



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 IE0002312
SITENAME Slieve Bernagh Bog SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code IE0002312	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Slieve Bernagh Bog SAC

1.4 First Compilation date 2003-06	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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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:	2003-06
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

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude -8.551763118 Latitude 52.83927847

2.2 Area [ha]:

2.3 Marine area [%]

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		Lagopus lagopus												X	
M		Lepus timidus hibernicus											X		
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- **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
N06	1.0
N22	2.0
N10	7.0
N07	25.0
N08	58.0
N23	1.0
N20	6.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

This is a large upland site located in the south-east of county Clare. The site comprises three distinct blocks of land separated by extensive conifer plantations which dominate the mountain slopes. The dominant bedrock within the site is base-poor Silurian sedimentary rocks and Old Red Sandstone. These rocks support a rather shallow peat soil which give rise to the dominant heath habitats. Where peat is deeper, especially on plateau areas, blanket bog has developed. Small areas of conifer plantations have been retained within the site area, as well as some areas of cutover blanket bog

4.2 Quality and importance

This extensive upland site has been selected for the presence of the Annex 1 habitats active blanket bog, dry heath and wet heath. The quality of these habitats is generally very good due to low levels of recent disturbance. The occurrence of *Vaccinium oxycoccus* is of note. The site ranks as one of the most extensive, high quality upland areas in the mid-west of Ireland and is of high importance. Areas of conifer plantation have been included within the site. The site is used as foraging habitat by a small population of *Circus cyaneus* which nests in the Slieve Bernagh mountain range. *Lagopus lagopus* occurs within the site.

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	J01		i
H	B02		o

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

H	G01.03.02		i
M	A04.03		i
M	J02.01		i
L	G05.01		i
L	C01.01		i
H	C01.03.02		i
L	G01.02		i
L	D01.01		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

Biosphere Environmental Services (2001). Assessment of Impacts on Flora and Fauna of a Proposed Wind Farm Development at Slieve Bearnagh, Co. Clare. Report prepared for O'Loughlin Environmental Services. Norriss, D.W., Marsh, J., McMahon, D. and Oliver, G.A. (2002). A national survey of breeding Hen Harriers *Circus cyaneus* in Ireland 1998-2000. *Irish Birds* 7: 1-10. Praeger, R.L. (1934). *The Botanist in Ireland*. Hodges, Figgis & Co., Dublin.

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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INSPIRE ID:

IE.NPWS.PS.NATURA2000.SAC.IE0002312

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).