



# 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 IE0002081  
SITENAME Ballinafad SAC

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## 1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

|                      |                                   |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>1.1 Type</b><br>B | <b>1.2 Site code</b><br>IE0002081 | <a href="#">Back to top</a> |
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### 1.3 Site name

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|----------------|
| Ballinafad SAC |
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| <b>1.4 First Compilation date</b><br>1996-07 | <b>1.5 Update date</b><br>2018-09 |
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### 1.6 Respondent:

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Name/Organisation:</b> | National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht |
| <b>Address:</b>           | 90 King Street North, Dublin 7, D07 N7CV, Ireland                                      |
| <b>Email:</b>             | datadelivery@chg.gov.ie  |

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|---|----------|
| <b>Date site proposed as SCI:</b>                   | 2002-01  |
| <b>Date site confirmed as SCI:</b>                  | No data  |
| <b>Date site designated as SAC:</b>                 | 2016-05  |
| <b>National legal reference of SAC designation:</b> | 263/2016 |

## 2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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**Longitude**  
-9.18345239

**Latitude**  
53.78194035

**2.2 Area [ha]:**  
0.145095156

**2.3 Marine area [%]**  
0.0

**2.4 Sitelength [km]:**  
0.0

## 2.5 Administrative region code and name

**NUTS level 2 code**

**Region Name**

|      |                             |
|------|-----------------------------|
| IE01 | Border, Midland and Western |
|------|-----------------------------|

## 2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Atlantic ( %)

## 3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 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

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| 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. |
| M       | 1303 | <a href="#">Rhinolophus hipposideros</a> | Yes |    | r                      | 40   | 40  | i    |      | G       | C               | B    | B     | 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)

## 4. SITE DESCRIPTION

### 4.1 General site character

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| Habitat class              | % Cover    |
|----------------------------|------------|
| N23                        | 100.0      |
| <b>Total Habitat Cover</b> | <b>100</b> |

#### Other Site Characteristics

The site consists of a large former training college south-west of Castlebar in County Mayo which is used as a breeding site by approximately 40 Lesser Horseshoe Bats each summer. The bats gain access through broken doorways that lead directly into the extensive roof space and hang directly from the roof timbers in the darkest section of the roof. The building is now used only as a private dwelling resulting in certain unused areas falling into disrepair.

#### 4.2 Quality and importance

Although this site contains a small number of Lesser Horseshoe Bats (*Rhinolophus hipposideros*) in summer, it is the most northerly point in Europe where this species is known to breed.

#### 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                | K01.01                       |                             | 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

#### 4.5 Documentation

O' Sullivan, P. (1994) Bats in Ireland. The Irish Naturalists' Journal. Special Zoological Supplement. 21pp.

## 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:

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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