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SITE IE0004193
SITENAME Mid-Waterford Coast SPA

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type A	1.2 Site code IE0004193	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Mid-Waterford Coast SPA

1.4 First Compilation date 2009-09	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:	2006-11
National legal reference of SPA designation	No data

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude

Latitude

-7.343759282

52.1383268

2.2 Area [ha]:

937.0613834

2.3 Marine area [%]

1.142

2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code

Region Name

IEZZ	Extra-Regio
IE02	Southern and Eastern

2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Atlantic (%)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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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.
B	A103	Falco peregrinus			p	7	7	p		G	C	B	C	B
B	A184	Larus argentatus			r	147	147	p		G	B	B	C	B
B	A017	Phalacrocorax carbo			r	79	79	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A346	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax			p	20	20	p		G	B	B	C	B

- **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)

4. SITE DESCRIPTION

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4.1 General site character

Habitat class	% Cover
N12	25.0
N23	5.0
N05	10.0
N09	5.0
N08	10.0
N14	45.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

The Mid-Waterford Coast SPA encompasses the areas of high coast and sea cliffs in Co. Waterford between Newtown Cove to the east and Ballyvoyle to the west. The site includes the sea cliffs and the land adjacent to the cliff edge. The high water mark forms the sea boundary. The site is underlain by Devonian sandstones, siltstones, mudstones and conglomerates as well as a variety of volcanic rocks of Ordovician age. Sea cliffs are the predominant habitat of the site; these occur along its length and are generally well-vegetated by a suite of typical sea cliffs species. Above the cliffs are areas of heath, improved grassland, unimproved wet and dry grassland, and woodland. Landuse is predominately grazing by stock, but some arable farming is also carried out.

4.2 Quality and importance

This site supports a nationally important population of breeding *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*, a Red Data book species. 24 breeding pairs were recorded in the 1992 survey and 20 in the 2002/03 survey. The site supports an important *Falco peregrinus* population (7 pairs in 2002). The site also holds nationally important populations of *Phalacrocorax carbo* (79 pairs) and *Larus argentatus* (147 pairs), as well as smaller numbers of other breeding seabirds.

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	A02		i
L	A04.03		i
L	E04.01		o
L	E05		o

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

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

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6. SITE MANAGEMENT

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6.2 Management Plan(s):

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).

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