

Site Name: Brown Bog SAC 002346

County: Longford

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 Brown Bog SAC.
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 Brown Bog SAC.

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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 Brown Bog SAC 002346

No.	Ecological Requirements <i>(Attributes per SSCO)</i>	Pressure /Threat <i>(EU Code 2020)</i>	Pressure/ Threat Ranking	EU Conservation Measure Type <i>(EU Code 2020-2024)</i>	Measure Category	Conservation Measure	Delivery mechanism <i>(EU Code 2020-2024)</i>	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	PC02 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. <u>Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.</u>	Local Authority (Longford County Council)/An Bord Pleanála (ABP)	2004+	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	PA22 Drainage for use as agricultural land	High	MA13 Manage agricultural drainage and water abstraction (incl. the restoration of drained or hydrologically altered habitats).	Statutory	Consent required for new land drainage and irrigation works on lands used for agriculture.	S.I.No. 456/2011 EC EIA (Agricultural) Regs. 2011, as amended	Department of Agriculture Food and Marine (DAFM)	2011+	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	PC02 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.	<u>European Union Habitats (Brown Bog Special Area of Conservation 002346) Regulations 2018</u>	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
4	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	PC02 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.	<u>European Union Habitats (Brown Bog Special Area of Conservation 002346) Regulations 2018</u>	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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16	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	<u>All/Other Relevant Threats and Pressures</u>		MA05 Adapt mowing, grazing and other equivalent agricultural activities (e.g. burning)	Statutory	Restricted destruction of vegetation on uncultivated land.	<u>Wildlife Act 1976 as amended</u>	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH)/ National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)	1976	<u>Wildlife Act 1976</u>

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