



# NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM

For Special Protection Areas (SPA),  
Proposed Sites for Community Importance (pSCI),  
Sites of Community Importance (SCI) and  
for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE IE0000014  
SITENAME Ballyallia Lake SAC

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## 1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

<b>1.1 Type</b> B	<b>1.2 Site code</b> IE0000014	<a href="#">Back to top</a>
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### 1.3 Site name

Ballyallia Lake SAC

<b>1.4 First Compilation date</b> 1997-11	<b>1.5 Update date</b> 2020-10
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### 1.6 Respondent:

**Name/Organisation:** National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht  
**Address:** 90 King Street North, Dublin 7, D07 N7CV, Ireland  
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<b>Date site proposed as SCI:</b>	1997-11
<b>Date site confirmed as SCI:</b>	No data
<b>Date site designated as SAC:</b>	2018-02
<b>National legal reference of SAC designation:</b>	71/2018

## 2. SITE LOCATION

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					Min	Max				Pop.	Con.	Iso.	Glo.
B	A054	<a href="#">Anas acuta</a>		w	16	16	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A056	<a href="#">Anas clypeata</a>		w	496	496	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A052	<a href="#">Anas crecca</a>		w	1303	1303	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A050	<a href="#">Anas penelope</a>		w	1124	1124	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A053	<a href="#">Anas platyrhynchos</a>		w	605	605	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A051	<a href="#">Anas strepera</a>		w	36	36	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A061	<a href="#">Aythya fuligula</a>		w	163	163	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A038	<a href="#">Cygnus cygnus</a>		w	33	33	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A156	<a href="#">Limosa limosa</a>		w	47	47	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A142	<a href="#">Vanellus vanellus</a>		w	382	382	i		G	C	A	C	C

- **Group:** A = Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, I = Invertebrates, M = Mammals, P = Plants, R = Reptiles
- **S:** in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes
- **NP:** in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Type:** p = permanent, r = reproducing, c = concentration, w = wintering (for plant and non-migratory species use permanent)
- **Unit:** i = individuals, p = pairs or other units according to the Standard list of population units and codes in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting (see [reference portal](#))
- **Abundance categories (Cat.):** C = common, R = rare, V = very rare, P = present - to fill if data are deficient (DD) or in addition to population size information
- **Data quality:** G = 'Good' (e.g. based on surveys); M = 'Moderate' (e.g. based on partial data with some extrapolation); P = 'Poor' (e.g. rough estimation); VP = 'Very poor' (use this category only, if not even a rough estimation of the population size can be made, in this case the fields for population size can remain empty, but the field "Abundance categories" has to be filled in)

### 3.3 Other important species of flora and fauna (optional)

Species					Population in the site				Motivation					
Group	CODE	Scientific Name	S	NP	Size		Unit	Cat.	Species Annex		Other categories			
					Min	Max		C R V P	IV	V	A	B	C	D
B		<a href="#">Fulica atra</a>			400	400	i							X
B		<a href="#">Podiceps cristatus</a>						P						X

- **Group:** A = Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, Fu = Fungi, I = Invertebrates, L = Lichens, M = Mammals, P = Plants, R = Reptiles
- **CODE:** for Birds, Annex IV and V species the code as provided in the reference portal should be used in addition to the scientific name
- **S:** in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes
- **NP:** in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Unit:** i = individuals, p = pairs or other units according to the standard list of population units and codes in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting, (see [reference portal](#))
- **Cat.:** Abundance categories: C = common, R = rare, V = very rare, P = present
- **Motivation categories:** IV, V: Annex Species (Habitats Directive), A: National Red List data; B:

## 4. SITE DESCRIPTION

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### 4.1 General site character

Habitat class	% Cover
N10	51.0
N23	1.0
N06	21.0
N07	2.0
N14	14.0
N16	4.0
N09	7.0
<b>Total Habitat Cover</b>	<b>100</b>

### Other Site Characteristics

Ballylalia Lake is situated on the River Fergus, about 4km north of Ennis. It is a shallow (max. depth 7.8 m) eutrophic calcareous lake with relatively clear water. The bottom is muddy sand, rocky in the shallows. Low-lying areas of rough pasture occur to the west and south, with higher sloping ground to the north and east. Lough Girroga, situated less than 1km to the south, forms part of the site.

### 4.2 Quality and importance

This small shallow lake is a typical example of a natural eutrophic lake. The diversity of habitat around the lake is low and some of the marginal wetland habitats have been damaged by agricultural improvements. The quality of the water may also have deteriorated due to agricultural intensification in the area in recent years. The site is a very important bird site with a high diversity and some important populations of wintering waterfowl. Of note is the internationally important population of Shoveler, and the nationally important population of Gadwall. Breeding birds include Great Crested Grebe and Coot.

### 4.3 Threats, pressures and activities with impacts on the site

The most important impacts and activities with high effect on the site

Negative Impacts			
Rank	Threats and pressures [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
H	H01		o
H	A08		o
L	A10.01		i
H	A02.01		o
H	K04.01		o

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
L	X		i

Rank: H = high, M = medium, L = low

Pollution: N = Nitrogen input, P = Phosphor/Phosphate input, A = Acid input/acidification,

T = toxic inorganic chemicals, O = toxic organic chemicals, X = Mixed pollutions

i = inside, o = outside, b = both

### 4.5 Documentation

Merne, O.J. (1989). Important bird areas in the Republic of Ireland. In: Grimmet, R.F.A. and Jones, T.B. (EDS.) Important bird areas in Europe. ICBP Technical Publication No.9. Cambridge. Sheppard, R. (1993). Ireland's Wetland Wealth. IWC, Dublin. Hutchinson, C.D. (1979). Ireland's Wetlands and their Birds. Irish

## 5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

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### 5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]
IE05	85.0				

### 5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
IE05	Ballyallia Lake No Shooting Area	*	85.0

designated at international level:

Type	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
Other	Ballyallia Lough		

## 6. SITE MANAGEMENT

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### 6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, but in preparation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

## 7. MAP OF THE SITES

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INSPIRE ID:

Map delivered as PDF in electronic format (optional)

Yes  No

Reference(s) to the original map used for the digitalisation of the electronic boundaries (optional).

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