



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 IE0000714
SITENAME Bray Head SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code IE0000714	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Bray Head SAC

1.4 First Compilation date 1999-10	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
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Date site proposed as SCI:	1999-10
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
-6.079248146

Latitude
53.18154805

2.2 Area [ha]:

264.3

2.3 Marine area [%]

24.93

2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code **Region Name**

IEZZ	Extra-Regio
IE02	Southern and Eastern




2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Atlantic (%)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

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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
1230 			31.72		M	A	C	B	B
4030 			103.08		M	A	C	B	B
6210 			2.64		M	D			

- **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
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P		Orobancherapum-genistae									X			
B		Phalacrocorax aristotelis			8	8							X	
A		Rana temporaria											X	
A		Rana temporaria									X			
M		Sciurus vulgaris											X	
P		Vicia lathyroides									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

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4.1 General site character

Habitat class	% Cover
N04	2.0
N14	2.0
N08	42.0
N23	1.0
N16	4.0
N05	13.0
N22	5.0
N09	5.0
N01	26.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

Site is situated in the north-east of Co. Wicklow between the towns of Bray and Greystones. Bedrock geology is Cambrian quartzites and shales (with mudstones and greywackes). Bray Head consists of a plateau of high ground, with five prominent quartzite knolls and a maximum height of 241 m. The more exposed higher ground has a covering of shallow acidic soils, with protruding bedrock and scree. Elsewhere, deeper soils are formed by drift deposits, calcareous in character. In addition to heath and cliff habitats, the site supports calcareous grassland, some native woodland and scrub, and a sandy/shingle beach. An area of shallow marine water is included for ornithological reasons. Main landuse within site is recreation, especially walking.

4.2 Quality and importance

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Site supports a fine diversity of maritime habitats and is particularly important for vegetated sea cliffs and dry heath. Both of these are good representatives of the types which occur in eastern Ireland, and are generally of good quality. Four Red Data Book plant species occur within site. Has breeding *Falco peregrinus* and a significant seabird colony, especially for *Rissa tridactyla* and *Cephus grylle* (both nationally important). Site is noted for the presence of the fossil *Oldhamia radiata* which is of Cambrian age. Owing to its proximity to urban areas, site has important educational potential. .

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	A10.01		i
M	G01.03		i
H	K02.01		i
H	G05.04		i
M	E01		o
L	K01.01		i
M	D01.01		i
H	J01.01		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]
H	A04.02.01		i
H	A10.01		i

4.5 Documentation

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6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.2 Management Plan(s):

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An actual management plan does exist:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, but in preparation
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7. MAP OF THE SITES

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IE.NPWS.PS.NATURA2000.SAC.IE0000714

Map delivered as PDF in electronic format (optional)

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Yes

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No

Reference(s) to the original map used for the digitalisation of the electronic boundaries (optional).