



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 IE0000939
SITENAME Silvermine Mountains SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code IE0000939	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Silvermine Mountains SAC

1.4 First Compilation date 1996-10	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:	2017-04
National legal reference of SAC designation:	146/2017

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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						Min	Max				Pop.	Con.	Iso.	Glo.
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- **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
R		Lacerta vivipara						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		Pseudorchis albida			40		i				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

Habitat class	% Cover
N08	77.0
N10	22.0
N23	1.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

This small site is situated on the northern slopes of the Silvermine Mountains. The site is underlain by sandstone. The dominant habitat is heath, which occurs with upland grasslands and scrub. The site is longest on its north/south axis. It rises 150m from north to south and has a maximum altitude of 409m. Grazing is the main landuse. A road cuts through the N/S axis of the site.

4.2 Quality and importance

Though small, the site is important for the presence of the priority habitat *Nardus* grassland and also for the nationally important population of the Red Data Book species *Pseudorchis albida* within this habitat. A small but intact example of wet heath is also present. A typical upland fauna occurs, with *Lagopus lagopus* and *Lepus timidus hibernicus*.

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	M02.01		i
L	A04.01		i

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
H	A04.02.01		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

4.5 Documentation

Nash, D. (1991). Plant records: New vice-county records for North Tipperary (H10). *Irish Naturalists' Journal* 23: 9. 385-386. Curtis, T.G.F. and McGough, H.N. (1988). *The Irish Red Data Book 1: Vascular Plants*. Wildlife Service, Dublin. Fitzgerald, R. (1991). *Survey To Locate Red Data Book Species*. Internal report to National Parks and Wildlife Service, Dublin.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

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).