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For Special Protection Areas (SPA), Proposed Sites for Community Importance (pSCI), Sites of Community Importance (SCI) and for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE IE0002998
SITENAME West Connacht Coast SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

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<th>1.1 Type</th>
<th>1.2 Site code</th>
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1.3 Site name

West Connacht Coast SAC

1.4 First Compilation date 1.5 Update date
2012-02 2017-09

1.6 Respondent:

Name/Organisation: National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
Address: 7 Ely Place, Dublin 2, Ireland
Email: dataprocessing@ahg.gov.ie

Date site proposed as SCI: 2012-02
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: -10.05449982  
Latitude: 53.78699733

2.2 Area [ha]: 65988.17944  
2.3 Marine area [%]: 99.995

2.5 Administrative region code and name

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<th>NUTS level 2 code</th>
<th>Region Name</th>
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<td>IEZZ</td>
<td>Extra-Regio</td>
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2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Atlantic (0.0 %)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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

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<th>Species</th>
<th>Population in the site</th>
<th>Site assessment</th>
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<tr>
<td>M 1364 Halichoerus grypus</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>P</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M 1365 Phoca vitulina</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>P</td>
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<td>M 1351 Phocoena phocoena</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>P</td>
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<td>M 1349 Tursiops truncatus</td>
<td>p</td>
<td>123</td>
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- **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)
### 4. SITE DESCRIPTION

#### 4.1 General site character

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<tr>
<th>Habitat class</th>
<th>% Cover</th>
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<td>N01</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Habitat Cover</td>
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#### 4.2 Quality and importance

The selected site, extending approximately 90 km in total length, encompasses two dynamic coastal water areas in the west of Ireland and a range of associated shallow marine habitats. These include exposed Atlantic continental shelf waters and sheltered coastal bays, diverse seabed structures including sedimentary basins and reefs, prominent headlands, islets and islands of various sizes. The site borders numerous existing designated sites for Annexed species and habitats, and is adjacent to a wide array of coastal features, e.g., sheltered bays, exposed open bays, estuaries, coastal cliffs and sea caves, several of which are also designated protected sites.
within bays or adjacent to coastal headlands, islands, sandbanks, shoals and reefs. Harbour Porpoise, Short-beaked Common Dolphin, Risso’s Dolphin, Killer Whale and Minke Whale are also recorded within the site. The site also contains two Annex II seal species: Harbour Seal and Grey Seal, which carry out breeding, resting, social behaviour and moult activity at terrestrial or intertidal locations in immediate proximity to 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

| Rank | Threats and pressures [code] | Pollution (optional) [code] | inside/outside [i|o|b] |
|------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| L    | H06.01                     | b                           |                        |
| M    | F02                        | b                           |                        |
| M    | H03                        | b                           |                        |
| M    | D03.02                     | b                           |                        |
| M    | E03.01                     | b                           |                        |
| L    | E03                        | b                           |                        |

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

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No, but in preparation
- [x] No

7. MAP OF THE SITES

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Map delivered as PDF in electronic format (optional):

- [ ] Yes  [x] No

Reference(s) to the original map used for the digitalisation of the electronic boundaries (optional).