



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 IE0002034
SITENAME Connemara Bog Complex SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code IE0002034	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Connemara Bog Complex SAC

1.4 First Compilation date 1997-01	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:	1997-08
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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			492.26		M	C	C	B	B
7130	X		32489.25		M	A	A	A	A
7140			492.26		M	A	C	B	B
7150			492.26		M	A	B	A	A
7230			492.26		M	B	C	B	B
91A0			492.26		M	B	B	B	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	A395	Anser albifrons flavirostris			w	60	134	i		G	C	A	C	A
I	1065	Euphydryas aurinia			p				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A098	Falco columbarius			p	14	14	p		G	B	A	C	A
M	1355	Lutra lutra			p				P	DD	C	A	C	B
P	1833	Najas flexilis			p				P	DD	B	A	C	A
B	A140	Pluvialis apricaria			r	41	41	p		G	B	A	C	A
F	1106	Salmo salar			r				C	DD	C	A	C	A
B	A193	Sterna hirundo			r	46	46	p		G	C	B	C	B
B	A191	Sterna sandvicensis			r	31	31	p		G	C	B	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](#))

M		hibernicus										X		
M		Lepus timidus hibernicus											X	
M		Lepus timidus hibernicus								X				
M		Martes martes											X	
M		Martes martes								X				
M		Meles meles								X				
M		Meles meles											X	
P		Omalotheca sylvatica								X				
P		Orchis morio								X				
P		Pilularia globulifera								X				
A		Rana temporaria								X				
A		Rana temporaria											X	
F		Salvelinus alpinus								X				
P		Viola lactea								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	70.0
N09	1.0
N14	1.0
N23	1.0
N16	1.0
N08	5.0
N06	17.0
N10	2.0
N02	1.0
N22	1.0

Other Site Characteristics

A vast area of lowland Atlantic blanket bog, providing one of the best examples of this habitat type in Ireland. The majority of land in the area is still quite intact and is of immense botanical and zoological interest. The underlying rock in the area is predominantly granite, with areas of gneiss and gabbro to the west of the site. There are numerous oligotrophic lakes throughout the site, with the Roundstone area providing an excellent example of a lake-studded blanket bog environment. Dystrophic pools are also encountered throughout the site, in association with other habitats including alkaline fens, quaking bog, transition mires, deciduous woodland, wet and dry heaths, scrub, semi-improved grassland, wet grassland and river habitats.

4.2 Quality and importance

The site is of exceptional scientific value, as it provides (with the exception of the Glenamoy Bog complex) the best example of a relatively unmodified lowland blanket bog habitat in Ireland. The primary interest of this site lies in the blanket bog and in the associated habitats of quaking bog, flushes, Rhynchosporion vegetation, dystrophic bog pools and fens. Excellent examples of lagoons occur, with highly diverse assemblages of flora and fauna. The site also includes areas of reef. There are four Annex II species of flora and fauna, including *Salmo salar*, *Najas flexilis* and *Lutra lutra*, and a total of 11 legally protected plant species. The site is of particular conservation importance for *Salmo salar* with excellent grilse and spring salmon rivers and lakes and extensive spawning habitat. The site has ornithological importance, with five Annex I Bird Directive species. The nesting *Falco columbarius* and *Pluvialis apricaria* within the site constitute a high proportion of the national totals for the species. 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]
H	C01.03.02		i
M	A04.01.02		i
H	J01		i
H	C01.03.01		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

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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				

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
IE01	Leam West Bog Nature Reserve	+	1.0

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).