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## *Conservation Objectives Series*

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Mid-Clare Coast SPA 004182



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The overall aim of the Habitats Directive is to maintain or restore the favourable conservation status of habitats and species of community interest. These habitats and species are listed in the Habitats and Birds Directives and Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas are designated to afford protection to the most vulnerable of them. These two designations are collectively known as the Natura 2000 network.

European and national legislation places a collective obligation on Ireland and its citizens to maintain habitats and species in the Natura 2000 network at favourable conservation condition. The Government and its agencies are responsible for the implementation and enforcement of regulations that will ensure the ecological integrity of these sites.

A site-specific conservation objective aims to define favourable conservation condition for a particular habitat or species at that site.

The maintenance of habitats and species within Natura 2000 sites at favourable conservation condition will contribute to the overall maintenance of favourable conservation status of those habitats and species at a national level.

Favourable conservation status of a habitat is achieved when:

- its natural range, and area it covers within that range, are stable or increasing, and
- the specific structure and functions which are necessary for its long-term maintenance exist and are likely to continue to exist for the foreseeable future, and
- the conservation status of its typical species is favourable.

The favourable conservation status of a species is achieved when:

- population dynamics data on the species concerned indicate that it is maintaining itself on a long-term basis as a viable component of its natural habitats, and
- the natural range of the species is neither being reduced nor is likely to be reduced for the foreseeable future, and
- there is, and will probably continue to be, a sufficiently large habitat to maintain its populations on a long-term basis.

### **Notes/Guidelines:**

1. The targets given in these conservation objectives are based on best available information at the time of writing. As more information becomes available, targets for attributes may change. These will be updated periodically, as necessary.
2. An appropriate assessment based on these conservation objectives will remain valid even if the targets are subsequently updated, providing they were the most recent objectives available when the assessment was carried out. It is essential that the date and version are included when objectives are cited.
3. Assessments cannot consider an attribute in isolation from the others listed for that habitat or species, or for other habitats and species listed for that site. A plan or project with an apparently small impact on one attribute may have a significant impact on another.
4. Please note that the maps included in this document do not necessarily show the entire extent of the habitats and species for which the site is listed. This should be borne in mind when appropriate assessments are being carried out.
5. When using these objectives, it is essential that the relevant backing/supporting documents are consulted, particularly where instructed in the targets or notes for a particular attribute.

## Qualifying Interests

\* indicates a priority habitat under the Habitats Directive

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A017	Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
A045	Barnacle Goose <i>Branta leucopsis</i>
A137	Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
A144	Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i>
A148	Purple Sandpiper <i>Calidris maritima</i>
A149	Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina alpina</i>
A169	Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i>
A999	Wetlands

**Please note that this SPA overlaps with Carrowmore Point to Spanish Point and Islands SAC (001021) and Carrowmore Dunes SAC (002250). See map 2. The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.**

## Supporting documents, relevant reports & publications

Supporting documents, NPWS reports and publications are available for download from: [www.npws.ie/Publications](http://www.npws.ie/Publications)

### NPWS Documents

**Year :** 2014  
**Title :** Mid-Clare Coast SPA (site code: 4182) Conservation objectives supporting document V1  
**Author :** NPWS  
**Series :** Conservation objectives supporting document

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### Other References

**Year :** 1995  
**Title :** Seabird monitoring handbook for Britain and Ireland: a compilation of methods for survey and monitoring of breeding seabirds  
**Author :** Walsh, P.; Halley, D.J.; Harris, M.P.; del Nevo, A.; Sim, I.M.W.; Tasker, M.L.  
**Series :** JNCC, Peterborough

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**Year :** 2014  
**Title :** Seabird Monitoring Programme (SMP) Database  
**Author :** JNCC  
**Series :** <http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/smp/Default.aspx>

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**Year :** 2014  
**Title :** BirdLife International Seabird Ecology and Foraging Range Database  
**Author :** BirdLife International  
**Series :** <http://seabird.wikispaces.com>

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