



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 IE0002123
SITENAME Ardmore Head SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code IE0002123	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Ardmore Head SAC

1.4 First Compilation date 1997-03	1.5 Update date 2020-10
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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:	2017-05
National legal reference of SAC designation:	228/2017

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude
-7.709898959

Latitude
51.94346317

2.2 Area [ha]:
29.59132365

2.3 Marine area [%]
53.08

2.4 Sitelength [km]:
0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code **Region Name**

IE02	Southern and Eastern
IEZZ	Extra-Regio

2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Atlantic (%)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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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
1230			5.61		M	B	C	A	B
4030			7.08		M	B	C	B	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	
	Scientific								

G	Code	Name	S	NP	T	Size		Unit	Cat.	D.qual.	A B C D			
						Min	Max				Pop.		Con.	Iso.
B	A009	Fulmarus glacialis			r	38	38	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A346	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax			r	1	2	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A188	Rissa tridactyla			r	800	800	p		G	C	A	C	A

- **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
B		Larus argentatus			78	78	p								X
B		Larus marinus			2	2	p								X
B		Phalacrocorax aristotelis			6	6	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
N01	39.0
N09	6.0
N14	1.0
N08	27.0
N05	26.0
N23	1.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

Situated on a small headland just east of the village of Ardmore on the west Waterford coastline, the site includes a range of habitats from open marine water, to cliff, heath and dry grassland. The cliffs are of moderate height (up to 40 m), continuous and well indented. They form part of the Ardmore Syncline. The dry heath is of the shrubby type, dominated by *Calluna vulgaris* but with *Ulex gallii* and *Erica cinerea*. A footpath occurs along the top of the cliffs. In addition, St. Declan's holy well and church is within the site.

4.2 Quality and importance

A small site, though displaying fairly typical examples of the type of cliff and dry heath associated with the south coast of Ireland. Mostly of good quality though some damage from burning. Cliffs support seabird colonies, notably *Rissa tridactyla* with 1.6% of national total. Also has *Pyrhocorax pyrrhocorax*, an Annex I Birds Directive species.

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	A04		i
M	E01.03		o
L	G05		i
M	G01.02		i
L	D01.02		i
M	F02.01.02		o
M	J01		i

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
L	G05		i
L	A04		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

Berrow, S.D., Mackie, K.L., O'Sullivan, O., Shepherd, K.B., Mellon, C. & Coveney, J.A. (1992). The Second International Chough Survey : Ireland. Unpublished report, IWC, Dublin & RSPB, Belfast. Herries-Davies, G.L. & Stephens' N. (1978). The Geomorphology of the British Isles. Methuen & Co. London. McGrath, D. & Walsh, P.M. (1996). The breeding population of Kittiwakes on the south coast of Ireland, 1985-1995. Irish Birds 5: 375-380. Walsh, P.M. & McGrath, D. (1988). Waterford Bird Report, 1976-1986. Irish Wildbird Conservancy, Waterford.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

- Yes
 No, but in preparation
 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).