



# 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 IE0000297  
SITENAME Lough Corrib SAC

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## 1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

<b>1.1 Type</b> B	<b>1.2 Site code</b> IE0000297	<a href="#">Back to top</a>
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### 1.3 Site name

Lough Corrib SAC

<b>1.4 First Compilation date</b> 1998-01	<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  
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<b>Date site proposed as SCI:</b>	1998-05
<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

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		1.676896262		M	A		C	C	B
7210		252.48		M	A		B	B	B
7220		252.48		M	C		C	B	B
7230		252.48		M	A		C	B	B
8240		252.48		M	A		C	B	B
91A0		252.48		M	A		B	B	A
91D0		1.22		G	A		B	A	A

- **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

Species			Population in the site							Site assessment				
G	Code	Scientific Name	S	NP	T	Size		Unit	Cat.	D.qual.	A B C D			A B C
						Min	Max				Pop.	Con.	Iso.	G
B	A056	<a href="#">Anas clypeata</a>			w				P	DD	C	A	C	B
B	A052	<a href="#">Anas crecca</a>			w				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A050	<a href="#">Anas penelope</a>			w				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A053	<a href="#">Anas platyrhynchos</a>			w				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A051	<a href="#">Anas strepera</a>			w				P	DD	C	A	C	B
B	A395	<a href="#">Anser albifrons flavirostris</a>			w				P	DD	B	B	C	A
I	1092	<a href="#">Austropotamobius pallipes</a>			p				P	DD	C	A	C	A
B	A059	<a href="#">Aythya ferina</a>			w				P	DD	A	A	C	A
B	A061	<a href="#">Aythya fuligula</a>			w				P	DD	B	A	C	B
B	A067	<a href="#">Bucephala clangula</a>			w				P	DD	C	A	C	B
B	A036	<a href="#">Cygnetus olor</a>			w				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A125	<a href="#">Fulica atra</a>			w				P	DD	A	A	C	A
P	6216	<a href="#">Hamatocaulis vernicosus</a>			p	3725	3725	area	P	G	B	A	C	A
F	1096	<a href="#">Lampetra planeri</a>			p				P	DD	C	A	C	A

M	1355	<a href="#">Lutra lutra</a>					p				P	DD	C	A	C	A
I	1029	<a href="#">Margaritifera margaritifera</a>					p				P	DD	C	A	C	A
B	A065	<a href="#">Melanitta nigra</a>			r	40	40	p			G	A	B	B	A	
B	A069	<a href="#">Mergus serrator</a>			w						P	DD	C	C	C	C
P	1833	<a href="#">Najas flexilis</a>			p						P	DD	B	A	C	B
B	A160	<a href="#">Numenius arquata</a>			w						P	DD	C	B	C	C
F	1095	<a href="#">Petromyzon marinus</a>			r						P	DD	C	B	C	B
B	A017	<a href="#">Phalacrocorax carbo</a>			w						P	DD	C	B	C	C
M	1303	<a href="#">Rhinolophus hipposideros</a>			p						P	DD	C	B	B	B
F	1106	<a href="#">Salmo salar</a>			r						C	DD	C	A	C	A
B	A193	<a href="#">Sterna hirundo</a>			r	37	37	p			G	C	B	C	B	
B	A194	<a href="#">Sterna paradisaea</a>			r	60	60	p			G	B	B	C	B	
B	A142	<a href="#">Vanellus vanellus</a>			w						P	DD	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
I		<a href="#">Corynocera ambigua</a>												X
P		<a href="#">Eriophorum gracile</a>									X			
P		<a href="#">Frangula alnus</a>									X			
P		<a href="#">Potentilla fruticosa</a>									X			
P		<a href="#">Spiranthes romanzoffiana</a>									X			
P		<a href="#">Vicia orobus</a>									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
N19	1.0
N17	1.0
N22	1.0
N14	4.0
N09	1.0
N07	3.0
N06	85.0
N16	1.0
N08	3.0
<b>Total Habitat Cover</b>	<b>100</b>

### Other Site Characteristics

Lough Corrib is situated directly north of Galway city and is the second largest lake in Ireland. The lake supports extensive Chara beds, many wooded islands and large areas of swamp and fen in the shallow south-east section which lies on limestone. The north-west part is deeper, wider and more oligotrophic. Shore is mainly karst, bog and small areas of callow. The surroundings are farmland and holiday-home areas. Most of the main rivers and their tributaries which flow into the lake are included within the site, including the Abbert, Clare, Cong, Cornamona, Dalgan, Drimeen, Grange, Owenwee, Owenriff and Sinking rivers. The River Corrib flows from the southern point of the lough into the sea at Galway city.

### 4.2 Quality and importance

The site is of immense importance for the occurrence of scarce and specialised habitats, as well as animal and plant species. Lough Corrib is the second largest oligotrophic lake in the country and is a superb example of a hardwater system. The site holds 14 Annex I habitats, 6 of these are priority Annex I habitats of the EU Habitats Directive, 5 Red Data Book plant species, also Drepanocladus vernicosus and Lutra lutra, and a rare chironomid Corynorera ambigua, good populations of Margaritifera margaritifera, Austropotamobius pallipes, Petromyzon marinus and Lampetra planeri. The site also supports an important population of Salmo salar. Important for wintering and breeding birds with Anser albifrons flavirostris, Sterna hirundo and Sterna paradisea.

### 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	Pollution (optional)	inside/outside [i o b]

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

	[code]	[code]	
M	A08		b
H	H01.08		o
M	J02.01.03		i
M	B01		b
M	E01.03		i
M	J02.15		b
M	A10.01		i
H	A02.01		b
L	E03.01		i
L	C01.01		o
H	G05		i
M	D01		i
M	D03.01.02		i
H	C01.03.02		i
M	E01.01		o
H	I01		i
M	A04.03		i

H	A04		i
H	H01.08		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

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## 5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

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

Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]
IE11	93.0				

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

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
IE11	River Corrib and Lough Corrib	+	93.0

designated at international level:

Type	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
Other	Lough Corrib	+	93.0

## 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).

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