



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 IE0002340
SITENAME Moneybeg and Clareisland Bogs SAC

TABLE OF CONTENTS

- [1. SITE IDENTIFICATION](#)
- [2. SITE LOCATION](#)
- [3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION](#)
- [4. SITE DESCRIPTION](#)
- [6. SITE MANAGEMENT](#)
- [7. MAP OF THE SITE](#)

1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code IE0002340	Back to top
---------------	----------------------------	-----------------------------

1.3 Site name

Moneybeg and Clareisland Bogs SAC

1.4 First Compilation date 2003-04	1.5 Update date 2018-09
---------------------------------------	----------------------------

1.6 Respondent:

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

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:	2003-04
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]:

[Back to top](#)

Longitude -7.333998109 Latitude 53.78150927

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
P		Sphagnum fuscum													X
P		Sphagnum imbricatum													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

[Back to top](#)

Habitat class	% Cover
N07	87.0
N10	3.0
N08	5.0
N20	5.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

Moneybeg and Clareisland Bogs are two small raised bogs, separated by approximately 400 metres, which are situated along the southern shores of Lough Sheelin. Most of the site area lies within Co. Westmeath with a small portion lying within Co. Meath. Clareisland Bog is long and narrow in outline while Moneybeg has a more ovoid shape. The areas of uncut high bog are classified mainly as degraded raised bog. The high bog is surrounded by cutover areas. There has been some planting of conifers in the cutover margins in recent decades. Land surrounding the site to the south is dominated by agricultural grassland. The main road which runs between the villages of Finnea and Ross traverses both areas of bog.

4.2 Quality and importance

This site contains good examples of active raised bog, degraded raised bog and Rhynchosporion vegetation. The areas of raised bog support a well-developed peatland flora and contain a number of wet pool areas. Of the two areas it appears that Moneybeg Bog contains higher quality raised bog habitat although the margins of Moneybeg have a more extensive surrounding cutover area. Along the northern edge of Clareisland Bog there is a well-preserved and relatively undisturbed transition from raised bog to lakeshore scrub which is a rare feature in Irish raised bogs. These raised bogs occur close to the north-easterly limits of raised bog distribution in the Republic of Ireland and this increases their conservation value.

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	B02.02		i
M	J01.01		i
M	I01		i
L	G02.10		i
H	C01.03.02		i
L	E03.01		i
L	F03.01		i
H	J02.15		i

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i o b]
M	J02.15		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

Cross, J.R. (1990). The Raised Bogs of Ireland: their Ecology, Status and Conservation. Report to the Minister of State at the Department of Finance. Stationery Office, Dublin. Derwin, J, and MacGowan, F. (2000). Raised Bog Conservation Project. Unpublished report, Dúchas The Heritage Service, Dublin. Goodwillie, R. (1972). A Preliminary Report on Areas of Scientific Interest in County Westmeath. Unpublished report, An Foras Forbartha, Dublin. Hammond, R.F. (1979). The Peatlands of Ireland. An Foras Talúntais, Dublin. National Parks and Wildlife Service (1992-1994). National Areas of Scientific Interest Survey. Unpublished report, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Dublin.

5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

[Back to top](#)

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:

[Back to top](#)

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

[Back to top](#)

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).