



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 IE0000064
SITENAME Poulmagordon Cave (Quin) SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code IE0000064	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Poulmagordon Cave (Quin) SAC

1.4 First Compilation date 1996-07	1.5 Update date 2018-09
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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:	1998-05
Date site confirmed as SCI:	No data
Date site designated as SAC:	2016-02
National legal reference of SAC designation:	90/2016

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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M	1303	Rhinolophus hipposideros	Yes		w	50	50	i		M	C	B	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	100.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

This site is a natural limestone cave situated in a field south of a school in Quin, Co. Clare. A large entrance leads to a wide chamber from which three passages radiate. Two of these soon become blocked but a route to the left leads into a passage which has been used by >50 Lesser Horseshoe Bats as a winter hibernation site. Cave habitats include slow moving water, thick mud, boulders, pools of water, rock walls and roof.

4.2 Quality and importance

This is an important example of a natural limestone cave with a good diversity of features. As >50 Lesser Horseshoe Bats have been recorded at this site, it is a site of international importance. It is also important as it is at the eastern limit of this species' distribution in Ireland.

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	G01.04.03		i
M	E01		o
H	A10.01		o
L	G05.04		i

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

Bunce, C. & Judd, B. (1987). Poll na Gordon. Irish Speleology 4 : 15. O'Sullivan, P. (1994). Bats In Ireland. The Irish Naturalists' Journal. Special zoological supplement 21pp. Self, C.A. (ed.) (1981). Caves of County Clare. University of Bristol Speleological Society. 225pp.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

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6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

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| <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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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).
