



# 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 IE0001952  
SITENAME Comeragh Mountains SAC

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## 1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

<b>1.1 Type</b> B	<b>1.2 Site code</b> IE0001952	<a href="#">Back to top</a>
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### 1.3 Site name

Comeragh Mountains SAC

<b>1.4 First Compilation date</b> 1997-01	<b>1.5 Update date</b> 2020-10
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### 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  
**Email:** datadelivery@chg.gov.ie

### 1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

<b>Date site classified as SPA:</b>	0000-00
<b>National legal reference of SPA designation</b>	No data
<b>Date site proposed as SCI:</b>	1997-08
<b>Date site confirmed as SCI:</b>	No data
<b>Date site designated as SAC:</b>	No data
<b>National legal reference of SAC designation:</b>	No data

## 2. SITE LOCATION

### 2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

**Longitude** -7.5674      **Latitude** 52.2365

### 2.2 Area [ha]:

### 2.3 Marine area [%]

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**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**[Back to top](#)**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
3110B			31.923974		M	B	C	A	B
3260B			62.93		M	C	C	A	C
4010B			1321.56		M	C	B	C	C
4030B			1510.36		M	B	B	C	B
4060B			188.79		M	B	C	A	B
7130B	X		906.8107		G	B	C	C	C
8110B			44.1		G	B	B	B	B
8210B			62.93		M	C	C	A	C
8220B			251.73		M	C	B	A	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**

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	A082	<a href="#">Circus cyaneus</a>			p				P	DD	C	C	C	C
B	A103	<a href="#">Falco peregrinus</a>			p	5	5	p		G	C	A	C	A
P	6216	<a href="#">Hamatocaulis vernicosus</a>			p	4164	4164	area	P	G	B	A	C	A
B	A346	<a href="#">Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</a>			p	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A282	<a href="#">Turdus torquatus</a>			r	1	2	p		G	C	A	C	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		<a href="#">Amblystegium fluviatile</a>												X
P		<a href="#">Antitrichia curtispindula</a>												X
P		<a href="#">Bartramia hallerana</a>												X
P		<a href="#">Bryum riparium</a>												X
P		<a href="#">Colura calyptrifolia</a>												X
P		<a href="#">Cynodontium bruntonii</a>												X
P		<a href="#">Dicranella subulata</a>												X
P		<a href="#">Dumortiera hirsuta</a>												X
P		<a href="#">Grimmia torquata</a>												X
P		<a href="#">Hedwigia integrifolia</a>												X
B		<a href="#">Lagopus lagopus</a>												X
P		<a href="#">Lejeunea holtii</a>												X
M		<a href="#">Lepus timidus hibernicus</a>										X		
M		<a href="#">Lepus timidus hibernicus</a>											X	
M		<a href="#">Lepus timidus hibernicus</a>									X			
P		<a href="#">Pohlia elongata</a>												X
P		<a href="#">Pohlia muyldermansii</a>												X
P		<a href="#">Radula voluta</a>												X
A		<a href="#">Rana temporaria</a>									X			
A		<a href="#">Rana temporaria</a>											X	
P		<a href="#">Rhabdoweisia fugax</a>												X
P		<a href="#">Rhizomnium pseudopunctatum</a>												X
P		<a href="#">Rhynchostegium lusitanicum</a>												X
F		<a href="#">Salvelinus alpinus</a>									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
N06	4.0
N10	29.0
N08	47.0
N20	1.0
N22	8.0
N07	10.0
N23	1.0
<b>Total Habitat Cover</b>	<b>100</b>

### Other Site Characteristics

A medium sized upland site with a diversity of habitats including various heath types, blanket bog, oligotrophic lakes in cooms backed by extensive cliff faces, upland grassland, a variety of rocky habitats and rivers with well developed aquatic flora. There is a small area of coniferous forestry present within the site. Roads have been developed near Mahon River for tourism purposes.

### 4.2 Quality and importance

This is the most south-easterly upland area in the country and supports a diverse range of upland habitats and species. Habitats of particular note are the oligotrophic lakes, dry heaths and alpine heath. Many rare bryophytes are present, including *Drepanocladus vernicosus*. Three bird species listed on Annex I of the EU Birds Directive breed within the site - *Falco peregrinus*, *Circus cyaneus* and *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*. The Red Data Book fish *Salvelinus alpinus* occurs in the lakes.

### 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	J01		i
M	B		o
L	E02		o
M	G01.02		i
L	E06		i
L	B		i
L	C01.03		i
H	K01.01		i
H	A04		i
M	A04		o
M	I01		i
L	D01.02		i

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i o b]
M	G01.02		i
L	D01.02		i
L	B		i
M	B		o
L	E02		o
M	A04		o

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. Heuff, H. (1984). The Vegetation of Irish Lakes. Unpublished report to the Forest & Wildlife Service, Dublin. McGrath, D. & Walsh, P. (1990). Where to Watch Birds in Waterford. Irish Wildbird Conservancy, Waterford. Mooney, E. & Goodwillie, R. (1992 draft). Mountain Blanket Bog Survey. Report to National Parks & Wildlife Service, Dublin. Praeger, R.L. (1934). The

Botanist in Ireland. Hodges Figgis & Co. Dublin. Stewart, N. (undated). List of Rare Irish Bryophytes. National Parks & Wildlife Service, Dublin. Young, R. (1972). Areas of Scientific Interest in Co. Waterford. An Foras Forbartha, Dublin. Whilde, A. (1993). Irish Red Data Book 2. Vertebrates. H.M.S.O. Belfast.

## 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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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).