



**Site Name: Cregg House Stables, Crusheen SAC**

**Site Code: 002317**

Cregg House is situated approximately 10 km south of Gort, Co. Galway. The site consists of an old, stone stable block. It contains an important maternity roost of the Lesser Horseshoe Bat.

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> )
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The stables at Cregg House Stable, Crusheen SAC are still used for horses and the building is in good repair with a well maintained slate roof. The bats roost in the loft and 100 bats were counted using this breeding site in 1997, making it a site of international importance.

The surrounding landscape consists of improved grassland with hedgerow boundaries. There are several small lakes with fringing woodland in the vicinity of the roost, providing some foraging habitat for the bats.

While there are no apparent threats to the conservation status of the bats at this summer roost, the foraging areas and the winter roost of this population remain unknown.