requirements (Attributes as per SSCO)	Pressure /Threat (EU Code 2025)	Pressure/ Threat Ranking	EU Conservation Measure Type (EU Code 2019-2024)	Measure Category	Conservation Measure	Delivery mechanism	Public Authority with statutory responsibility	Implementation timeframe	Integration with high level plans/policy:
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