



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 IE0000304
SITENAME Lough Rea SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code IE0000304	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Lough Rea SAC

1.4 First Compilation date 1995-08	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:	1998-05
Date site confirmed as SCI:	No data
Date site designated as SAC:	2017-10
National legal reference of SAC designation:	447/2017

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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B	A056	Anas clypeata			w	681	681	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A052	Anas crecca			w	300	300	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A050	Anas penelope			w	224	224	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			w	309	309	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A059	Aythya ferina			w	192	192	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A061	Aythya fuligula			w	452	452	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A067	Bucephala clangula			w	63	63	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A125	Fulica atra			w	1700	1700	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A140	Pluvialis apricaria			w	151	151	i		G	C	C	C	C
B	A142	Vanellus vanellus			w	188	188	i		G	C	C	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		Chara tomentosa						P			X			
B		Phalacrocorax carbo			23	23	i							X
B		Podiceps cristatus			13	13	i							X
F		Salmo trutta						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	1.0
N06	84.0
N16	2.0
N07	12.0
N14	1.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

Lough Rea is a medium-sized lake, lying just south of Loughrea town. While lying on limestone, the lake is only moderately hard, though colour is almost absent and the transparency very high. The lake is fed by a stream and by springs, and its outflow ultimately joins the Dunkellin River. Maximum depth is 12m. Reeds swamp, wet grassland and wet woodland occur on the sheltered western and south-eastern shores. The lake is surrounded by fairly intensive pasture farming.

4.2 Quality and importance

This marl-depositing calcium lake has a benthic vegetation which is typical of hard oligo-mesotrophic waters. Three Chara species characteristic of calcareous water have been recorded. The lake attracts large numbers of wildfowl, including an internationally important population of Anas clypeata. The lake is an important brown trout fishery. Lough Rea is the only large lake in the Dunkellin/Levally River catchment.

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	H01.02		b
H	E01.01		i
L	B01.01		i
L	M01.03		b
M	D01.01		i
L	I01		i
M	A02.01		b
L	A10.01		o
H	H01.08		b
H	E03.03		b
M	E05		b

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

Flanagan, P.J. and Toner, P.F. (1975). A Preliminary Survey of Irish Lakes. An Foras Forbartha, Dublin.
Lockhart, N.D. (1984). A Report on the Wetland Vegetation of the Dunkellin/Lavelly River Catchment.
Unpublished report to the Forest and Wildlife Service, Dublin. Sheppard, R. (1993). Ireland's Wetland Wealth.
Irish Wildbird Conservancy, 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).

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