



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 IE0000532
SITENAME Oldhead Wood SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code IE0000532	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Oldhead Wood SAC

1.4 First Compilation date 1995-08	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:	2016-05
National legal reference of SAC designation:	262/2016

2. SITE LOCATION

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G	Code	Name	S	NP	T	Size		Unit	Cat.	D.qual.	A B C D			A B C		
						Min	Max				Pop.			Con.	Iso.	Glo.
B	A224	Caprimulgus europaeus			r	1	2	p		G	B	A	B	A		

- **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
N05	1.0
N16	23.0
N23	1.0
N20	4.0
N10	3.0
N07	4.0
N08	61.0
N22	1.0
N09	2.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

A small oak woodland confined to the lee side of two exposed rocky knolls (106-150m), situated on a coastal promontory in Clew Bay. Complex geology of igneous rocks, mainly silurian; felstone and dolerite, overlain by loamy brown earths merging into peaty podsols on the hill tops. Trees display the effects of exposure and deterioration in soil with altitude, being tall and well developed at low levels but degenerating to low, windswept scrub on the hills.

4.2 Quality and importance

A hyper-oceanic woodland of the Blechno-Quercetum petraea scapanietosum, one of a very few intact examples in the region and one of the only sites directly adjacent to the coast. Mature woodland grades into scrub and heath with ascending altitude. Exceptionally high humidity and abundant development of epiphytic bryophytes and lichens, including Lobaria pulmonaria. A good example of dry heath in an exposed location and includes the localised Daboecia cantabrica. Woods and heath support typical bird fauna, including several species on the edge of their European range, notably Caprimulgus europaeus.

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	I01		i
M	B02		i

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
M	B02		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

Neff, M.J. (1972). Conservation Report, Oldhead Wood, Doo Lough Forest, Co. Mayo. Unpublished report to the Forest and Wildlife Service, Dublin. Goodwillie, R. (1979). A Preliminary Report on Areas of Scientific Interest in County Mayo. Unpublished report prepared for Mayo County Council, An Foras Forbartha, Dublin. Gorham, E. (1954). The soils and vegetation of a western Irish relict woodland. Journal of Ecology, 42, 497-504.

5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

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5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]
IE01	19.0				

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
IE01	Oldhead Wood Nature Reserve	+	19.0

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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INSPIRE ID:

IE.NPWS.PS.NATURA2000.SAC.IE0000532

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).