



# 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 IE0002252  
SITENAME Thomastown Quarry SAC

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## 1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

<b>1.1 Type</b> B	<b>1.2 Site code</b> IE0002252	<a href="#">Back to top</a>
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### 1.3 Site name

Thomastown Quarry SAC
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<b>1.4 First Compilation date</b> 2000-11	<b>1.5 Update date</b> 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

<b>Date site proposed as SCI:</b>	2000-11
<b>Date site confirmed as SCI:</b>	No data
<b>Date site designated as SAC:</b>	2016-04
<b>National legal reference of SAC designation:</b>	199/2016

## 2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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**Longitude**  
-7.144438337

**Latitude**  
52.53489307

**2.2 Area [ha]:**  
3.883126995

**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**

IE02	Southern and Eastern
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### 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	Global
7220			0.04		M	B	C	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.

- **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
P		<a href="#">Erigeron acer</a>									X			
I		<a href="#">Haliplus variegatus</a>												X
I		<a href="#">Hesperocorixa moesta</a>												X
A		<a href="#">Rana temporaria</a>									X			
A		<a href="#">Rana temporaria</a>											X	
A		<a href="#">Triturus vulgaris</a>											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
N23	1.0
N09	20.0

N07	35.0
N22	20.0
N10	9.0
N06	5.0
N08	10.0
<b>Total Habitat Cover</b>	<b>100</b>

### Other Site Characteristics

The site comprises a disused limestone quarry just north of the village of Thomastown. Bare rock still accounts for a significant area of the site but most of it now supports wetland and grassland habitats. Water appears to flow eastwards through the site and there are several permanent ponds. Alkaline fen occurs in association with the springs and ponds, as does some wet grassland. These wetland habitats are rich in bryophytes. Dry, calcareous grassland, generally species-rich, is fairly widespread.

### 4.2 Quality and importance

The site supports a good example of petrifying springs, with several diagnostic bryophyte species. The site is also of note for its general diversity of calcareous habitats over a small area. *Erigeron acer*, a Red Data Book species, has been recorded. A limited survey of aquatic invertebrates recorded the presence of two rare species for Ireland, *Haliphus variegatus* and *Hesperocorixa moesta*. The site also supports *Rana temporaria* and *Triturus vulgaris*.

### 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	K04.01		i
H	A04.03		i
L	E01		o

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

## 6. SITE MANAGEMENT

### 6.2 Management Plan(s):

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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).