

Site Name: Moneybeg and Clareisland Bog SAC 002340
County: Meath and Westmeath

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: nonnative 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 Moneybeg and Clareisland Bog SAC 002340
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 Moneybeg and Clareisland Bog SAC 002340.

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Habitat: Active Raised Bog [7110]

Site Specific Conservation Objectives (SSCO): To restore the favourable conservation condition of Active raised bogs in Moneybeg and Clareisland Bog SAC 1242

No.	Ecological Requirements (Attributes as per SSCO)	Pressure /Threat (EU Code 2020)	Pressure/ Threat Ranking	EU Conservation Measure Type (EU Code 2019-2020)	Measure Category	Conservation Measure	Delivery mechanism	Public Authority with statutory responsibility	Implementation timeframe	Integration with high level plans/policy:
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 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, 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 (Meath/Westmeath County Council)/An Bord Pleanála (ABP)	2001+	All government plans and policy documents are cognisant of these protections
2	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, 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	Consent required for works on, or alterations to the banks, bed or flow of a drain watercourse or waterbody, if not covered by other regulations.	European Union Habitats (Moneybeg and Clareisland Bogs Special Area of Conservation 002340) Regulations 2001	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH)/ National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)	2002+	All government plans and policy documents are cognisant of these protections
3	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, 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	Consent required for drainage works including digging, deepening, widening or blocking a drain, watercourse or waterbody) if not covered by other regulations.	European Union Habitats (Moneybeg and Clareisland Bogs Special Area of Conservation 002340) Regulations 2001	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH)/ National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)	2002+	All government plans and policy documents are cognisant of these protections
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10	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	All/Other Relevant Threats and Pressures		M001 Implement climate change mitigation measures	Administrative	A roadmap of actions to assist in the achievement of climate change objectives by no later than the end of the year 2050	Islands Climate Action Plan 2024	All Government Departments	2024+	All government policies are cognisant of this plan.
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