



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 IE0000037
SITENAME Pouladatig Cave SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code IE0000037	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Pouladatig Cave SAC

1.4 First Compilation date 1996-07	1.5 Update date 2020-10
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1.6 Respondent:

Name/Organisation: National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
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Date site proposed as SCI:	1997-11
Date site confirmed as SCI:	No data
Date site designated as SAC:	2016-02
National legal reference of SAC designation:	89/2016

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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M	1303	Rhinolophus hipposideros	Yes	w	100	100	i	M	C	A	B	B
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- **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)

4. SITE DESCRIPTION

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4.1 General site character

Habitat class	% Cover
N22	1.0
N08	99.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

Pouladatig Cave is a natural limestone cave situated near Inch Bridge, west of Ennis, County Clare. It is a short active stream cave with some rock falls and small chambers. The cave entrance is small and is sheltered by hawthorn trees. After the entrance there is a low bedding crawl but the cave then opens out into roomier passageways. The length of the cave is approx. 100 m. Cave habitats include flowing water, mud banks, boulders, rock roof and walls. The cave is used as a hibernation site by *Rhinolophus hipposideros*. The surrounding scrub vegetation and hedgerows is included in the site as it provides foraging areas and shelter for the bats.

4.2 Quality and importance

A good example of a natural, active limestone cave. As >100 Lesser Horseshoe Bats (*Rhinolophus hipposideros*) use this site as a winter hibernation roost, it is a site of international importance. The surrounding scrub and hedgerows provide necessary shelter for the bats.

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]
L	A04		o

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
L	A04		o

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

O'Sullivan, P. (1991). Bats in Ireland. The Irish Naturalists' Journal. Special Zoological Supplement. 21pp.
Self, C.A. (1981). Caves of County Clare. University of Bristol Spelaeological Society.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

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6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

- Yes
 No, but in preparation
 No

7. MAP OF THE SITES

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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).