



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 IE0000102
SITENAME Sheep's Head SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code IE0000102	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Sheep's Head SAC

1.4 First Compilation date 1995-08	1.5 Update date 2021-12
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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
Email:	datadelivery@chg.gov.ie

1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

Date site classified as SPA:	0000-00
National legal reference of SPA designation	No data
Date site proposed as SCI:	1998-05
Date site confirmed as SCI:	No data
Date site designated as SAC:	2021-10
National legal reference of SAC designation:	519/2021

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude -9.716957079 Latitude 51.58975042

2.2 Area [ha]:

2.3 Marine area [%]

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
P		Tuberaria guttata						P			X			
P		Viola lactea						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: Endemics; C: International Conventions; D: other reasons

4. SITE DESCRIPTION

4.1 General site character

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Habitat class	% Cover
N10	17.0
N05	5.0
N08	50.0
N07	5.0
N22	15.0
N14	1.0
N06	2.0
N16	4.0
N23	1.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

A narrow ridge of sandstone which encloses a number of linear basins filled either by peat bogs or lakes. The dominant vegetation of the site is a mosaic of dry heath, wet heath and humid grassland which is mainly found on the rocky ridges. Rock outcrops commonly on the site. Sea cliffs are found mostly on the western side of the site. These support small seabird populations. The site is very exposed and subject to strong south-westerly winds.

4.2 Quality and importance

This site is important for a variety of reasons. It includes a large area of heath varying from dry to wet heath, which is relatively intact and undisturbed and is of good quality. Two rare species of flora are found on the site: *Tuberaria guttata* and *Viola lactea*, the latter protected. The site has minor importance for the seabirds that occur, but it is notable for the density of choughs (*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*) that are found. The Kerry Slug (*Geomalacus maculosus*) occurs in the open heath habitat.

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	D01.01		i
L	A10		i
M	A04.02		i
L	A05.02		i

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

H	A04.03		i
M	J01		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

4.4 Ownership (optional)

4.5 Documentation

Goodwillie, R.N. (1986). Report on Areas of Scientific Interest in County Cork. Unpublished report to Cork County Council. Conservation Advisory and Amenity Service. Fitzgerald, R. (1990-94). National Parks and Wildlife Service Protected and Threatened Flora Survey. Unpublished report to National Parks and Wildlife Service, Dublin. Shorten, M.G.M. (1992). Areas of Scientific Interest for Birds in Cork. Unpublished report to Cork County Council. Irish Wildbird Conservancy. Berrow, S.D., Mackie, K.L., O. Sullivan, O., Sheppard, K.B., Mellon, C, Coveney, J.A. (1993). The second International Chough Survey in Ireland, 1992. Irish Birds 5: 1-10. Platts, E.A. and Speight, M.C.D. (1988). The taxonomy and distribution of the Kerry Slug *Geomalacus maculosus* Allman, 1843 (Molusca: Arionidae) with a discussion of its status as a threatened species. Irish Naturalists' Journal 22: 417-430.

5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

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5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

5.3 Site designation (optional)

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the 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

6.3 Conservation measures (optional)

7. MAP OF THE SITES

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INSPIRE ID:

IE.NPWS.PS.NATURA2000.SAC.IE0000102

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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