



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 IE0002005
SITENAME Bellacragher Saltmarsh SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code IE0002005	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Bellacragher Saltmarsh SAC

1.4 First Compilation date 1999-09	1.5 Update date 2019-01
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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:	1999-09
Date site confirmed as SCI:	No data
Date site designated as SAC:	2018-02
National legal reference of SAC designation:	75/2018

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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substrate, though some patches occur on the stony shoreline. The width of the fringe varies, in places being up to 20 m. On the landward side of the salt marsh fringe, the habitat is generally bog or damp acidic grassland. Other habitats within the site are stony shoreline, intertidal flats, a small sandy beach and some damp grassland. The salt marsh is grazed by sheep.

4.2 Quality and importance

Although small in area, this is a typical example of west coast salt meadow of the fringe type on a peat substrate. Both Atlantic and Mediterranean types of salt meadow are represented. Turf fucoids are a feature and a community of this type was first described from Bellacragher. Quality moderate to good. Owing to its proximity to the public road the site is easily accessible and is used for educational purposes.

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	F06		i
L	A04		b
H	I01		b

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

4.5 Documentation

Curtis, T.G.F. and Sheehy Skeffington, M.J. (1998). The salt marshes of Ireland: an inventory and account of their geographical variation. *Biology and the Environment, Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy* 98B: 87-104. Praeger, R.L (1934). *The Botanist in Ireland*. Hodges & Figgis, Dublin.

6. 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

7. MAP OF THE SITES

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INSPIRE ID:

IE.NPWS.PS.NATURA2000.SAC.IE0002005

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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