

2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code

Region Name

IE02	Southern and Eastern
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2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Atlantic (%)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them**[Back to top](#)

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
1210 B			0.79		M	B	C	B	C
2110 B			0.79		M	B	C	B	C
2120 B			3.97		M	B	C	B	C
2130 B			13.1		M	B	C	B	B
2150 B			9.93		M	C	C	B	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**3.3 Other important species of flora and fauna (optional)****4. SITE DESCRIPTION****4.1 General site character**[Back to top](#)

Habitat class	% Cover
N04	83.0
N10	5.0
N16	1.0
N07	5.0
N06	1.0
N05	5.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

Situated on the north Co. Wexford coast, this site comprises a mature dune system which extends south from Kilmichael Point for a distance of about 2 km. There is a fine transition from a sandy beach through various types of dune types, including dune heath. Behind the dunes

there is an area of freshwater marsh, a small area of wet woodland and some wet grassland. Part of this area floods at times. At Kilmichael Point there are low cliffs (<15 m) covered by boulder clay and a sandy grassland. A bedrock shoreline occurs below the cliffs.

4.2 Quality and importance

Despite its small size, this site is important as an example of a relatively intact sand dune system which shows the various development stages of dunes, with embryonic dunes, white dunes, grey fixed dunes and decalcified fixed dunes all represented. The presence of decalcified dune heath is of particular importance owing to its rarity in Ireland generally and particularly on the east coast. The dunes are mostly intact and of good quality.

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	I02		i
M	K02.01		i
H	J02.12.01		o
M	G01.03.02		i
L	J01.01		i
H	K01.01		b
M	E03.01		i
M	G01		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

Curtis, T.G.F. (1991a). A site inventory of the sandy coasts of Ireland. In Quigley, M.B. (ed.) A Guide to the Sand Dunes of Ireland. E.U.C.C. Dublin. Praeger, R.L. (1934). The Botanist in Ireland. Hodges, Figgis & Co, Dublin.

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).