



# 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 IE0000238  
SITENAME Caherglassaun Turlough SAC

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## 1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

<b>1.1 Type</b> B	<b>1.2 Site code</b> IE0000238	<a href="#">Back to top</a>
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### 1.3 Site name

Caherglassaun Turlough SAC

<b>1.4 First Compilation date</b> 1995-12	<b>1.5 Update date</b> 2015-12
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### 1.6 Respondent:

**Name/Organisation:** National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht  
**Address:** 7 Ely Place, Dublin 2, Ireland  
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<b>Date site proposed as SCI:</b>	2002-01
<b>Date site confirmed as SCI:</b>	No data
<b>Date site designated as SAC:</b>	No data
<b>National legal reference of SAC designation:</b>	No data

## 2. SITE LOCATION

### 2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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**Longitude**  
-8.885283534

**Latitude**  
53.10256281

## 2.2 Area [ha]:

165.65

### 2.3 Marine area [%]

0.0

## 2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

## 2.5 Administrative region code and name

Region Name

IE01	Border, Midland and Western
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## 2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Atlantic (%)

### 3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### 3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

Annex I Habitat types						Site assessment			
Code	PF	NP	Cover [ha]	Cave [number]	Data quality	A B C D	A B C		
						Representativity	Relative Surface	Conservation	Global
3180 <b>B</b>			152.4		M	B	B	A	A
3270 <b>B</b>			2.4		G	C	C	C	C

- **PF:** for the habitat types that can have a non-priority as well as a priority form (6210, 7130, 9430) enter "X" in the column PF to indicate the priority form.
- **NP:** in case that a habitat type no longer exists in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Cover:** decimal values can be entered
- **Caves:** for habitat types 8310, 8330 (caves) enter the number of caves if estimated surface is not available.
- **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)

### 3.2 Species referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2009/147/EC and listed in Annex II of Directive 92/43/EEC and site evaluation for them

[illegible]

						Min	Max				Pop.	Con.	Iso.	Glo.
M	1303	<a href="#">Rhinolophus hipposideros</a>			w	27	27	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A142	<a href="#">Vanellus vanellus</a>			w	99	99	i		G	C	B	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
P		<a href="#">Limosella aquatica</a>						R			X			
P		<a href="#">Rorippa islandica</a>						R			X			
P		<a href="#">Viola persicifolia</a>						C			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	2.0
N06	92.0

N16	6.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

#### Other Site Characteristics

The turlough lies in a basin with even slopes on the South and East sides and a series of low cliffs and limestone pavements on the North-West. Collapse features are notable here and to the west of the lakes. The whole area floods at times of high water though the lake is generally stable (apart from small tidal effects) in summer. Scrub/woodland is common in many places and it is inundated generally.

#### 4.2 Quality and importance

The site is important as it contains the priority Annex I habitat, turlough, along with the Annex II species, *Rhinolophus hipposideros*. The site is very unusual in its combination of permanent water, daily (tidal) fluctuations, turlough surroundings, deep holes/cliffs and extensive flooded woodland. The site supports the Red Data Book plant species, *Limosella aquatica*, *Rorippa islandica* and *Viola persicifolia* along with an excellent variety of turlough and aquatic plant communities. These are generally eutrophic and there is little deposition of marl (Calcium Carbonate). The site supports small numbers of wildfowl.

#### 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]
M	E03.01		i
L	H01.08		o
M	H02.06		b
H	A08		b
H	A10.01		i
H	J02.04.01		b
H	A04.01.01		i
H	A05.02		i

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

Donaldson, F.& F. and McMillan, N. (1979). A note on the Mollusca of three turloughs. Ir. Nat. Journal 19(11) : 400-401. MacGowran, B. (1985). Phytosociological and Ecological Studies on Turloughs in the West of Ireland. Unpublished Ph.D. Thesis, University College, Galway. Goodwillie, R. (1992). Turloughs Over 10ha - Vegetation Survey And Evaluation. Unpublished report for National Parks and Wildlife Service, Dublin.

## 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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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).