



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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1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

Date site classified as SPA:	0000-00
National legal reference of SPA designation	No data
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]:

2.3 Marine area [%]

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
N14	1.0
N23	1.0
N05	26.0
N08	27.0
N09	6.0
N01	39.0
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
L	G05		i
M	J01		i
M	G01.02		i
L	D01.02		i
M	F02.01.02		o
M	E01.03		o

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

4.4 Ownership (optional)

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.

5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

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5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

5.3 Site designation (optional)

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

- Yes
 No, but in preparation
 No

6.3 Conservation measures (optional)

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).