



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 IE0000580
SITENAME Mongan Bog SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code IE0000580	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Mongan Bog SAC

1.4 First Compilation date 1995-05	1.5 Update date 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
Email:	datadelivery@ahg.gov.ie

Date site proposed as SCI:	1997-11
Date site confirmed as SCI:	No data
Date site designated as SAC:	No data
National legal reference of SAC designation:	No data

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude
-7.951763051

Latitude
53.32774678

2.2 Area [ha]:

207.83

2.3 Marine area [%]

0.0

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

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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	Glo
7110 			48.31		G	A	C	B	B
7120 			10.38		G	B	C	C	B
7150 			2.415331067		M	B	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

Species					Population in the site					Site assessment	

P		fusca						P						X
I		Saturnia pavonia						P						X
I		Tachina grossa						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
N07	85.0
N14	15.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

The bedrock underlying this site is low permeability fossiliferous limestone. This is overlain by permeable sands and gravels mainly derived from limestone. The peat layer is underlain by relatively impermeable lake clays. Esker ridges of sands and gravels lie to the north and south of the site. Part of the old cutover bog has been converted to improved grassland and this is included in the site for hydrological reasons.

4.2 Quality and importance

Mongan Bog is an example of a small to medium sized raised bog site which contains examples of the Annex I habitats active raised bog, degraded raised bog and depressions on peat substrates (Rhynchosporion). The centre of the site is dominated by a core of uncut high bog which contains an unusually large number of pools dominated by open water. The uncut high bog core is surrounded by old cutover surface which is regenerating into a mosaic of heath and low scrub. The relatively rare sedge *Rhynchospora fusca* has been recorded from wet pools within the site. In the past, the bog was used by wintering *Anser albifrons flavirostris* but the geese appear to have deserted the site in recent years. The site supports breeding *Numenius arquata* and *Gallinago gallinago*.

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	D01.04		o
M	A08		i
M	A03		o
L	A03		i
H	C01.03		o

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
M	A03		o
M	A04		i
M	C01.01		o
L	A03		i
L	D05		i

M	A04		i
L	C01.03		i
M	A04		o
M	C01.01		o
L	D05		i

M	A04		o
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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

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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 [%]
IE01	69.0				

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
IE01	Mongan Bog Nature Reserve	+	69.0

designated at international level:

Type	Site name	Type	Cover [%]

Other	Mongan Bog Nature Reserve	+	69.0
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6. SITE MANAGEMENT

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6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

- ☐ Yes

☐ No, but in preparation

☒ 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).