



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 IE0001501
SITENAME Erris Head SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type	1.2 Site code	Back to top
B	IE0001501	

1.3 Site name

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1.4 First Compilation date	1.5 Update date
1997-03	2020-10

1.6 Respondent:

Name/Organisation:	National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
Address:	90 King Street North, Dublin 7, D07 N7CV, Ireland
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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:	2002-01
Date site confirmed as SCI:	No data
Date site designated as SAC:	2019-03
National legal reference of SAC designation:	97/2019

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude -10.040543 Latitude 54.281017

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
IEZZ	Extra-Regio

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	
1230B			65.18		M	B	C	A	B	
4060B			81.48		M	B	C	A	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	A045	Branta leucopsis			w	1	20	i		M	C	C	C	C
B	A103	Falco peregrinus			p	1	3	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A009	Fulmarus glacialis			r	50	100	p		G	C	B	C	B
B	A183	Larus fuscus			r	4	4	p		G	C	C	C	C
B	A346	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax			p	15	15	p		G	C	A	C	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
B		Larus argentatus			35	35	p							X
B		Larus marinus			38	38	p							X
M		Lepus timidus hibernicus						P				X		
M		Lepus timidus hibernicus						P			X			
M		Lepus timidus hibernicus						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
N05	9.0
N23	1.0
N07	2.0
N01	70.0
N09	4.0
N14	1.0
N04	1.0
N08	12.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

The site is situated in a very exposed position on the northern part of the Mullet Peninsula. It comprises about 15 km of cliff. The cliffs are predominantly north-facing and of moderate height (up to 90 m). Cliff vegetation grades into alpine heath and dry grassland. Part of the surrounding sea is included in the site. The geology of the area is ancient acid rocks, including quartzite, gneiss and Silurian schists and shales. The land in the site is grazed by sheep, though not excessively.

4.2 Quality and importance

This is an extensive and fairly inaccessible site, generally of good quality and in a natural state. Good examples of exposed north-facing cliffs and alpine heath with *Arctostaphylos-Juniperus-Empetrum* communities are present. *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*, *Falco peregrinus* and *Branta leucopsis*, all Annex I Bird Directive species occur, as well as small seabird colonies. The northern limit of *Erica erigena* in Ireland is found here.

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	G01.02		b
L	F05.05		i
L	C01.03.01		i
H	A04.02.02		b
M	G05.09		i
M	D01.01		b
L	D05		i
H	E03.01		b
M	C01.02		i

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

4.4 Ownership (optional)

4.5 Documentation

Berrow, S.D., Mackie, K.L., O'Sullivan, O., Shepherd, K.B., Mellon, C. & Coveney, J.A. (1992). The 2nd International Chough Survey : Ireland. Unpublished report to the IWC, Dublin and RSPB, Belfast. Lloyd, C. (1982). Inventory of Seabird Breeding Colonies in Republic of Ireland. Unpublished report, Forest & Wildlife Service, Dublin. Praeger, R.L. (1905). The flora of the Mullet and Inishkeas. Irish Naturalist 229-244. Praeger, R.L. (1934). The Botanist in Ireland. Hodges Figgis & Co. Dublin. Synnott, D.M. (1986). An outline of the flora of Mayo. Glasra 9: 13-117.

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:

<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).