

Site Name: Old Farm Buildings, Ballymacrogan SAC

Site Code: 002245

This site, which is west of Ruan in Co. Clare, consists of a farmyard which contains a series of stone sheds. The Lesser Horseshoe Bat, a species listed on Annex II of the E.U. Habitats Directive, breeds in two of the buildings.

The site is a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) selected for the following habitats and/or species listed on Annex I / II of the E.U. Habitats Directive (* = priority; numbers in brackets are Natura 2000 codes):

[1303] Lesser Horseshoe Bat (<i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i>)

The Vincent Wildlife Trust has carried out work on one of the sheds in use by the Lesser Horseshoe Bats at this site to improve the roosting conditions. The shed has been re-roofed with slates and the doors and windows have been secured leaving access for the bats.

Approximately 80 individual bats were counted on emergence in June 2000, although numbers have exceeded 100 (threshold for international importance) in the past.

There appear to be no immediate threats facing the site.