



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 IE0001312
SITENAME Ross Lake and Woods SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code IE0001312	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Ross Lake and Woods SAC

1.4 First Compilation date 1996-07	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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1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

Date site classified as SPA:	0000-00
National legal reference of SPA designation	No data
Date site proposed as SCI:	1998-05
Date site confirmed as SCI:	No data
Date site designated as SAC:	2019-12
National legal reference of SAC designation:	656/2019

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude -9.219380009 Latitude 53.37579563

2.2 Area [ha]:

2.3 Marine area [%]

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	Global
3140 B			129.28		M	B	C	B	B
6410 B			6.46		M	D			
7230 B			32.32		M	D			
91E0 B			3.23		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			
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.
M	1355	Lutra lutra			p				P	DD	D			
M	1303	Rhinolophus hipposideros			r	101	250	i		G	C	B	B	B

- **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		Chara curta						P			X				
P		Rhamnus cathartica						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
N23	1.0
N19	2.0
N10	2.0
N16	1.0
N08	8.0
N20	25.0
N06	40.0
N07	21.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

A medium sized marl lake in the Corrib catchment. The shoreline is of limestone boulders or marl silt. Lake is fringed by a diverse vegetation, including reedbeds, fen, wet grassland and wet woodland. A small lake, Lough Parkyflaherty, is separated from the main lake by an overgrown railway embankment. The former deciduous woodlands of Ross Demesne have been replaced almost entirely by coniferous plantation, though parts still retain a deciduous character. These woods are included in site as they are important for maintaining the population of *Rhinolophus hipposideros*. An outbuilding adjacent to Ross House, is used as a breeding site by the bats.

4.2 Quality and importance

The lake is a good example of a hard water marl lake, with well developed charophyte communities, including a red data species, *Chara curta*. A diverse wetland vegetation adds to the interest of the site. The breeding population of *Rhinolophus hipposideros* is of international importance. Site has *Lutra lutra*,

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]
L	A08		i
L	C01.04		b
H	E06.02		i
L	G05.04		b

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i o b]
M	B02.02		i
H	E06.02		i

M	D01.01		i
H	H01.08		b
L	A04		i
M	A02.01		i
M	D01.01		i
L	D03.01.02		i
M	J02.04.01		b
M	A10.01		i
H	H01		b
L	A04.03		b
M	I01		i
H	H02.06		b
H	E06		i
M	C01.01		b

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

4.4 Ownership (optional)

4.5 Documentation

Clabby, K.J., Lucey, J., McGarrigle, M.L., Bowman, J.J., Flanagan, P.J. and Toner, P.F. (1992). Water Quality in Ireland, 1987-1990. Part 1. E.R.O., Dublin. Praeger, R.L. (1934). The Botanist in Ireland. Hodges Figgis & Co., Dublin. O'Sullivan, P.J. (1994). Bats in Ireland. Special Zoological Supplement. Irish Naturalists' Journal. 21pp. Connolly, B. and McCarthy, T.K. (1993). Mayflies (Ephemeroptera) of the Corrib Catchment, Ireland. In: Costello, M.J. and Kelly, K.S. (eds.) Biogeography of Ireland: Past, Present and Future. Occasional publication of the Irish Biogeographical Society. No. 2.

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:

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:

- Yes
- No, but in preparation
- No

6.3 Conservation measures (optional)

7. MAP OF THE SITES

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INSPIRE ID:

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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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