



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 IE0002031
SITENAME The Twelve Bens/Garraun Complex SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code IE0002031	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

The Twelve Bens/Garraun Complex SAC

1.4 First Compilation date 1995-11	1.5 Update date 2018-09
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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:	1998-05
Date site confirmed as SCI:	No data
Date site designated as SAC:	No data
National legal reference of SAC designation:	No data

2. SITE LOCATION

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2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

Longitude

-9.854337493

Latitude

53.53422727

2.2 Area [ha]:

16163.23313

2.3 Marine area [%]

0.408

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

3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

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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	Glob
3110B			970.2		M	A	B	A	A
3130B			692.156906		M	C	C	C	C
4060B			161.7		M	B	B	B	B
7130B	X		7114.84		M	B	B	C	C
7150B			161.7		M	A	C	B	A
8110B			161.7		M	A	B	A	A
8210B			161.7		M	A	B	A	A
8220B			323.4		M	A	B	A	A

P		crispa						R			X			
I		Ctenophora atrata						P						X
I		Epistrophe nitidicollis						P						X
M		Lepus timidus hibernicus						P			X			
M		Lepus timidus hibernicus						P				X		
M		Lepus timidus hibernicus						P					X	
P		Lycopodiella inundata						P			X			
P		Omalotheca sylvatica						P			X			
P		Pilularia globulifera						P			X			
P		Polystichum lonchitis						P			X			
A		Rana temporaria						P					X	
A		Rana temporaria						P			X			
F		Salvelinus alpinus						P			X			
P		Saussurea alpina						P			X			
I		Stethophyma grossum						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
N07	46.0
N16	1.0
N01	1.0

N06	7.0
N10	1.0
N08	34.0
N04	1.0
N22	9.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

An extensive area incorporating the predominantly quartzite mountains of the Twelve Bens and encompassing a range of habitat types, including blanket bog, oligotrophic lakes, heath, exposed rock and scree, acid grassland and remnants of oak woodland. The northern part of the site is bounded by coastline and includes rocky shore and small areas of sandy beach, machair, tidal river, mud flats and saltmarsh. Several river headstreams are also within the site.

4.2 Quality and importance

One of the largest and most varied sites of conservation interest in Ireland, including the scenically renowned Twelve Bens mountain range, which support extensive areas of blanket bog, heath and exposed rock and a range of arctic-alpine plants. Rhynchosporion vegetation is well represented in the wet areas of blanket bog. The suite of lowland lakes that encircle the mountains represent some of the finest oligotrophic lakes in the country and support several rare species such as *Pilularia globulifera* and populations of *Salvelinus alpinus*. The site also has a significant population of *Lutra lutra*, and an important population of *Salmo salar*. The site includes a large portion of the Connemara National Park and a National Nature Reserve at Derryclare Wood. Additional areas are included in the site under EU LIFE funded restoration projects.

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	G05.01		i
M	B04		o
M	C01.03.02		b
M	I01		b
L	E01.03		o
L	D01.05		b
L	G05.09		i
L	C01.03.01		i
M	H01.05		b
M	B02.01.02		o
L	J01.01		i
L	G01.02		i
H	A04.01.02		i
L	G01.04		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

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
L	A04.02.04		i
L	A04.02.01		i

4.5 Documentation

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5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

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5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]
IE01	1.0	IE03	13.0		

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
IE01	Derryclare Nature Reserve	+	1.0
IE03	Connemara National Park	*	13.0

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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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).