

SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: CREGGANNA MARSH SPA

SITE CODE: 004142

Cregganna Marsh is situated about 3 km south of Oranmore, to the west of the Galway - Ennis road. The predominant habitats on the site are lowland wet grassland and improved grassland, but areas of limestone pavement and other exposed rock, Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) scrub, freshwater marsh, drainage ditches and dry grassland are also represented.

The site is a Special Protection Area (SPA) under the E.U. Birds Directive, of special conservation interest for the following species: Greenland White-fronted Goose.

The site is of major conservation importance as a feeding site for a nationally important flock of Greenland White-fronted Goose (157 – 5 year mean peak between 1994/95 and 1998/99). The birds using this site form part of the Rahasane flock.

Cregganna Marsh SPA is of ornithological importance because it is regularly utilised by a nationally important flock of Greenland White-fronted Goose, a species listed on Annex I of the E.U. Birds Directive.