

2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code

Region Name

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

Atlantic (%)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them**[Back to top](#)

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
3110B			270.64		M	B	C	B	B
3160B			270.64		M	A	B	A	A
3260B			541.27		M	A	B	B	A
4010B			1623.82		M	B	B	B	B
4060B			1353.18		M	B	B	B	B
5130B			270.64		M	B	C	B	B
7130B	X		13531.81		M	A	A	B	A
7140B			270.64		M	B	C	B	B

- **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.	Glo.
B	A395	Anser albifrons flavirostris			w	24	24	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A098	Falco columbarius			p	4	8	p		G	B	B	C	B
B	A103	Falco peregrinus			p	8	8	p		G	B	A	C	A
P	6216	Hamatocaulis vernicosus			p	1	1	area	P	G	C	A	C	C
M	1355	Lutra lutra			p				P	DD	C	A	C	B
B	A140	Pluvialis apricaria			r	1	5	p		G	C	B	C	C

F	1106	Salmo salar			r				C	DD	C	A	C	A
P	1528	Saxifraga hirculus			p	418000	418000	i		G	A	A	A	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)

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		Hammarbya paludosa						P			X			
P		Homalothecium nitens						P						X
B		Lagopus lagopus						P						X
M		Lepus timidus hibernicus						P			X			
M		Lepus timidus hibernicus						P					X	
M		Lepus timidus hibernicus						P				X		
P		Lycopodiella inundata						P			X			
A		Rana temporaria						P			X			
A		Rana temporaria						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
N06	6.0
N08	10.0
N23	1.0
N10	3.0
N07	75.0
N22	5.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

This is a large inland site which is underlain by schists and gneisses in the west and quartzite in the east and south. A large proportion of the site (c.25%) lies above 200 m and these upland areas contain spectacular mountain cliffs and corrie lakes. Many of the mountain peaks reach altitudes of over 500 metres, while 721 metres is the height of the tallest summit. Most of the site is drained by the Owenduff River and its complex network of tributaries and streams, which generally flow in a south-east to north-west direction. Much of the land surrounding the site is afforested with conifers.

4.2 Quality and importance

Extensive tracts of deep blanket bog dominate most of this site. It occurs both on gently undulating terrain and mountain slopes and is rated as of International Importance. Other Annex I habitats occurring within the site are dystrophic lakes, transition mires, oligotrophic lakes, Juniper scrub, wet heath, alpine heath and floating river vegetation. In addition to blanket bog of international importance, the Owenduff River, which drains most of the site, is one of the best examples of a little-modified river system in western Europe. The site contains the EU Habitats Directive Annex II plant species *Saxifraga hirculus* and *Drepanocladus vernicosus*, and the Annex II animals *Lutra lutra* and *Salmo salar*. Four Annex I Bird Directive species occur, all typical bogland and upland species: *Anser albifrons flavirostris*, *Falco peregrinus*, *Falco columbarius* and *Pluvialis apricaria*.

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]
H	A04		o
L	E01.03		o
L	F03.01		o
H	A04		i
L	A08		i
M	C01.03		o
L	F02.03		o
M	C01.03		i
H	B		o
L	J01		o
L	F03.01		i
L	J01		i
L	D01.02		o
L	B		i
L	F02.03		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

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

4.4 Ownership (optional)

4.5 Documentation

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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:

designated at international level:

Type	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
Other	Owenduff Catchment	+	7.0

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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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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