



Site Name: Reen Point Shingle SAC

Site Code: 002281

Reen Point Shingle SAC is located in Dunmanus Bay, 4 km north-west of Durrus village, in Reencappul townland, Co. Cork. The site covers a relatively small area and consists of a headland shaped like a hammer. The 'handle' of the hammer shape consists of two vegetated shingle bars, one at each side, with a marshy/lagoonal area in between.

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):

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| [1220] Perennial Vegetation of Stony Banks |
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At Reen Point Shingle SAC the shingle bar or stony bank habitat on the eastern side of the headland has Sea Mayweed (*Matricaria maritima*), Ribwort Plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*) and Common Ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*). The shingle vegetation on the western side is more diverse and supports species such as Sea Beet (*Beta vulgaris* subsp. *maritima*), Common Scurvygrass (*Cochlearia officinalis*), Red Fescue (*Festuca rubra*), Sea Mayweed, Rock Samphire (*Crithmum maritimum*), Ribwort Plantain, sea-lavender (*Limonium* sp.) and lichens.

The lagoon, which is fringed with Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*) and some Common Club-rush (*Scirpus lacustris*), provides habitat for several bird species including Curlew, Cormorant and Mute Swan.

Other habitats which occur at the site include saltmarsh, marsh/scrub and heath.

Current land use adjacent to the site is intensive agricultural grassland which is actively managed as pasture and for silage production. Run-off from this area may pose a threat to the nutrient status of the lagoonal area.

Reen Point Shingle SAC contains two important examples of perennial vegetation of stony banks, a habitat listed on Annex I of the E.U. Habitats Directive. The presence of other coastal habitats such as saltmarsh, lagoon, freshwater marsh and heath adds further interest to the site.