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## ***Executive Summary***

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Between 2011 and 2012, 337 sites and 1288 relevés in Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary were surveyed as part of the Irish Semi-natural Grasslands Survey (ISGS). 61.7% of these sites were associated with an NPWS conservation site (SAC, NHA, pNHA or SPA). Wet grassland was the most frequent semi-natural grassland habitat, recorded at 71.2% of sites and covering 49.4% of the total area of grassland surveyed. Freshwater marsh was the least frequent grassland habitat and represented less than 1% of the grassland area surveyed across these counties. The EU Habitats Directive Annex I grassland habitat with the highest frequency of occurrence was Orchid-rich/calcareous grassland (Festuco-Brometalia) (<sup>[\*]</sup>6210), recorded at 60 sites, followed by *Molinia* meadows (6410), recorded at 33 sites, Species-rich *Nardus* grassland (<sup>[\*]</sup>6230), recorded at 21 sites, and Lowland hay meadows (6510), recorded at 13 sites. Eight sites with Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities (6430) were recorded in the western counties in 2011-2012. In terms of area, <sup>[\*]</sup>6210 covered by far the greatest area, 222.5 ha, due to the large areas of this Annex I habitat recorded in Clare and Galway. This was followed by 6410 (110.6 ha), <sup>[\*]</sup>6230 (46.8 ha) and 6510 (35.3 ha).

The median area of the semi-natural grassland sites in Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary was 9.9 ha and the county medians ranged from 5.9 ha in Galway to 21.6 ha in Limerick, with individual sites ranging in size from 0.3 ha to 103.0 ha. Conservation scores, based on factors such as habitat diversity and quality, species richness, site size and presence of plant species of conservation interest within a site, were calculated for all 337 sites. Of the 25 sites that scored highly (a score of 40% or over) in the conservation evaluation, 21 were associated with an NPWS conservation site. Threat scores were based on factors such as damaging activities, agricultural improvement, negative adjacent habitats and presence of negative species within a site. Of the 16 sites that received high threat evaluations (a score of over 50%), five were associated with an NPWS conservation site.

The main category of habitat adjacent to surveyed sites was woodland, including hedges and treelines, scrub, and semi-natural woodland, adjacent to 78.3% of sites (with scrub adjacent to 60% of sites, and treelines and hedgerows adjacent to 45% of sites). Built land and coastal constructions were the next most frequent category, adjacent to 76% of sites.

Primary areas of Annex I grassland have been identified which represent the best examples of Annex I grassland habitat surveyed during the ISGS; these provide a focus for semi-natural grassland conservation and monitoring in Ireland. Of the 337 western sites surveyed between 2011 and 2012, 54 primary areas of Annex I grassland habitat were identified.

The main negative impacts recorded for Annex I grassland habitats surveyed in the six western counties in 2011 and 2012 were species composition change (succession) and problematic native species (e.g. bracken). Only 33 of the 135 areas of Annex I grassland surveyed received an overall assessment of *Favourable* (i.e., having favourable conservation assessments for area, structure and functions and future prospects), emphasising their vulnerability and the urgency with which they need

to be studied and monitored. However, in most cases the implementation of appropriate management would improve the condition of the Annex I habitat, and assessment scores of *Favourable* could be attainable in the medium term.

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# 1: INTRODUCTION

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## 1.1 General background

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Grassland habitats are reported to cover approximately 60% (Byrne 1996, CSO 2012) of the land area of Ireland, but the overwhelming majority of this is improved agricultural grassland, with semi-natural grassland habitats contributing only a small percentage of the total. The term 'semi-natural', when applied to grassland, implies that it has been altered by human agricultural or pastoral activity, generally grazing or mowing, but without the input of fertilisers (Calaciura and Spinelli 2008) or reseeding with high-yielding species such as *Lolium perenne* and *Trifolium repens*. The current dominance of grassland habitats in Ireland is the result of millennia of human activity altering the predominantly wooded landscape that existed 5,000 years ago (Hall and Pilcher 1995). The low-intensity agricultural practices that once allowed the development of species-rich semi-natural grassland have now all but ceased, threatening the existence of this habitat type within Ireland. Any semi-natural grasslands that remain are threatened either by the abandonment of all management, which for most grassland areas results in reversion to scrub and ultimately woodland, or by the intensification of management, resulting in the replacement of a diverse array of species with a small number of high-yielding ones.

During the last 50 years, agriculture in Ireland has changed completely with increases in mechanisation, the implementation of arterial drainage schemes and the application of fertilisers. Ireland's entry into the European Economic Community (EEC) in 1973 resulted in financial incentives to improve agricultural productivity (Feehan 2003), and as a result the nature of Ireland's grasslands has been radically altered. From 1990 to 2000, arable land (including land used for silage production) and permanent crops increased in area by 35%, followed closely by artificial surfaces, which increased by 31%. These changes were largely at the expense of pasture and mixed farmland (EPA 2006). The majority of the remaining areas of semi-natural grassland within Ireland owe their continued existence to either a continuation of traditional extensive farming practices by some landowners, conservation measures or edaphic and topographical conditions that make them unsuitable for fertiliser application, reseeding or drainage.

## 1.2 Vegetation studies of Irish grasslands

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Since Braun-Blanquet and Tüxen (1952) made the initial attempts at classifying the grasslands of Ireland, the number of vegetation studies of this habitat has been disproportionately small considering the large area of Ireland that grasslands occupy. One reason for this is that the overwhelming majority of Irish grassland vegetation is low-diversity agricultural grassland. The most notable research on Irish grasslands was conducted by O'Sullivan (1965, 1968, 1976, 1982), who collected field data from a broad range of grassland habitats. In addition to this research contributing to the most comprehensive classification of Irish grasslands to date (O'Sullivan 1982), the data from the

thousands of individual relevés collected provide researchers with a well-documented and archived dataset (Bourke *et al.* 2007).

The majority of the other grassland vegetation studies carried out in Ireland have been more specific in their aims. Research has either focused on a particular region of Ireland, such as the Burren (Ivimey-Cook and Proctor 1966, O'Donovan 1987, Keane and Sheehy-Skeffington 1995, Parr *et al.* 2009; Long 2011), Leinster (Byrne 1996), Galway (Sullivan *et al.* 2010), Sligo (O'Donovan 2007) or Fermanagh (Eakin 1995), or on a particular grassland vegetation type, such as callows grassland (Heery 1991, Tolkamp 2001, Maher 2013), esker grasslands (Bleasdale 1998, Tubridy 2006), grassland associated with limestone pavement (Wilson and Fernández 2013), hay meadows (Martin 1991) or Calaminarian grasslands (Holyoak 2008). However, some of the most recent studies have been broader in their remit. O'Donovan and Byrne (2004) carried out research in Sligo and Westmeath with the aim of developing a method for mapping semi-natural grassland across Ireland, and Dwyer *et al.* (2007) carried out a countrywide study of priority Annex I grassland habitats within Special Areas of Conservation (SACs). More recently in 2007, the semi-natural grasslands in both Roscommon and Offaly were surveyed (Martin *et al.* 2007), serving as a pilot study for the current project. In 2008, the current project commenced with a comprehensive survey of the semi-natural grasslands of Cork and Waterford (Martin *et al.* 2008). It continued in 2009 with a detailed survey of grasslands in Cavan, Leitrim, Longford and Monaghan (O'Neill *et al.* 2009), and in 2010 with a survey of Donegal, Dublin, Kildare and Sligo grasslands (O'Neill *et al.* 2010). The study culminated in 2011-2012 with this reported study of six counties; Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary, plus a study of eight Leinster counties; Carlow, Kilkenny, Laois, Louth, Meath, Westmeath, Wexford and Wicklow (Martin *et al.* 2013).

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### 1.3 Classification of Irish grasslands

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Braun-Blanquet and Tüxen (1952) were the first to systematically classify Irish grasslands based on the Zurich-Montpellier phytosociological approach, but it was not until 1982 that the first comprehensive classification was published (O'Sullivan 1982). Using the same phytosociological approach, O'Sullivan divided all non-coastal Irish grassland into three classes: the Molinio-Arrhenatheretea, the Calluno-Ulicetea (Nardetea) and the Festuco-Brometea. The Molinio-Arrhenatheretea, which includes lowland meadows and pastures on neutral soils, was the most frequent group, based on over 2,500 relevés and estimated to cover 65% of the land area of Ireland. The Molinio-Arrhenatheretea is divided into the Arrhenatheretalia and Molinietales orders. The Arrhenatheretalia generally includes drier meadows and pastures, including improved agricultural fields dominated by *Lolium perenne* and *Trifolium repens*. The Molinietales represents wet meadows and pasture communities on clay, loam and humus-rich gley soils that are generally not fertilised. The Calluno-Ulicetea (Nardetea) includes acid grassland communities and was estimated to cover 4.4% of the land area of Ireland. The Festuco-Brometea, represented in Ireland by the sole order Brometalia erecti, includes dry limestone grasslands on base-rich soils, and was estimated to be the least frequent of the three major classes of grassland, covering only 0.3% of the Irish land area.



White and Doyle (1982) in their catalogue of Irish vegetation types drew heavily on the work of O'Sullivan (1982), reapplying his classification of Irish grasslands and adding some rarer associations, such as the *Violetea calaminariae* class, which includes the grassland vegetation of areas rich in heavy metals, and the *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea bellardii* class of arctic-alpine grass heaths, of which one association, the *Breutelio-Seslerietum*, has been described in Ireland from Ben Bulbin in Co. Sligo.

Fossitt (2000) is the most widely utilised grassland classification in Ireland. Unlike O'Sullivan (1982), which is a vegetation classification, Fossitt (2000) is a habitat classification which utilises soils, geology and landscape features, in addition to plant communities, to define each habitat. Fossitt (2000) presents a simplified and standardised way to classify habitats in Ireland; however, it is based on the results of previous phytosociological studies rather than being based objectively on empirical data. The five Fossitt habitat categories directly relevant to this survey of semi-natural grassland are as follows:

- **Fossitt Code GS1 - Dry calcareous and neutral grassland.** This encompasses all unimproved and semi-improved dry grasslands on both calcareous and neutral soil. It is associated with free-draining mineral soils and low-intensity agriculture.
- **Fossitt Code GS2 - Dry meadows and grassy verges.** This habitat is found on free-draining mineral soils. The management is different from that in GS1 in that the grassland has little or no grazing but instead is managed primarily by mowing.
- **Fossitt Code GS3 - Dry-humid acid grassland.** This grassland is found on free-draining acid soils that are not waterlogged. It is found mainly on mineral-rich or peaty podzols in uplands, but is also found on siliceous sandy soils in the lowlands.
- **Fossitt Code GS4 - Wet grassland.** This habitat type is found on poorly drained mineral and organic soils and includes grassland that is seasonally or periodically flooded. It encompasses a range of wet grassland types, from wet rushy pasture to callows.
- **Fossitt Code GM1 - Freshwater marsh.** This habitat is found on waterlogged mineral and shallow peat soils near lake and river edges and other wetland habitats, where the watertable is close to the surface for most of the year. It is characteristically rich in broadleaf herbs, and grasses and sedges should not exceed 50% of the ground cover.

The grasslands section of the National Vegetation Classification (NVC) used to classify British plant communities (Rodwell 1991, 1992, 1995, 2000) does not utilise Irish data, but it does provide an indication of the range of plant communities likely to exist in Ireland. It also provides this in a system that does not follow the subjective methods inherent in the central European phytosociological approach of Braun-Blanquet and Tüxen (1952). Perrin *et al.* (2008a, b) produced an NVC-style classification of Irish woodland vegetation employing a range of more objective techniques. These techniques have also been applied in the analysis of the Irish semi-natural grasslands data. Previous ISGS reports (Martin *et al.* 2007, 2008; O'Neill *et al.* 2009, 2010) have outlined interim classifications

produced as the survey progressed. As data are now available from all 26 counties, the final vegetation classification of semi-natural grasslands in the Republic of Ireland has been produced and is detailed in a separate national synthesis ISGS report (O'Neill *et al.* 2013). With a total of 19 individual grassland vegetation types distributed among four groups, this new vegetation classification proposed by O'Neill *et al.* (2013) highlights the limitations of Fossitt (2000), which only classifies semi-natural grassland into four groups and marsh into one group that is rigidly defined by the proportions of forbs (broadleaf herbs) and graminoids (grasses, sedges and rushes) present; it should prove a useful tool for describing the complexity of Irish semi-natural grasslands.

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#### **1.4 Conservation of Irish grasslands**

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Semi-natural grasslands act as an important refuge for many invertebrate, bird and mammal species, and also provide a suitable habitat for many rare and protected plant species. Despite their importance, however, semi-natural grasslands are an extremely vulnerable habitat in Ireland. Areas of semi-natural grassland that are accessible to machinery are particularly susceptible to agricultural improvement. Keane and Sheehy-Skeffington (1995) showed that the addition of fertiliser to semi-natural grasslands resulted in a change of sward composition and a loss of plant species diversity. The vulnerability of semi-natural grasslands to agricultural improvement, afforestation and scrub encroachment was demonstrated by Byrne (1996), who found that 38% of the sites documented by O'Sullivan during the 1970s no longer supported semi-natural grassland communities by 1994. Similar trends have also been demonstrated in England and Wales, where a review of available data showed that only between one and two percent of remaining lowland grasslands comprise semi-natural communities (Blackstock *et al.* 1999). Stevens *et al.* (2010) recently completed a comprehensive study of lowland grasslands in Wales which recognised lowland grassland as a priority for detailed survey and assessment because of the rapid losses and damage that had been taking place to the habitat over a number of decades.

Grasslands of conservation interest are protected in Ireland through conservation designations that vary in the level of protection they provide to the species and habitats found within them. For example, the Flora (Protection) Order 1999 affords protection to the 89 individual plant species listed in the Order, and the protection extends to their habitats. The Wildlife Act, 1976 and the subsequent Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000 are the two main articles of legislation that provide protection to wild flora, fauna and semi-natural habitats, including grasslands. Additional statutory protection is available under the recent Environmental Impact Assessment Agriculture Regulations (Statutory Instrument 456 of 2011), which offer protection to semi-natural grasslands in the event of their intended conversion for intensive agriculture, requiring screening to take place if the area to be affected exceeds a certain size. Semi-natural grassland habitats are also afforded legal protection by the Environmental Liability Directive, which prevents and remedies environmental damage to natural habitats and protected species.

Grasslands located within National Parks and Nature Reserves can have the highest level of protection, as they are State-owned and managed for conservation. Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas for birds (SPAs) designated as a result of EU directives provide the next highest level of protection, while Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs) designated under domestic legislature provide the third tier of protection. As not all NHAs have been designated, proposed NHA (pNHA) is used to distinguish non-designated sites. Throughout this report when referring collectively to SACs, NHAs/pNHAs and SPAs, the term 'NPWS conservation sites' is often used. As there has been no comprehensive survey of semi-natural grassland for almost 30 years, the application of conservation designations to protect areas of semi-natural grassland has taken place in the absence of an accurate record of the extent of each habitat on the ground.

The EU Habitats Directive has contributed to the conservation of semi-natural grassland in Ireland by listing and defining 31 types of Annex I grassland habitat of conservation importance in Europe (Anon. 2007). Under this directive, Ireland has a responsibility to designate SACs to protect any of these habitats that occur within the State and to maintain them at a favourable conservation status. SACs are the most important wildlife conservation areas in the country and are strictly protected under the EU Habitats Directive. Any plans, projects or activities which are proposed and may significantly impact on an SAC must undergo special scrutiny in the form of an Appropriate Assessment. Also, certain activities which occur within an SAC that might be damaging (Notifiable Actions) can only be carried out with the permission of the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Six Annex I grassland habitats of conservation importance have been recorded within Ireland by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS):

- Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (\*6210).<sup>1</sup>
- Species-rich *Nardus* grasslands on siliceous substrates in mountain areas (and sub-mountain areas, in Continental Europe) (\*6230).
- *Molinia* meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) (6410).
- Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains and of the montane to alpine levels (6430).
- Lowland hay meadows (*Alopecurus pratensis*, *Sanguisorba officinalis*) (6510).
- Calaminarian grasslands of the *Violetalia calaminariae* (6130).

Only two grassland habitats in Ireland, the orchid-rich variant of 6210 (\*6210) and \*6230, are accorded priority status (i.e. habitats in danger of disappearance and whose natural range falls within the territory of the European Union). Priority Annex I habitats are conventionally listed with the habitat

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<sup>1</sup> Festuco-Brometalia is an old synonym for the order Brometalia-erecti. It is *not* synonymous with the class Festuco-Brometea as indicated in Fossitt (2000)

code preceded by an asterisk '\*'. Throughout this report, [\*]6210 is used to denote both 6210 and the priority orchid-rich variant together.

Three distinct communities can be considered for the 6430 habitat in Ireland. The first is a lowland community of watercourses, particularly of unmanaged edges of slow-moving rivers and lake margins. The second occurs in the uplands on ungrazed or lightly grazed cliff ledges, typically occurring as small individual patches less than one metre across. The third variant is another lowland community that possibly occurs as a nitrophilous tall-herb community of woodland edges, referred to as a 'saum' community. However, this community has been little studied in Ireland (see Wilmanns and Brun-Hool 1982) and further investigation and discussion is required to determine if Ireland supports any examples worthy of Annex I status. The first two community types were assessed for the recent National Conservation Assessments (NPWS 2013); however, only the first lowland community was surveyed during the ISGS, and then only if it occurred in association with grassland.

As semi-natural grasslands in Ireland almost always exist within farming systems, agri-environment schemes such as the Rural Environmental Protection Scheme (REPS), the Agri-Environment Options Scheme (AEOS) and the NPWS Farm Plan Scheme are expected to contribute to the conservation of semi-natural grassland. Regional conservation projects are also impacting positively on the status of semi-natural grasslands. Wilson and Fernández (2013) report on initiatives in improved land use management by the BurrenLIFE Project and Burren Farming for Conservation Project (Anon. 2013) that aim to reduce current pressures and future threats, such as inappropriate grazing regimes and scrub encroachment within the Burren area.

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### **1.5 Assessment and monitoring of Irish grasslands**

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The monitoring and assessment of the Annex I grassland habitats located within the State started with 33 orchid-rich calcareous grassland sites (\*6210) and nine species-rich *Nardus* grasslands (\*6230) being surveyed during 2006 (Dwyer *et al.* 2007). The methodology employed for the monitoring and assessment adapted those published by the EU (Anon. 2006), the Joint Nature Conservancy Council (JNCC) in Britain (JNCC 2004) and the methodology already utilised for dune systems in Ireland (Ryle *et al.* 2009). Following on from Dwyer *et al.* (2007), Annex I grassland monitoring was an integral part of the Irish Semi-natural Grasslands Survey, with the monitoring results published in Martin *et al.* (2007, 2008) and O'Neill *et al.* (2009, 2010). Additional studies of Annex I grassland habitats within Ireland include studies of the Shannon Callows (Heery 1991, Heery and Keane 1999) and Calaminarian grasslands (Holyoak 2008), the latter study having a particular emphasis on bryophytes. The National Parks and Wildlife Service published *The Status of EU Protected Habitats and Species in Ireland* (NPWS 2013) and this lists the overall conservation status of each of the Annex I grassland habitats as *Bad*.

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## 1.6 Scope of this report

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This document reports on a survey of semi-natural grassland and marsh communities in counties Clare and Mayo, conducted in summer 2011, and counties Galway, Kerry, Limerick and Tipperary carried out in summer 2012, which represent the fourth and fifth years (the final two years) of the *Irish Semi-natural Grasslands Survey* (ISGS). It follows on from the surveys of Donegal, Dublin, Kildare and Sligo grasslands in 2010 (O'Neill *et al.* 2010), Cavan, Leitrim, Longford and Monaghan grasslands in 2009 (O'Neill *et al.* 2009) and Cork and Waterford grasslands in 2008 (Martin *et al.* 2008). A pilot survey was also carried out in 2007 to examine Offaly and Roscommon grasslands (Martin *et al.* 2007). The remit of the project in the final two years was to survey 400 sites across the remaining 14 counties, recording relevés in each of the semi-natural grassland types which occur, and to map all habitat types found at each site using GIS. A further aim was to conduct a conservation assessment of any Annex I grassland habitats found. In addition, a scheme to assess the conservation value of each site as a whole was used to highlight important sites. The five western seaboard counties of Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick and Mayo, together with Tipperary, are reported on here; the remaining eight Leinster counties – Carlow, Kilkenny, Laois, Louth, Meath, Westmeath, Wexford and Wicklow – are covered by a separate report (Martin *et al.* 2013). Data from the survey were to be combined across all 26 counties to evaluate existing classification systems and to create an objective classification that described the diversity of vegetation types found. As noted above, this final vegetation classification encompassing all semi-natural grassland sites surveyed between 2007 and 2012 during the ISGS are detailed in a separate document (O'Neill *et al.* 2013). This report will primarily focus on results from the 2011-2012 field season as carried out in Tipperary and the five western seaboard counties listed above.

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## 1.7 Study area

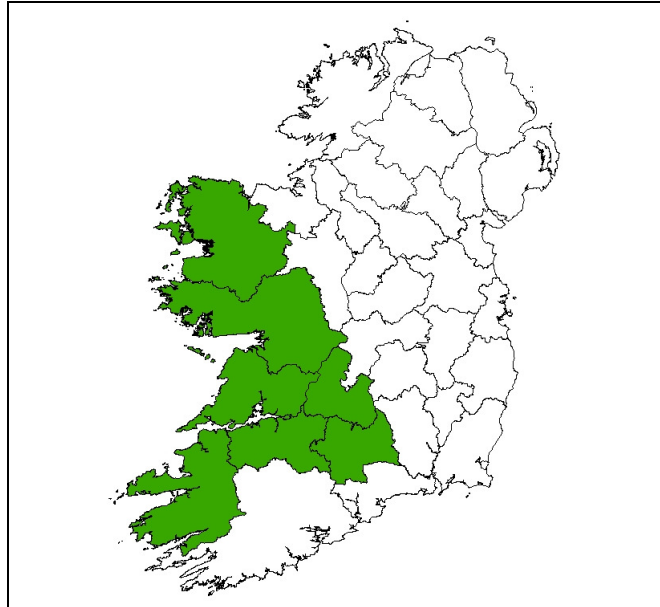
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The six counties within the survey area are located in the west of Ireland and south-midlands (Fig. 1.1), with the biggest counties, Galway (6,150 km<sup>2</sup>) and Mayo (5,588 km<sup>2</sup>), being the most northerly of the six, and Kerry, the next largest (4,748 km<sup>2</sup>), the most southerly. The remaining counties in order of decreasing area are Tipperary (4,305 km<sup>2</sup>), Clare (3,242 km<sup>2</sup>) and Limerick (2,687 km<sup>2</sup>) (OSI 2013a). Geographically, Mayo hosts the most northerly point of the six counties surveyed, at the Stags of Broad Haven, uninhabited off-shore islands, while Kerry's Blasket Islands form the most westerly location in the country.

Agriculturally, the counties are distributed across four regions: the Central Statistics Office lists Galway and Mayo within the West region, Limerick, Clare and North Tipperary within the Mid-West region, South Tipperary within the South-East region and Kerry within the South-West region (CSO 2007). The most westerly seaboard areas, within which Mayo, Galway, Clare and Kerry are located, are agriculturally less well developed than the more easterly counties of Limerick and Tipperary. This is evidenced by the much smaller farm sizes in the West region: less than 25 ha, compared to over 40 ha in the South-East region. Farms in the Mid-West and South-West regions range between 33 ha

and 40 ha, with those in Clare, Limerick and Kerry between 33 ha and 35 ha, and North Tipperary close to 40 ha on average (CSO 2012). The four regions also differ in terms of the main farm types recorded there, with the West region having a high proportion of sheep farms, compared to the specialist tillage farms that proportionally dominate in the South-East, and dairy farms in the Mid-West and South-West regions (CSO 2012).

**Figure 1.1** Map of Ireland showing the survey area of counties Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary (Ordnance Survey Ireland Licence No EN 0059208 © Ordnance Survey Ireland / Government of Ireland).



Mayo and Galway are in the province of Connacht, while Clare, Limerick, Kerry and Tipperary are in the province of Munster. Of these six counties, only Tipperary is landlocked, the five others having varying lengths of coastline along the Atlantic Ocean. The Mayo coastline is not only the longest of the six counties surveyed (1,168 km), but also the longest in Ireland. The Mayo coastline is followed in size by the coastlines of Galway (689 km), Kerry (684 km), Clare (366 km) and lastly Limerick (95 km) (Anon. 1996). The coastal habitats of Mayo and Galway include machair (\*21A0), a priority habitat in Ireland under EU law. Six coastal SACs listing machair as a qualifying interest have been designated in Mayo and another six in Galway; a further five SACs in Mayo and four in Galway list machair as being present. Machair is a special form of coastal grassland habitat which was surveyed as part of the coastal monitoring project (Ryle *et al.* 2009) and sand dunes monitoring project (Delaney *et al.* 2013). However, under Fossitt (2000) machair is listed as CD6, a sand dune habitat, and is therefore not within the remit of this survey.

Overall, regional differences in climate are small and, as is to be expected, with all six counties for this report being adjacent to each other, there are no significant differences between them climatically. The northwest is wetter than the other counties surveyed, with average annual rainfall (30-year average between 1981 and 2010) ranging from 1,245 mm at the weather station in Belmullet, Co.

Mayo to 948 mm at the weather station in Gurteen College, Co. Tipperary (Met Éireann 2013). In terms of temperatures, the northwest's climate is seen to be cooler in summer than the other counties surveyed, with a July mean temperature of 14.9°C in Mayo, compared to 16.4°C in Clare and 15.6°C in Tipperary. However, the winters in the northwest are milder, with a January mean of 6.3°C in Mayo, compared to 6.0°C in Clare and 5.4°C in Tipperary.

In terms of relief, Ireland can be described as being saucer-shaped due to its relatively low, flat midlands being surrounded by a ring of coastal mountains. The mountains found in Mayo and Galway, such as Croagh Patrick and the Twelve Bens, formed during the Caledonian fold movement and tend to run in a northeast to southwest direction (Freeman 1950). Kerry contains four of the five highest peaks in Ireland, Carrauntoohil (1,038 m), Beenkeragh (1,010 m) and Caher (1,001 m) which are in the MacGillycuddy Reeks, and Mount Brandon (951 m) in the Brandon Mountains (OSI 2013b). Mountains found in Kerry and the other counties within the Munster province formed during the Armorican fold movement and run in an east-west direction, forming a ridge and valley landscape (Freeman 1950). Limestone-floored lowland is found between these two different mountain formations. Bedrock digital maps from the Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI 2013) show that the limestone bedrock extends from the midlands to reach the Atlantic Ocean along the Shannon Estuary and at Galway Bay, Clew Bay and Killala Bay. The area where this limestone bedrock is most evident is in the Burren, which covers a region of north Clare and south Galway. The Burren is one of Europe's finest examples of a glaciated karst landscape (Dunford 2002) where, due to glacial activity, the limestone pavement has had soil stripped away leaving either bare limestone rock, or limestone rock thinly covered by soil. Farming practices within the Burren such as winter grazing contribute to the maintenance of the area as grassland by the prevention of scrub recolonisation.

A review of the principal soil and sub-soil types, using the digital soil maps of Fealy *et al.* (2006), shows that eskers and moraines extend westwards from Dublin to Galway and northwards from Galway to Mayo. The north of Mayo, particularly the western region, has a high proportion of blanket peats and some cutaway peat. Moving south along the coast, acidic rock becomes more frequent as a parent material, particularly in southwest Mayo and western Galway. East of this coastal band of acidic rock is a band of calcareous rock, which runs from Castlebar in Mayo in a southerly direction as far as Rathkeale in Limerick. As with Mayo and Galway, the western coastal areas of Clare and Kerry, as well as the western part of Limerick, comprise a mixture of acidic rock and blanket peats. An extensive band of cutover peat runs from east Mayo, through east Galway and down through east Tipperary.

Over 50% of all the fresh water in the Republic is found within the six counties of this report. Lough Corrib (176 km<sup>2</sup>) in Co. Galway is the largest lake in the Republic of Ireland. This is followed by Lough Derg (118 km<sup>2</sup>) which sits on the county borders of Tipperary, Galway and Clare. Approximately 5% of the total area of both Mayo and Galway comprises fresh water, while Limerick has the smallest area of fresh water (8.9 km<sup>2</sup>) of the counties in the study area – less than 0.5% of its

total area (OSI 2013a, 2013b). The lake habitats of the six counties include turloughs (\*3180), a priority habitat in Ireland under EU law. Six SACs listing turloughs as a qualifying interest have been designated in Clare; three of these extend into Galway, which has a further 17 SACs where turloughs are listed as a qualifying interest. Mayo has nine SACs which list turloughs as a qualifying interest. Turloughs are also present in Kerry, Tipperary and Limerick, but are not listed as qualifying interests within SACs. Turloughs are ephemeral lakes, occurring in limestone areas, which support a wide range of plant communities, including wet grassland. All areas within the normal high flood limit are considered part of the turlough habitat; however, grassland vegetation communities within this high flood limit were not within the remit of this survey. For information on the vegetation of turloughs refer to Sharkey (2012), and Kimberley and Waldren (in prep). Important river systems are also located within the study area with the River Shannon influencing five of the six counties, defining borders between Tipperary, Clare and Galway, and the estuary defining the Limerick, north Kerry and south Clare coastline. Central Mayo is dominated by the River Moy.



## 2: METHODS

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### 2.1 Site selection

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The target for this project in 2011-2012 was to visit and record at least one relevé in 400 sites across 14 counties: Carlow, Clare, Galway, Kerry, Kilkenny, Laois, Limerick, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Tipperary, Westmeath, Wexford and Wicklow. Clare, Mayo, Meath and Westmeath were surveyed in 2011, and the remaining ten counties were surveyed in 2012. This report gives the findings for the six Connacht and Munster counties surveyed between 2011 and 2012: Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary. The findings for the eight Leinster counties are given in a separate report (Martin *et al.* 2013). The target number of sites for the six Connacht and Munster counties was 326. The number of sites selected in each county was calculated based on a combination of the size of the county and the amount of agricultural intensification within each county (Lafferty *et al.* 1999). A further downward adjustment of potential survey area was made by excluding all upland SACs from this survey to prevent overlap with the National Survey of Upland Habitats (Perrin *et al.* 2011, 2012, 2013; Roche *et al.* 2009, 2011a, 2011b, 2012a, 2012b). Based on these criteria, the six Connacht and Munster (western) counties were expected to contain relatively large amounts of semi-natural grassland and most were assigned a high target number of sites. Clare, Galway and Mayo had targets exceeding 50 (57, 92 and 111 respectively), while Kerry, Limerick and Tipperary had lower targets of 31, 14 and 21 sites per county.

Sites were primarily selected by interpretation of aerial orthographical photographs (2005 Ordnance Survey of Ireland series) and six-inch maps. Every effort was made to select an even geographic spread of sites. However, the method used in the earlier years of this project (2008-2009) of selecting 3-5 sites per 10 km grid square was found to be unworkable due to the uneven distribution of potential grassland sites, due mainly to the occurrence of extensive areas of bog, upland heath, urban housing and improved agricultural land within the survey area. Therefore, there were many occurrences of 10 km squares that contained no potential grassland sites for survey. Despite the unevenness of grassland habitat distribution, however, the number of sites to be surveyed in each county was maintained as per the calculations made above. As in previous years, additional sites were selected to allow for those that would not be surveyed due to problems such as a lack of semi-natural grassland habitats or denial of access by landowners.

In addition to this stratified sampling of the survey area, the criteria listed below were considered during site prioritisation to ensure that a broad range of semi-natural grassland sites was included in the survey:

- National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) conservation sites<sup>2</sup>, particularly those having an Annex I grassland habitat listed as a qualifying interest within the site.
- Large areas of semi-natural grassland for which few or no data are currently available.

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<sup>2</sup> Note that, throughout this report, the term 'NPWS conservation sites' is used to refer collectively to NHAs, proposed NHAs (pNHAs), SACs and SPAs

- Sites which occur on different soil and sub-soil types, as indicated by the digital soils map of Fealy *et al.* (2006).
- Sites that represent the geographical variation that exists in the study area, such as altitudinal range, with the exclusion noted above of upland SACs.
- Sites identified by the National Survey of Upland Habitats (Perrin *et al.* 2011; Roche *et al.* 2009) as containing the Annex I grassland habitat Species-rich *Nardus* grassland (\*6230), for which more data were desirable.
- Sites associated with important landscape features (e.g., eskers).
- Sites adjacent to river systems and lakes, ensuring a representative sample of wet grasslands and marshes.
- Sites highlighted by previous publications, such as Dwyer *et al.* (2007), which had highlighted semi-natural grassland of conservation value.
- Sites containing rare plant records, such as *Alchemilla alpina* and *Carum verticillatum*, from the NPWS rare plant records database.
- Information from the Botanical Survey of the British Isles (BSBI) county recorders.
- Information from NPWS regional staff.

Each of the criteria listed above was used in conjunction with the 2005 set of aerial orthographical photographs, which were used either to identify or to confirm all sites.

A subjective approach to site selection was adopted for this survey, primarily due to the practical constraints on the project and the need to acquire a critical mass of data for several habitat types. For example, for rarer grassland habitats, such as marsh, it was desirable to include a minimum number of sites within the survey to ensure that a reasonable level of information about this habitat type was obtained. It was also desirable to survey NPWS conservation sites, such as SACs, that contained semi-natural grassland so that comparisons could be made with sites outside this network. Given that a limited number of sites could be surveyed within the financial and time limits of the project, a purely randomised approach could well have omitted some or all of these sites. A similar case can be made for most of the criteria listed above. Furthermore, difficulties with obtaining access permission and accurately identifying semi-natural grassland habitats from aerial photographs and GIS datasets made a randomisation approach to site selection unworkable.

*For the location and summary data of all sites see Appendices 1 and 2.*

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## **2.2 General site survey**

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For all sites selected for field survey, a site pack was compiled. Each site pack included a cover sheet that detailed general site information for the field surveyors (e.g., townlands, geology, soil types, grid reference), a six-inch map, an aerial photograph of the site at a scale appropriate for mapping, and copies of any previous survey notes. Fully charged-up electronic handheld Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) loaded with TurbovegCE version 1.5 for recording site and relevé data were

carried by each team of two. Paper data sheets (Appendix 3) were also carried for recording general site data, Annex I grassland habitat assessment data and Annex I grassland habitat impacts, as well as for recording site and relevé species in the event of PDA battery failure. Copies of the Annex I grassland habitat assessment criteria (Appendix 5) and impact criteria (Appendix 7) were also carried by individual surveyors.

For each selected site, a decision was made upon arrival in the field on the validity of surveying it, based on the presence of semi-natural grassland habitats and the area they covered: sites with semi-natural grassland covering less than the minimum site size of 0.5 ha were rejected (with some exceptions; see below). Similarly, sites deemed to be comprised primarily of improved grassland or non-grassland habitat (e.g., heath, scrub) were rejected. Permission was sought from the owner or owners of a site before entering and whenever possible the management of the site was discussed with the landowner. Sites for which access was denied were rejected. In some cases landowners were contacted by telephone before leaving for a site by using the Land Direct on-line service ([www.landdirect.ie](http://www.landdirect.ie)) provided by the Land Registry Office. For a small fee the name and address of the registered landowner for a particular site could be obtained. Eircom's on-line telephone directory ([www.eircomphonebook.ie](http://www.eircomphonebook.ie)) was then utilised to find telephone numbers.

Sites at which recent habitat loss had reduced the area of suitable habitat to less than 0.5 ha were rejected. An exception was made for sites found to contain only a small area of a nationally rare Annex I grassland habitat (e.g., Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities (6430)). Areas of non-grassland habitat (such as woodland) more than 400 m<sup>2</sup> in area and linear habitats (such as rivers) more than 4 m wide were excluded from the site. Species-poor *Molinia*-dominated vegetation on deeper (more than 0.5 m deep), often degraded peats were deemed to be peatland, or degraded wet heath if in the uplands, and excluded from the site. Areas of improved grassland (GA under Fossitt (2000)) that had recently been ploughed, re-seeded with *Lolium perenne* and *Trifolium repens*, drained and/or fertilised were also excluded. Areas with significant cover of *Sphagnum* species were also not surveyed, generally being categorised as fen, flush or bog, unless these areas represented the fen-meadow variant of the EU Annex I habitat *Molinia* meadows (6410).

The EU Annex I habitat 6430 Hydrophilous tall-herb fringe communities was within the remit of the survey, although swamp habitats in general were not. For the 2011 and 2012 field seasons, at the discretion of the surveyors, areas of tall herb swamp, even though they may not have corresponded to the Annex I habitat, could be included within a site where they existed with other semi-natural grassland habitats.

Some intermediate, semi-improved grassland types were retained within sites, especially if it was considered that such areas were of potential conservation importance if negative practices such as overgrazing or fertiliser application were to be removed. When semi-improved grassland habitats were recorded, an 'i' was inserted into the Fossitt category of the habitat type deemed to have been

present prior to improvement. Thus, for example, GSi4 denotes semi-improved wet grassland of potential conservation value.

The following details were recorded for each site surveyed. Unless otherwise indicated, these details were recorded on the general site data sheet:

**Internal habitats:** All habitats that were observed within the boundaries of a site were noted. The internal grassland habitats recorded within each site were categorised as Annex I grassland habitats (Anon. 2007), non-Annex I semi-natural grassland habitats (Fossitt 2000) or semi-improved grassland. Non-grassland habitats, as defined by Fossitt (2000), that were below the minimum mapping area (<400 m<sup>2</sup>) or mapping width (<4 m) were also listed and retained within the site.

Following Dwyer *et al.* (2007), no differentiation was made in the field between the Annex I habitat Semi-natural dry grassland and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (6210) and the priority Annex I habitat Semi-natural dry grassland and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates – important orchid sites (\*6210). The main reason for Dwyer *et al.* (2007) not distinguishing orchid-rich sites is the ephemeral nature of orchids, with large orchid populations present one year and absent the next. Therefore all areas referred to as <sup>[1]</sup>6210 in this report may potentially include areas of the priority habitat.

**Adjacent habitats:** Adjacent habitats, including boundary habitats such as hedgerows or walls, observed during the field survey, were recorded for each site using the categories defined by Fossitt (2000). Areas of non-grassland habitat greater than the minimum mapping area, which were mapped out of the site, were also listed as adjacent habitats.

**Site geography:** Any geographical feature associated with the site, such as a hill, valley, drumlin or lake, was recorded. In addition, seasonal flooding, if observed or thought to occur on the site, was noted. Topography (e.g., upper slope, lower slope) was not recorded at site level in 2011-2012, unlike years 2007-2009 of the project, as this was found to be too broad a level to provide useful information. Topography of relevés, however, was recorded (see section 2.3 below).

**Site management:** Semi-natural grasslands are habitats that require some human management, in most cases grazing or mowing. Land managers were consulted, wherever possible, to ascertain current management practices. Variables recorded include frequency and timing of grazing/mowing, type of livestock, fertiliser application and burning.

**Fauna:** In addition to domestic animals such as cattle, sheep and horses using grassland for pasture, there are also several relatively common wild animals that utilise semi-natural grassland habitats; some may contribute to the overall maintenance of the habitat, for example, by grazing (e.g., deer), while others simply use the habitats for foraging (e.g., badger). The presence of such species was recorded. Anthills were also recorded within the fauna section, as there is evidence that they can indicate the presence of old semi-natural grassland (Breen and O'Brien 1995). Observations of Annex II species of animals (EU Habitats Directive), such as marsh fritillary, or Annex I species of birds (EU Birds Directive), such as chough, were also recorded.

**Damaging operations:** Three damaging operations were listed on the general site data sheet: drainage, dumping and recent afforestation in the vicinity. The occurrence of dumping at a site can be associated with illegal activities, whereas drainage and afforestation represent changes in management practice which are typically detrimental to semi-natural grassland habitats. Burning is included under site management. Camp fires were recorded separately as a damaging operation under 'Other'. Grazing levels (overgrazing, undergrazing and appropriate grazing) and encroachment (scrub, heath and bracken) were not recorded at a site level in 2011-2012, unlike years 2007-2009 of the project, as these data were found to be recorded at too coarse a resolution to be entirely useful; all three grazing levels were frequently recorded at sites, and a small amount of encroachment was accorded the same weighting on a small site as a large site, despite being proportionately more damaging in the smaller site. Scrub, heath and bracken were still recorded as adjacent habitats where they were large enough to be mapped out or as internal habitats if they were smaller than the minimum mapping area. Grazing and encroachment were, however, recorded separately if they impacted on Annex I grassland habitats (see section 2.4).

**Archaeological features:** Any archaeological feature (e.g., lazy beds, ringforts) present on a site was recorded.

**Habitat mapping:** A habitat map of the site was drawn in the field using the colour aerial photograph in the site pack as a base map. A handheld GPS (Garmin GPS 76 with MapSource) was used in the field to accurately map site boundaries, areas of Annex I grassland habitats (Anon. 2007), non-Annex I semi-natural grasslands (Fossitt 2000) and semi-improved grassland habitats, particularly where these were not visible on the photograph. The minimum mapping unit for habitats was 400 m<sup>2</sup>, with a minimum habitat width of 4 m. An accurate habitat map of each site was produced using these data within ArcGIS 9.3.

**Site area:** The surveyed site area in hectares was derived from the ArcGIS habitat maps as accurately as is possible in the absence of a Digital Terrain Model (DTM). In the absence of a DTM, areas of habitat on steep slopes are likely to be underestimated due to the fact that only a vertical projection has been used to calculate area.

**Site summary:** In addition to the specific site data gathered and recorded on the general site data field sheet, a general description of each site was also written. A specific format was adhered to when writing descriptions of the sites. Included within these descriptions were:

- A summary of the location and geography of the site
- A description of the habitats and vegetation types present at the site
- A summary of management at the site and any damaging activities
- Rare, protected or notable species recorded at the site
- Archaeological features recorded on site
- Any relevant information given by the landowner / locals.

*General site survey results are in section 3.1.*

*Summary information on the grassland habitats recorded at each site is in Appendix 4.*

**Site species list:** For the semi-natural grassland habitats present at each site, a comprehensive list of vascular plant species and the major components of the bryophyte flora found were input into a Turboveg database (TurbovegCE 1.5) on the PDA; these data were subsequently downloaded to a Microsoft® Access relational database. The site bryophyte list was supplemented, particularly in the case of smaller and less obvious taxa, by the intensive sampling conducted within each relevé; macro-lichens were also recorded from relevés and added to the site list. Identification of bryophytes and lichens in the laboratory was conducted as required and problematic species were referred to an expert. Species names used throughout the survey for vascular plants, bryophytes and macro-lichens are according to the current Irish National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) species checklist; at the time of writing, this is Ireland2008v2.

As noted above, the site species list was input into the Turboveg database. The remainder of the site data, with the exception of the habitat maps, were input into the Access database. When there was ownership information available for a site, this was also added to the Access database. Digital photographs were taken at all of the surveyed sites, and all of these images were submitted on DVD with the ArcGIS project.

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### 2.3 Relevé survey

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A minimum of one 2 m x 2 m relevé was recorded from within each semi-natural grassland habitat area mapped in each site. Multiple relevés were recorded where there was significant variation in the sward composition within a habitat type, for example, in transitional areas, or where Annex I grassland habitat assessments were conducted. For each relevé, a 10-figure grid reference was obtained using a GPS unit, and topography, altitude (from the OSi Discovery Series of maps or GPS unit), slope and aspect were recorded.

Cover in vertical projection for each vascular and bryophyte species was recorded on the Domin scale (Kent and Coker 1992), as were other general parameters: bare soil, bare rock, leaf litter, surface water, total field layer and total bryophyte cover. The Domin scale is superior to the Braun-Blanquet scale as the greater number of recording subdivisions permits more variation in vegetation composition to be detected in subsequent analysis. It also provides for a more sensitive means of monitoring changes in sward composition over time.

For each relevé, additional data were also recorded to define the structure of the grassland within the 2 m x 2 m plot. These were:

- Overall cover of forbs (broadleaf herbs, omitting ferns and horsetails), measured on the Domin scale;
- Ratio of % forb cover to % graminoid (grass / sedge / rush) cover;
- An estimate of the median graminoid height (omitting flowering heads of grasses unless significant in area, and omitting small clumps of taller species);
- An estimate of the median forb height;
- A digital photograph of the relevé.

Five soil sub-samples were taken from each relevé (one from the centre and one from each corner) with an aluminium corer to a depth of 10 cm, and combined for analysis. Soil pH of field-fresh material was recorded using a glass electrode and a 1:1 soil / water paste. Soil samples were air-dried and retained for subsequent laboratory analyses of total organic carbon and total phosphorus. During 2012, soil samples were collected from most relevés but only a sub-set of samples, mainly from Annex I relevés, was analysed as above: the majority were not analysed but instead dried and sent to a storage facility in the Agriculture and Food Science Centre in University College Dublin. A soil profile was examined to a minimum depth of 20 cm, and the soil type was defined according to a simplified version of the Great Soil Groups of Gardiner and Radford (1980) with the aid of the soil identification key in Trudgill (1989). The simplified categories are as follows:

- Well-drained mineral: includes brown earths, grey/brown podzolics and brown podzolics
- Gleys: includes gleys and peaty gleys
- Podzols
- Basin peats
- Lowland blanket bog peats
- Upland peats
- Other: includes rendzinas, regosols, lithosols, skeletal soils, alluvial soils and some coastal soils such as shallow peat over sand.

All of the above relevé data, with the exception of the digital photographs, were added directly to the Turboveg database (one database was used to hold both site and relevé data) and subsequently downloaded to the Access database. All digital images were submitted on DVD with the ArcMap project.

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#### **2.4 Assessment of Annex I grassland**

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The conservation status of all mapped areas of Annex I grassland habitat within the six western counties surveyed in 2011-2012 was assessed. The methodology used was similar to that used by the NPWS for their survey of dune systems (Ryle *et al.* 2009) and grassland (Dwyer *et al.* 2007), with subsequent adjustments to criteria made over the course of the ISGS in previous years (Martin *et al.* 2007, 2008; O'Neill *et al.* 2009, 2010). *JNCC Common Standards Monitoring Guidelines* (JNCC 2004) were used as a guide to help evaluate the conservation status of the habitats in conjunction with the *Interpretation manual of European Union habitats* (Anon. 2007) and explanatory notes and guidelines for Article 17 assessment given by Evans and Arvela (2011). All relevés recorded during the entire course of the ISGS (2007 to 2012) were re-checked for correspondence to Annex I habitats, and all Annex I relevés identified were assessed using a unified set of assessment criteria that were finalised for the National Conservation Assessments (NCAs) of Annex I grassland habitats. These NCAs were completed in 2013 as part of Ireland's reporting commitments under Article 17 of the EU Habitats Directive (NPWS 2013). The assessment criteria used are described below for each of the Annex I grassland habitats recorded during the ISGS in 2011-2012.

For each habitat assessment, three parameters were scored: area, structure and functions, and future prospects. For a habitat at a site to receive an overall assessment of *Favourable*, the habitat had to be assessed as *Favourable* within each of the three assessment parameters (Table 2.1). Any deviation from stability, as indicated by a negative change in area, structure and functions (determined by defined criteria assessed at monitoring stops; see Appendices 5 and 6) or future prospects (determined by defined criteria assessed at the Annex I habitat level; see Appendices 7 and 8), implies a negative impact, and the assessment is affected accordingly.

**Table 2.1** Summary matrix of the parameters and conditions required to assess the conservation status of habitats (modified from Ryle *et al.* (2009)).

	Favourable	Unfavourable -Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
<b>Area</b>	Stable	>0% - <1% decline/year	≥1% decline/year
<b>Structure &amp; Functions</b>	Stable	1 – 25% monitoring stops decline/failure	>25% monitoring stops decline/failure
<b>Future Prospects</b>	Good (≥0)	Poor (<0 to -3)	Bad (<-3)
<b>Overall</b>	All green	Combination of green and / or amber	One or more red

*Results of Annex I grassland assessments are in section 3.2 as follows:*

*Area assessment: p. 43; Structure and functions: p. 43 and Appendix 6; Future prospects: p. 44 and Appendix 8; Overall condition assessment: Appendix 9*

**Area assessment**

Loss of extent was assessed by comparing the area of the Annex I grassland habitat mapped during the 2011-2012 surveys with the estimated extent of the habitat apparent in 2000 following interpretation of aerial photographs from 2000. This comparison was made using ArcMap. While small changes in area were difficult to detect, this was nonetheless regarded as the best approach for the baseline assessment in the absence of an established monitoring scheme. On a technical note, the 2005 aerial photographs have been utilised when producing base maps, with the 2011-2012 boundaries superimposed over them. There was therefore an unavoidable bias towards the 2005 extent, with small habitat changes (such as scrub encroachment of less than 400 m<sup>2</sup>) that occurred between 2005 and 2011 or 2012 not being mapped. However, changes in extent greater than 400 m<sup>2</sup> were mapped and these changes were reflected in the overall final percentage area change (see results in section 3.2 below).

**Structure and functions assessment**

The information required for the structure and functions assessment was recorded at monitoring stops, as described in Ryle *et al.* (2009). Areas of Annex I grassland habitat measuring less than 400 m<sup>2</sup> were usually not assessed, unless the habitat was particularly rare and deficient in data either nationally or regionally, such as the Annex I habitat Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities (6430). In cases where the area was only slightly larger than 400 m<sup>2</sup>, only one or two monitoring stops were recorded to avoid stops being positioned adjacent to each other. Where the habitat area was large enough, a minimum of four monitoring stops were recorded, with an increasing number of stops



recorded with increasing area. Table 2.2 shows the scale used to determine the number of monitoring stops to record; this table was proposed in O'Neill *et al.* (2009) to ensure adequate coverage of the Annex I grassland habitat. At each monitoring stop a full relevé was also recorded, with the exception of soil data, which were generally only recorded from the first stop in each Annex I grassland habitat. Each series of monitoring stops was positioned to encompass the variation that existed within the habitat, but did not usually include seriously disturbed areas or areas with very high levels of encroachment. Structure and functions were assessed at each monitoring stop using a number of factors, namely: forb to graminoid ratio, high quality species, positive indicator species, negative indicator species, scrub and bracken encroachment, sward height, litter cover, extent of bare ground, and grazing and disturbance levels. Threshold values for each of these criteria differ for each of the Annex I grassland habitats assessed (Appendix 5). For the Annex I habitat to receive a *Favourable* assessment for structure and functions, a pass was generally required for all criteria within all monitoring stops; however, high quality sites which narrowly failed on only one or two criteria were re-examined and, using expert judgement, a decision was made on whether a *Favourable* assessment for structure and functions was warranted. Components of structure and functions that were found to vary seasonally, such as sward height, litter, bare ground or disturbance levels, were all considered in the context of the date that the area was surveyed.

**Table 2.2** Monitoring stop scale for Annex I grassland habitats

Area (ha)	Number of monitoring stops
<0.04	0
0.04 - 0.25	2
>0.25 – 4	4
>4 – 8	6
>8 – 16	8
>16 – 32	10
>32 – 64	12
>64	14+

For each of the Annex I grassland habitats found within Ireland, the general approaches taken by Dwyer *et al.* (2007) and JNCC (2004) were adopted when compiling the structure and functions criteria. The *Interpretation Manual of European Union Habitats* (Anon. 2007) and White and Doyle (1982) were also consulted to produce working lists of positive indicator species for each Annex I grassland habitat. As the ISGS progressed from 2007 to 2012, the structure and functions criteria were revised based on the data collected in the field. Only native Irish plant species were considered for inclusion as positive indicator species. No woody species, such as *Calluna vulgaris* or *Dryas octopetala*, were considered as positive indicator species for the Annex I grassland habitats, as woody species are often indicative of a lack of management or of communities where succession is occurring. To assist surveyors in identifying each of the Annex I habitats, key species or habitat management were sometimes highlighted. For example, Lowland hay meadows (6510) will almost always be managed as a traditional hay meadow, at least in the recent past, and *Molinia* meadows (6410) will usually contain some *Molinia caerulea*. High quality indicator species that are indicative either of a particular Annex I habitat or of habitat quality were also chosen to assist in the identification

and assessment of Annex I grassland habitats. For the Annex I habitats <sup>[\*]</sup>6210, 6410 and 6510, all orchid species were considered to indicate good habitat quality and were included as high quality indicator species.

The final structure and functions criteria for each Annex I habitat (Appendix 5) were applied *post hoc* to all assessment relevés recorded between 2007 and 2012. A summary of the process applied to produce the list of positive indicator species for each of the Annex I habitats is given below.

- Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (*Festuco-Brometalia*); important orchid sites (\*6210)

The list of positive indicator species (Table 2.3) includes the 10 species listed in Anon. (2007) that are native to Ireland; the orchid species listed in Anon. (2007) are not specifically listed in Table 2.3 as the presence of any orchid species within the Annex I habitat is a positive indicator. In addition, all the indicator species listed for <sup>[\*]</sup>6210 by Dwyer *et al.* (2007) were considered for inclusion within the final list of positive indicator species.

**Table 2.3** Positive indicator species used to assess the structure and functions of the Annex I habitat <sup>[\*]</sup>6210.

The three sources for the indicator species are listed; high quality indicators are denoted by an asterisk. Note that all orchid species recorded within this habitat are considered to be high quality indicator species. *Leontodon saxatilis* is only included as a positive indicator species when *Leontodon hispidus* is not present in the habitat.

Anon. (2007)	Dwyer <i>et al.</i> (2007)	ISGS data (2007-12)
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria*</i>	<i>Antennaria dioica*</i>	<i>Helictotrichon pubescens</i>
<i>Arabis hirsuta</i>	<i>Asperula cynanchica*</i>	<i>Homalothecium lutescens</i>
<i>Brachypodium pinnatum</i>	<i>Blackstonia perfoliata*</i>	<i>Knautia arvensis*</i>
<i>Bromopsis erecta</i>	<i>Briza media*</i>	<i>Koeleria macrantha*</i>
<i>Carex caryophyllea*</i>	<i>Campanula rotundifolia*</i>	<i>Linum catharticum*</i>
<i>Carlina vulgaris*</i>	<i>Carex flacca</i>	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>
<i>Centaurea scabiosa*</i>	<i>Daucus carota</i>	<i>Origanum vulgare</i>
<i>Leontodon hispidus/saxatilis</i>	<i>Filipendula vulgaris*</i>	<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>
<i>Primula veris*</i>	<i>Galium verum</i>	<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>
<i>Sanguisorba minor*</i>	<i>Gentiana verna*</i>	<i>Sesleria albicans</i>
	<i>Gentianella</i>	
	<i>campestris/amarella*</i>	<i>Trisetum flavescens</i>
	<i>Geranium sanguineum*</i>	

\*species that are considered as high quality indicators

After comparing the list of positive indicator species proposed by Dwyer *et al.* (2007) with the ISGS (2007-2012) dataset, it was decided to remove *Conopodium majus* from the indicator species list due to its occurrence in calcareous, neutral and acidic habitats. *Thymus polytrichus* and *Ctenidium molluscum* were added to the list, as both are calcicole species that are frequently recorded in the <sup>[\*]</sup>6210 habitat. Frequent forb species that are associated with agriculturally improved grassland, such as *Trifolium repens*, or slightly more mesotrophic grasslands, such as *Trifolium pratense* or *Plantago lanceolata*, were not considered for inclusion within the list of positive indicator species. With the exception of *Briza media*, none of the graminoid species that were frequently recorded within the <sup>[\*]</sup>6210 dataset, such as *Anthoxanthum odoratum* and *Festuca rubra*, were considered to be

particularly indicative either of the <sup>[\*]</sup>6210 habitat or of good structure and functions within this Annex I habitat. Finally, species that frequently occur within the <sup>[\*]</sup>6210 habitat but are more characteristic of damper conditions, such as *Succisa pratensis*, or acidic conditions, such as *Potentilla erecta*, were also not included within the list of positive indicator species for this Annex I habitat.

The character species listed for the Festuco-Brometea class and Mesobromion alliance (White and Doyle 1982) were considered for addition to the list of positive indicator species but it was decided that the species listed in Table 2.3 already included the most suitable candidates listed in White and Doyle (1982).

If the <sup>[\*]</sup>6210 grassland has a population of any orchid species other than the relatively common *Dactylorhiza fuchsii* and *Dactylorhiza maculata* it should be considered for the orchid-rich priority habitat \*6210. The following uncommon orchid species have been recorded in this Annex I habitat during the ISGS, *Anacamptis pyramidalis*, *Coeloglossum viride*, *Dactylorhiza fuchsii* v. *okellyi*, *Epipactis palustris*, *Gymnadenia conopsea*, *Ophrys apifera*, *Orchis mascula*, *Orchis morio*, *Listera ovata*, *Neotinea maculata*, *Platanthera bifolia* and *Platanthera chlorantha*.

- Species-rich *Nardus* grasslands, on siliceous substrates in mountain areas (and submountain areas, in Continental Europe) (\*6230)

The list of positive indicator species (Table 2.4) includes the nine species listed in Anon. (2007) that are native to Ireland and that are associated with the \*6230 Annex I habitat in Ireland. The native Irish species *Carex pallescens*, *Carex panicea*, *Hypericum maculatum*, *Pedicularis sylvatica*, *Platanthera bifolia*, and *Polygala vulgaris*, which are also listed for the \*6230 habitat in Anon. (2007), are either not strongly associated with the \*6230 habitat in Ireland, or in the case of *Carex panicea* and *Pedicularis sylvatica*, are often associated with damper habitats or wetter flushes.

The most frequent plant species recorded in \*6230 relevés during the National Survey of Upland Habitats (NSUH) (2009-2011), plus species from this dataset that are considered to be characteristic of the Annex I habitat, were also added to the list of positive indicator species (see Table 2.4). Mineral flushing is usually required to create a habitat that supports a more species-rich \*6230 community that conforms to the Annex I habitat as described in the *Interpretation manual of EU habitats* (Anon. 2007). Both a calcareous (calcareous flushing) and a non-calcareous sub-community of \*6230 have been identified in Ireland and indicative species for both of these communities were identified from the NSUH (2009-2012) dataset. Any frequent species that were associated with agriculturally improved grassland, such as *Trifolium repens*, were not considered for inclusion within the list of positive indicator species. It was decided to use the NSUH dataset to define the \*6230 Annex I habitat, as much of the ISGS data were collected on the periphery of the range of the \*6230 habitat.

**Table 2.4** Positive indicator species used to assess the structure and functions of the Annex I habitat \*6230. The two sources for the indicator species are listed; high quality indicators are denoted by the relevant superscript. *Luzula campestris* is only included as a positive indicator species when *Luzula multiflora* is not present in the community.

Anon. (2007)	NSUH data (2009-12)	
<i>Antennaria dioica</i> <sup>†</sup>	<i>Alchemilla glabra</i> <sup>†</sup>	<i>Linum catharticum</i> <sup>†</sup>
<i>Festuca ovina</i>	<i>Agrostis capillaris</i>	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i> <sup>†</sup>
<i>Galium saxatile</i>	<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	<i>Luzula multiflora/campestris</i>
<i>Lathyrus linifolius</i> <sup>††</sup>	<i>Breutelia chrysocoma</i> <sup>††</sup>	<i>Lysmachia nemorum</i> <sup>†</sup>
<i>Nardus stricta</i>	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i> <sup>†</sup>	<i>Polygala serpyllifolia</i>
<i>Pseudorchis albida</i> <sup>††</sup>	<i>Carex binervis</i>	<i>Primula vulgaris</i> <sup>†</sup>
<i>Potentilla erecta</i>	<i>Carex caryophyllea</i> <sup>††</sup>	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i> <sup>†</sup>
<i>Veronica officinalis</i>	<i>Carex pilulifera</i> <sup>††</sup>	<i>Rhytidadelphus loreus</i>
<i>Viola canina</i> <sup>††</sup>	<i>Conopodium majus</i> <sup>†</sup>	<i>Rhytidadelphus squarrosus</i>
	<i>Ctenidium molluscum</i> <sup>†</sup>	<i>Thymus polytrichus</i> <sup>†</sup>
	<i>Danthonia decumbens</i> <sup>††</sup>	<i>Viola riviniana</i> <sup>††</sup>
	<i>Hylocomium splendens</i>	

<sup>†</sup>species that are considered as high quality indicators for the calcareous sub-community

<sup>††</sup>species that are considered as high quality indicators for the non-calcareous sub-community

The character species listed for the Nardetea class and the Nardo-Galium saxatilis alliance (White and Doyle 1982) were considered for addition to the list of positive indicator species and it was decided that the species listed in Table 2.4 already included the most suitable candidates listed in White and Doyle (1982).

- *Molinia* meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) (6410)

For this habitat, the positive indicator species used in the assessment (Table 2.5) include the 12 species listed in Anon. (2007) that are native to Ireland for which fen meadows are one of their main habitats. *Colchicum autumnale* and *Inula salicina* are both listed for the Annex I habitat 6410 in Anon. (2007), however neither was added to the list of positive indicator species for Ireland as both species are extremely rare within the State and have been observed at all of their current sites, none of which corresponds to the Annex I habitat 6410. *Sanguisorba officinalis* is also listed for the Annex I habitat in Anon. (2007), but during the ISGS survey it was found to have a greater affinity with 6510 than 6410 and was therefore not included in the list of positive indicator species for 6410. *Carex pallescens*, although native in Ireland, has very little affinity with the 6410 habitat in Ireland.

In addition, 14 of the most frequent forb, sedge and rush species recorded in 6410 relevés during the ISGS (2007-2012) were included in the list of positive indicator species (see Table 2.5). Any frequent forb species that were associated with agriculturally improved grassland, such as *Trifolium repens*, or slightly more mesotrophic grasslands, such as *Ranunculus acris*, or drier grasslands, such as *Plantago lanceolata*, were not considered for the list of positive indicator species. With the exception of *Molinia caerulea*, none of the individual graminoid species recorded frequently within the *Molinia* meadows dataset, such as *Anthoxanthum odoratum* and *Holcus lanatus*, was considered to be particularly indicative either of *Molinia* meadows or of good structure and functions within this Annex I habitat. Two rare forb species – *Carum verticillatum* and *Lathyrus palustris* – listed in Curtis and

McGough (1988) were added to the list of high quality indicator species for the habitat. These two species were rarely recorded in the 6410 Annex I habitat but are indicative of good structure and functions. It should be noted that these species are indicative of an Annex I habitat with high conservation value but they are not particularly characteristic of *Molinia* meadows.

**Table 2.5** Positive indicator species used to assess the structure and functions of the Annex I habitat 6410. The three sources for the indicator species are listed; high quality indicators are denoted by an asterisk. Note that all orchid species recorded within this habitat are considered to be high quality indicator species.

<b>Anon. (2007)</b>	<b>ISGS data (2007-12)</b>	<b>Curtis and McGough (1988)</b>
<i>Cirsium dissectum*</i>	<i>Achillea ptarmica</i>	<i>Carum verticillatum*</i>
<i>Crepis paludosa*</i>	<i>Carex echinata</i>	<i>Lathyrus palustris*</i>
<i>Galium uliginosum*</i>	<i>Carex flacca</i>	
<i>Juncus conglomeratus*</i>	<i>Carex nigra</i>	
<i>Lotus pedunculatus</i>	<i>Carex panicea</i>	
<i>Luzula multiflora</i>	<i>Carex pulicaris*</i>	
<i>Molinia caerulea</i>	<i>Carex viridula</i>	
<i>Ophioglossum vulgatum*</i>	<i>Equisetum palustre</i>	
<i>Potentilla anglica</i>	<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	
<i>Potentilla erecta</i>	<i>Galium palustre</i>	
<i>Viola palustris</i>	<i>Juncus acutiflorus/articulatus</i>	
<i>Viola persicifolia*</i>	<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	
	<i>Ranunculus flammula</i>	
	<i>Succisa pratensis</i>	

\*species that are considered as high quality indicators

The character species listed for the alliances *Juncus conglomerati* – *Molinia* and *Juncus acutiflori* (White and Doyle 1982) were considered for addition to the list of positive indicator species but it was decided that the species listed in Table 2.5 already included the most suitable candidates listed in White and Doyle (1982).

- Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains and of the montane to alpine levels (6430)  
Only the plant communities within this Annex I habitat that form tall herb edge communities along water courses, particularly unmanaged edges of slow-moving rivers and the margins of lakes, were recorded as part of this survey, and the typical species presented in Table 2.6 reflect this. The hydrophilous tall herb fringe community of montane to alpine levels has been surveyed and defined as part of the NSUH (Perrin *et al.* 2011, 2012). In the lowlands this Annex I habitat also occurs as a nitrophilous tall herb community of woodland borders, sometimes referred to as a saum community. This saum community would fall within the *Glechoma hederaceae* order which is listed under this habitat in the *Interpretation manual of EU habitats* (Anon. 2007). No data were collected from this saum community as part of the ISGS.

As the Annex I habitat 6430 is a tall herb community, only forbs were used as positive indicator species. For this habitat, the diagnostic species from *Convolvuletalia sepium* and diagnostic and differential species from *Filipendulion* listed in White and Doyle (1982) were included. *Phalaris*

*arundinacea*, a graminoid, was omitted from the list of indicators. The uncommon Irish species *Crepis paludosa*, which is listed for this habitat in Anon. (2007), was also included as a positive indicator species for this habitat, as was *Filipendula ulmaria*, which is listed in Anon (2007) and was also the most frequent forb species recorded in 6430 relevés during the ISGS (2007-2012). *Trollius europaeus* is listed in Anon. (2007) in the context of tall herb communities of montane to alpine levels; as *T. europaeus* sites in Ireland are often on the flooded margins of lakes it was retained in the list of indicator species presented in Table 2.6. *Epilobium hirsutum* and *Lythrum salicaria* are listed under Anon. (2007), but could also have been listed under White and Doyle (1982) in addition to being frequent forb species recorded in 6430 relevés. Sixteen common or indicative forb species recorded in 6430 relevés, or in a few cases tall herb communities that had an affinity with the Annex I habitat, during the ISGS were also included in the list of positive indicator species (see Table 2.6).

**Table 2.6** Positive indicator species used to assess the structure and functions of the Annex I habitat 6430. The three sources for the indicator species are listed.

Anon. (2007)	ISGS data (2007-12)		White and Doyle (1982)
<i>Crepis paludosa</i>	<i>Alisma lanceolatum</i>	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	<i>Calystegia sepium</i>
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>	<i>Epilobium parviflorum</i>
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	<i>Angelica sylvestris</i>	<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	<i>Eupatorium cannabinum</i>
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	<i>Cicuta virosa</i>	<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	<i>Hypericum tetrapterum</i>
<i>Trollius europaeus</i>	<i>Epilobium palustre</i>	<i>Persicaria amphibia</i>	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>
	<i>Equisetum fluviatile</i>	<i>Rumex hydrolapathum</i>	<i>Stachys palustris</i>
	<i>Equisetum palustre</i>	<i>Sium latifolium</i>	<i>Symphytum officinale</i>
	<i>Galium palustre</i>	<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	

- Lowland hay meadows (*Alopecurus pratensis*, *Sanguisorba officinalis*) (6510)

For this habitat, the positive indicator species used in the assessment (Table 2.7) include the nine species listed in Anon. (2007) that are native to Ireland and for which meadows are one of their main habitats. Added to this were four additional species from the list of positive indicator species for the NVC lowland meadow community MG4 *Alopecurus pratensis*-*Sanguisorba officinalis* (Rodwell 1992), a community that has a very high affinity with the Annex I habitat 6510 (JNCC 2004). Only native species that had been recorded from a Lowland hay meadow during the ISGS survey (2007-2012) were considered; of these species, those that are more indicative of another Annex I habitat, such as *Galium verum*, which is more indicative of [\*]6210, were discounted.

In addition, 10 of the most frequent forb species recorded in Annex I Lowland hay meadow relevés during the ISGS survey were included in the list of positive indicator species (see Table 2.7). Any frequent forb species that were associated with agriculturally improved grassland, such as *Trifolium repens* and *Cerastium fontanum*, were not considered for inclusion within the list of positive indicator species. None of the individual graminoid species recorded frequently within the Lowland hay meadows dataset, such as *Festuca rubra*, *Anthoxanthum odoratum* and *Holcus lanatus*, were considered to be particularly indicative either of Lowland hay meadows or of good structure and functions within this Annex I habitat. However, two rare meadow grass species that are listed in Curtis and McGough (1988) – *Hordeum secalinum* and *Bromus racemosus* – were added to the list of

high quality indicator species for the habitat. Both of these species were rarely recorded in Lowland hay meadow (*Hordeum secalinum* from four relevés and *Bromus racemosus* from two relevés), but they are indicative of a Lowland hay meadow with enhanced conservation value.

**Table 2.7** Positive indicator species used to assess the structure and functions of the Annex I habitat 6510. The four sources for the indicator species are listed; high quality indicators are denoted by an asterisk. Note that all orchid species recorded within this habitat are considered to be high quality indicator species.

Anon. (2007)	JNCC (2004)	ISGS data (2007-12)	Curtis and McGough (1988)
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	<i>Crepis capillaris</i>	<i>Bromus racemosus</i> *
<i>Daucus carota</i>	<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	<i>Hordeum secalinum</i> *
<i>Knautia arvensis</i> *	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i> *	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	
<i>Leontodon hispidus</i>	<i>Rhinanthus minor</i> *	<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>	
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> *		<i>Leontodon autumnalis</i>	
<i>Pimpinella major</i> *		<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	
<i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i> *		<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	
<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i> *		<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	
<i>Trisetum flavescens</i>		<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	
		<i>Vicia cracca</i>	

\*species that are considered as high quality indicators

The character and diagnostic species listed for *Arrhenatherion elatioris* (White and Doyle 1982) were considered for addition to the list of positive indicator species but it was decided that the species listed in Table 2.7 already included the most suitable candidates listed in White and Doyle (1982). Grass species such as *Arrhenatherum elatius* and *Dactylis glomerata* were not considered as suitable candidates as they are both negative indicators for lowland meadows when their cover is high (JNCC 2004).

### **Future prospects assessment**

The future prospects assessment relates to the likely development and maintenance of the Annex I grassland habitat in favourable condition for the foreseeable future. In order to assess this likelihood, pressures, threats and activities (including management) were recorded for each area of Annex I grassland habitat surveyed using the EU-devised list of impact codes (Ssyman, 2010; Appendix 7). Following Ssyman (2010) and recommendations made in Ellmauer (2010), the intensity of each impact at each site was assessed and given a score ranging from 0.5 to 1.5 (Table 2.8), corresponding to the EU criteria of low, medium and high impact/importance. Negative pressures were assigned a negative value, positive management/impacts were assigned a positive value and a score of zero indicated a neutral impact, balanced in terms of its positive and negative effects. The percentage of the Annex I habitat affected by the impact was also recorded, along with its source, i.e., whether it originated inside or outside the Annex I habitat. The percentage of the Annex I habitat affected was scored from 0.5 to 3 to correspond with the ranges <1% to 100% (Table 2.8). The source criterion was not scored (unlike in O'Neill *et al.* 2010) as this was not deemed to be a key issue when assessing the severity of the impact. As the data collected here are baseline data, trends of impact intensity could not be determined. When assessments are repeated in future years, it will

be possible to record whether a particular impact is increasing, decreasing or stable in trend by comparing with assessment data from previous years.

By multiplying together the scores of intensity, area and source and then combining the result with the negative, positive or neutral effect of each (i.e., by multiplying the score by -1, +1 or 0 respectively), a final score for each impact was produced. (Thus a neutral impact would always receive a score of 0 by this scheme.) For an Annex I habitat that was subject to multiple impacts on a site, the final scores were summed to gain an overall future prospect score for the habitat. Areas of Annex I grassland habitat that scored  $\geq 0$  were determined to have *Favourable* future prospects, while those scoring between  $<0$  and  $-3$  were *Unfavourable – Inadequate* and  $<-3$  *Unfavourable – Bad*, as shown in Table 2.1. Furthering this quantitative analysis of future prospects, each site containing an Annex I grassland habitat was examined by a surveyor who took part in the field assessment to determine whether these scores were a true reflection of the future prospects of the habitat.

**Table 2.8** Scoring system used to calculate future prospects scores for Annex I grassland habitats assessed in the six western counties surveyed in 2011-2012

<b>Impact</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>% Area of Annex I habitat impacted</b>	<1%	0.5
	1-25%	1
	26-50%	1.5
	51-75%	2
	76-99%	2.5
	100%	3
<b>Intensity of impact</b>	High	1.5
	Medium	1
	Low	0.5

All results for the assessment of Annex I grassland habitats (under the parameters area, structure and functions, future prospects) are in section 3.2. All assessment data were input into the Access database.

*Structure and functions results for individual monitoring stops are in Appendix 6*

*Future prospects results for each assessed area of Annex I grassland are in Appendix 8*

*Condition assessment results for each assessed area of Annex I grassland are in Appendix 9*

### **Primary areas of Annex I habitat**

It was proposed in Martin *et al.* (2008) that a list of premium quality sites containing Annex I grassland habitats above a minimum size and of adequate structure and functions (according to field assessments) should be produced. Hereafter referred to as **primary areas** of Annex I grassland, these represent the best examples of Annex I grassland habitat recorded during the ISGS and are judged to be of primary importance due to a combination of the area they cover and their structure and functions. They should provide a focus for monitoring and conservation efforts in the future. A



list of primary areas of Annex I grassland habitat surveyed in Clare, Galway, Limerick, Kerry, Mayo and Tipperary in 2011-2012 was compiled. Criteria for primary areas of Annex I grassland habitat include: an extent of at least 1 ha; structure and functions should generally be *Favourable*; however, assessed areas with stops which failed but were considered to be near misses (e.g., only one positive indicator species off a pass, or within 10% of the required forb:graminoid ratio) were sometimes included if the condition of the habitat was otherwise good. Future prospects and past changes in extent were not taken into account when compiling this list of sites.

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## **2.5 Ranking of sites using conservation and threat evaluations**

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Conservation of habitats is often best achieved on a site-by-site basis, with specific management plans based on the individual characteristics of a given habitat at a particular site (e.g., management, history, rarity). However, it is also useful to be able to evaluate sites in the context of others, and to make general comparisons regarding status. A broad range of sites was surveyed in the ISGS, with varying degrees of naturalness. As part of the survey methodology, data were collected which allowed the general condition of the site to be evaluated, with regard in particular to its conservation value and the presence of threats to the grassland. Factors which contribute to the conservation value of a site include its size, habitat diversity and quality, species richness and the presence of plant species of conservation interest, and factors such as these have been used when evaluating sites for conservation in the UK (Usher, 1989). By assigning a conservation score to each site, the sites can be compared and those which are of particularly high conservation value can be identified. This allows management efforts to focus on sites which are most valuable from a conservation point of view, and also provides a basis for monitoring individual sites into the future. Human activities such as agriculture, recreation and development can pose threats to semi-natural grassland habitats, as can the abandonment of traditionally managed land.

Conservation status was scored on the basis of seven criteria (Table 2.9). Semi-natural grassland habitats were scored on the basis of mapped surveyed areas in the site. Primary and secondary Annex I grassland habitats were identified as outlined above in section 2.4. Adjacent and internal semi-natural habitats evaluate the site in terms of its landscape context; because internal semi-natural grassland and marsh habitats were already scored under the semi-natural grassland habitats criterion, these were only scored here if they were recorded as present but not mapped (i.e., below the minimum mapping area). A modified figure for species density was derived, to remove the bias towards larger sites, by dividing the number of non-woody species present by the  $\log_{10}(\text{area}+1)$ , with area measured in hectares. Notable species include those listed on the Flora (Protection) Order 1999 (FPO) and in the vascular plant species Red Data Book of Curtis and McGough (1988), excluding those with an IUCN category of 'nt' (not threatened); species that occur in both lists were only scored once, as an FPO species. For the purposes of the conservation score calculation, high quality indicator species included all indicator species – both high quality and non-high quality – listed for the four main Annex I grassland habitats (<sup>[\*]</sup>6210, \*6230, 6410 and 6510), as well as an additional four marsh species (*Caltha palustris*, *Hydrocotyle vulgaris*, *Lychnis flos-cuculi* and *Potentilla palustris*) and one dry grassland taxon (*Euphrasia* spp.) listed as indicators of species-rich grassland in QUB (2008).

The final score for each site is given as a percentage of the total possible score of 47.5. The results for the 25 highest scoring sites surveyed in the six western counties in 2011-2012 are given in section 3.3, and the full list of conservation scores for the 2011-2012 western sites is given in Appendix 10.

**Table 2.9** Criteria used in the calculation of the conservation score for each site.

Criterion	Scoring	Max. score
Semi-natural grassland habitats	1 for each semi-natural grassland habitat 0.5 for each semi-improved grassland habitat where the corresponding semi-natural grassland habitat is not present	5
Annex I grassland habitats	Annex I grassland habitats are divided into primary and secondary areas on the basis of quality (see section 2.4 & 3.2) 2 One secondary Annex I grassland habitat 4 Two or more secondary Annex I grassland habitats 4 One primary Annex I grassland habitat 8 Two or more primary Annex I grassland habitats	12
Adjacent and internal semi-natural habitats	0.5 for each of the following habitat groups recorded during the survey: F (Freshwater) H/P (Heath [excl. bracken], bog, fen) ER/EU/C/L/M (Exposed rock, coastal [excl. coastal constructions], littoral/marine habitats) GS/GM (Semi-natural grassland, marsh) WN/WS/WL (Woodland, scrub)	2.5
Area	Sites are divided into eight groups on the basis of the percentile distribution. The range is greater in the larger site groups, and this is reflected by the steep increase in the scores for larger sites. 0 0-<0.5ha 1 0.5-<5ha 2 5-<10ha 3 10-<20ha 4 20-<40ha 6 40-<80ha 9 80-<160ha 12 ≥ 160 ha	12
Species density	Modified species density = number of non-woody species divided by $\log_{10}(\text{area} + 1)$ of the site. The resulting figures were then divided according to percentiles as shown. 0 < 25 spp./ha 1 25 – 56.9 spp./ha 2 57 – 71.9 spp./ha 3 72 – 96.9 spp./ha 4 ≥ 97 spp./ha	4
Notable species	Notable species include those listed on the Flora (Protection) Order 1999 (FPO) and the Red Data Book (RDB) (Curtis and McGough 1988) of vascular plants. 0 No notable species 4 One FPO species 8 Two or more FPO species 2 One RDB species 4 Two RDB species 6 Three or more RDB species	8
High quality indicator species	High quality indicator species were identified as described in section 2.5. Sites were scored on the number of high quality (HQ) indicator species recorded as shown. 0 1-10 HQ species 1 11-15 HQ species 2 16-20 HQ species 3 21-25 HQ species 4 >25 HQ species	4
<b>Maximum total score</b>		<b>47.5</b>

The assessment of threats to each site was based on the criteria detailed in Table 2.10. Damaging activities consisted mainly of drainage, dumping, quarries and recent afforestation in the vicinity of grassland sites. Agricultural improvement primarily included fertiliser application, liming, topping and supplementary feeding. The negative adjacent habitats of improved grassland and cultivated land follow the definitions of Fossitt (2000). The presence of certain negative species indicating habitat disturbance or sward improvement were used as a further measure of the extent to which sites were under threat. Fourteen species were used for this assessment: *Brassica napus*, *Brassica rapa*, *Capsella bursa-pastoris*, *Chenopodium album*, *Cirsium arvense*, *Lolium perenne*, *Matricaria discoidea*, *Plantago major*, *Poa annua*, *Polygonum aviculare*, *Rumex crispus*, *Senecio jacobaea*, *Stellaria media* and *Trifolium repens*. The final score for each site is given as a percentage of the total possible score of 13. The results for the 16 highest scoring sites surveyed in the six western counties in 2011-2012 are given in section 3.3, and the full list of threat scores for the 2011-2012 western sites is given in Appendix 11.

**Table 2.10** Criteria used in the calculation of the threat score for each site.

Criterion	Scoring				Max. score
Negative adjacent habitats	0	No negative adjacent habitats			2
	1	Improved grassland (GA) <u>or</u> cultivated land (BC) adjacent			
	2	Improved grassland (GA) <u>and</u> cultivated land (BC) adjacent			
Damaging activities*	0	No damaging activities	1	One damaging activity	3
	2	Two damaging activities	3	Three or more damaging activities	
Agricultural Improvement*	0	No improvements	1	One improvement type	3
	2	Two improvement types	3	Three or more improvement types	
Negative species**	1	1-3 species	2	4-6 species	5
	4	10-12 species	5	13-14 species	
<b>Maximum total score</b>					<b>13</b>

\* See section 2.5 for description of criteria.

\*\* See section 2.5 for list of species scored.

Conservation and threat scores were entered separately into the Access database and were *not* combined to produce one overall score. Combining scores can lead to misinterpretation when comparing sites, for example comparing a high quality site with many threats and a medium quality site with no threats. Therefore threats were scored separately from conservation value so that sites with a high conservation score which are threatened could be identified. The scores are written as percentages of the total possible score. This allows a simple comparison to be made between sites, even if data were not available in all of the categories shown in Tables 2.9 and 2.10.

*Conservation and threat score results are summarised in section 3.3*

*Full details in Appendices 10 and 11.*

## 2.6 Vegetation data analysis

Analysis to produce a working classification of grassland and marsh for Ireland is presented in a separate report, O'Neill *et al.* (2013), which combines relevés from all 26 counties surveyed during the entire course of the ISGS, from 2007 to 2012.

### 3: RESULTS

#### 3.1 General site survey

During the Irish Survey of Semi-natural Grasslands (ISGS) from April 2011 to September 2012, 4596.0 ha of grassland and marsh were surveyed: 1067.4 ha in Clare, 836.0 ha in Galway, 576.2 ha in Kerry, 398.0 ha in Limerick, 1454.3 ha in Mayo and 264.0 ha in Tipperary. An additional 10.8 ha of fen habitat (PF1 and PF2 in Fossitt (2000)) corresponding to Annex I habitat *Molinia* meadows (6410), and swamp vegetation (FS and FS2 in Fossitt (2000)) were also surveyed and included within site areas. This section of the results summarises the distribution of grassland and marsh habitats (GS and GM under Fossitt (2000)). The location of each site is shown in Appendix 1. In total, 337 sites were surveyed: 63 (18.7%) in Clare, 91 (27.0%) in Galway, 32 (9.5%) in Kerry, 15 (4.5%) in Limerick, 115 in Mayo (34.1%), and 21 in Tipperary (6.2%). The median site area across the six counties was 9.9 ha (the mean site area of 13.7 ha is skewed by a small number of exceptionally large sites), with sites ranging in size from 0.3 ha to 103.0 ha. The median site areas for the six counties showed some variability, with Galway sites having the smallest median size (5.9 ha) and Limerick by far the highest (21.6 ha).

An additional 58 sites were visited but rejected from the survey. This is equal to 14.7% of the 395 sites which were visited. The reasons for rejecting sites fell into five broad categories: strong evidence of improvement for agricultural or amenity use; difficulty in obtaining permission to access a site; dominance of non-grassland habitats; development; and forestry. Some sites were rejected for more than one reason. Table 3.1 indicates the number of sites which were rejected within each of the different categories.

**Table 3.1** The number of sites that were rejected and the reasons for rejection. Fifty-eight sites were rejected but there are 74 reasons for rejection as many sites were rejected for more than one reason.

Reason for rejection	Number of sites
Agricultural improvement	35
Access difficulty	22
Non-grassland habitat	13
Development	2
Forestry	2
<i>Number of sites rejected</i>	<i>58</i>

The most frequently cited reasons for rejecting sites were agricultural improvement and access difficulty. Agricultural improvement was often recorded as the reason for rejecting a site when improved grassland for agricultural or amenity use was common on a site. Difficulty in obtaining access to a site was generally due to the refusal of permission by the owner, or difficulty in making contact with the owner. In a few instances access was prevented due to the location of the site on an island. For reasons of personal safety, land was not entered if certain livestock (e.g. a bull) were present, and a landowner would sometimes refuse permission due to potentially dangerous livestock.

The non-grassland habitats encountered most frequently included heath, swamp, fen and sand dune systems.

### **Grassland habitats**

A detailed habitat map has been produced for each site showing the Fossitt (2000) and Annex I grassland habitats, the position of all relevés and the location of any associated pNHAs, NHAs and SACs. Table 3.2 shows the area in hectares covered by the different grassland habitats surveyed in 2011-2012 (defined according to Fossitt (2000)), together with the percentage by area and percentage by frequency of the habitats within each of the six counties.

**Table 3.2** Summary habitat statistics of sites surveyed in Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary in 2011-2012. Percentage frequency only includes sites where there was a mapped area of the Fossitt habitat.

		<b>GS1</b>	<b>GS2</b>	<b>GS3</b>	<b>GS4</b>	<b>GM1</b>	<b>GA1</b>	<b>Overall</b>
Clare	Area (ha)*	301.7	50.9	3.3	502.3	4.4	204.9	<i>1067.4</i>
	% survey area	28.3	4.8	0.3	47.1	0.4	19.2	
	% freq	57.1	22.2	1.6	63.5	4.8	58.7	
	No. of sites	36	14	1	40	3	37	<i>63</i>
Galway	Area (ha)*	305.5	21.5	39.1	396.6	2.5	70.6	<i>836.0</i>
	% survey area	36.5	2.6	4.7	47.4	0.3	8.5	
	% freq	68.1	13.2	12.1	57.1	1.1	44.0	
	No. of sites	62	12	11	52	1	40	<i>91</i>
Kerry	Area (ha)*	89.7	4.6	121.5	297.4	0.3	62.7	<i>576.2</i>
	% survey area	15.6	0.8	21.1	51.6	0.1	10.9	
	% freq	34.4	6.3	31.3	81.3	3.1	62.5	
	No. of sites	11	2	10	26	1	20	<i>32</i>
Limerick	Area (ha)*	17.8	26.2	103.0	198.5	1.1	51.5	<i>398.0</i>
	% survey area	4.5	6.6	25.9	49.9	0.3	12.9	
	% freq	26.7	20.0	6.7	80.0	6.7	80.0	
	No. of sites	4	3	1	12	1	12	<i>15</i>
Mayo	Area (ha)*	248.6	90.7	135.0	734.4	2.2	243.5	<i>1454.3</i>
	% survey area	17.1	6.2	9.3	50.5	0.1	16.7	
	% freq	55.7	22.6	33.9	82.6	3.5	57.4	
	No. of sites	64	26	39	95	4	66	<i>115</i>
Tipperary	Area (ha)*	20.4	9.4	62.8	141.7	0.2	29.5	<i>264.0</i>
	% survey area	7.7	3.5	23.8	53.7	0.1	11.2	
	% freq	42.9	14.3	23.8	71.4	4.8	33.3	
	No. of sites	9	3	5	15	1	7	<i>21</i>
<b>Overall</b>	Area (ha)*	<i>983.7</i>	<i>203.2</i>	<i>464.7</i>	<i>2271.0</i>	<i>10.7</i>	<i>662.7</i>	<i>4596.0</i>
	% survey area	<i>21.4</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>49.4</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>14.4</i>	
	% freq	<i>55.2</i>	<i>17.8</i>	<i>19.9</i>	<i>71.2</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>54.0</i>	
	No. of sites	<i>186</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>182</i>	<i>337</i>

\* Components may not sum to totals because of rounding

GS4 (wet grassland) was the most extensive of the semi-natural grassland habitats recorded in the survey, accounting for 49.4% of all grassland surveyed across the six counties. This was followed in order of decreasing extent by GS1 (dry calcareous and neutral grassland) at 21.4%, GS3 (dry-humid acid grassland) at 10.1%, GS2 (dry meadows and grassy verges) at 4.4% and GM1 (marsh) at less than 1%.

The percentage area of GS4 surveyed within each of the six counties was consistent at approximately 50% of the survey area. For GM1 the area was also similar across all counties at <1%. For the other three semi-natural grassland habitats the percentage of the surveyed areas varied across the counties depending on factors such as the predominant soil types, geography and management regimes. The surveyed area of GS1 was highest in Galway and Clare, both in terms of the percentage of the area surveyed and frequency within sites. This is due to the extensive areas of calcareous rock within these counties. GS3 was proportionately higher in counties with extensive areas of acidic rock in combination with upland areas, such as Kerry and Tipperary. Limerick also had a high proportion of GS3 as a percentage of the area surveyed, but this was due to just one large site of 103 ha in the Galtee Mountains. The frequency and area of GS2 within a county is often dependent on management; Limerick had proportionately the largest area of GS2, while Mayo had the highest frequency per site. Kerry had the lowest proportion of GS2 area and the lowest frequency per site for this habitat.

Areas of GA1 (improved agricultural grassland) which had a sufficient quantity of semi-natural grassland species to be of interest to the survey were included within the GSi (semi-improved grassland) category used throughout this survey but mapped within sites as GA1. Of the area of grassland surveyed in each county, the proportion of semi-improved grassland (GA1) was relatively consistent across the six counties, with Clare having the highest proportion, at 19.2% of the surveyed area, and Galway the lowest at 8.5%.

*For details of grassland habitats for individual sites, see Appendix 4*

### **NPWS conservation sites**

A total of 208 sites were found to overlap with a NPWS conservation site. For Table 3.3 all surveyed areas of GS, GM, FS2 (plus FS) and Annex I grassland (including some small areas of fen) that intersected with a NPWS conservation site were investigated. Any grassland site with an overlap of less than the minimum mapping area (400 m<sup>2</sup>) was removed from the analysis. All overlaps above the minimum mapping area were reported. The 208 ISGS sites that overlap with a NPWS conservation site represent 61.7% of the sites surveyed across the six counties. It should be noted that many of the 208 sites overlap with more than one type of NPWS conservation site.

Table 3.3 shows that 170 sites (50.4% of sites surveyed) overlap with an SAC, representing 34.4% of the area of surveyed grassland in the six counties. As would be expected, the figures are lower for SPAs, at 66 sites and 17.2% of the surveyed area, as these are designated for bird species rather than habitats. Of the six counties, Kerry had the greatest proportion of surveyed grassland within SACs, SPAs and NHA/pNHAs, at 65.4%, 33.0% and 56.0% respectively. Mayo had the lowest proportion of surveyed grassland within SACs at 25.8%, and Tipperary had the lowest proportion of surveyed grassland within SPAs and NHA/pNHAs, at 4.7% and 17.2% respectively.

**Table 3.3** Occurrence of NPWS conservation sites (pNHA/NHA, SAC and SPA) within the survey. Areas presented below are based on the *total* surveyed area (GS, GM, FS and PF) within each county.

		<b>NHA/pNHA</b>	<b>SAC</b>	<b>SPA</b>
Clare	No. of sites	39	36	7
	% of sites	61.9	57.1	11.1
	Area (ha)	360.5	298.7	163.7
	% survey area	33.6	27.8	15.2
Galway	No. of sites	39	42	19
	% of sites	42.9	46.2	20.9
	Area (ha)	292.8	329.1	263.9
	% survey area	35.0	39.3	31.5
Kerry	No. of sites	16	21	14
	% of sites	50.0	65.6	43.8
	Area (ha)	323.5	377.6	190.4
	% survey area	56.0	65.4	33.0
Limerick	No. of sites	4	6	4
	% of sites	26.7	40.0	26.7
	Area (ha)	110.4	130.0	64.6
	% survey area	27.7	32.7	16.2
Mayo	No. of sites	52	58	19
	% of sites	45.2	50.4	16.5
	Area (ha)	380.2	376.3	95.7
	% survey area	26.1	25.8	6.6
Tipperary	No. of sites	7	7	3
	% of sites	33.3	33.3	14.3
	Area (ha)	45.5	74.7	12.4
	% survey area	17.2	28.3	4.7
<i>Overall</i>	<i>No. of sites</i>	157	170	66
	<i>% of sites</i>	46.6	50.4	19.6
	<i>Area (ha)*</i>	1512.8	1586.4	790.7
	<i>% survey area</i>	32.8	34.4	17.2

\* Components may not sum to totals because of rounding

The occurrence of semi-natural grassland habitats within SACs, SPAs and NHA/pNHAs followed slightly different patterns from the distribution of the habitats across the six counties. GS4 and GS1, the two most common grassland habitats within the survey area, had the largest areas within SACs, SPAs and NHA/pNHAs. However, a larger area of GS3 was recorded in both SACs and NHA/pNHAs than semi-improved grassland (mapped as GA1), even though GA1 had a larger total area surveyed across the six counties. GA1 was more common than GS3 in SPAs, which are designated for bird species rather than habitats. It should be noted that GS1 and GS3 were more common within SACs, 44.8% and 60.3% respectively, than GS4, at 30.5%, relative to the total area surveyed for each of the habitats across the six counties. This pattern is repeated within NHA/pNHAs. GM1, although an uncommon habitat within the surveyed area, was almost always found within a NPWS conservation site and 74.8% of the total area of this habitat surveyed within the six counties was found within SACs.

Among the six counties, the areas of the different grassland habitats within NPWS conservation sites (Table 3.4) tended to follow similar trends to those discussed above for Table 3.2, with Clare having a

large area of GS1 within SACs and NHA/pNHAs and Kerry having a large area of GS3 within SACs and NHAs/pNHAs. Limerick had a very low percentage of GS4 within SACs and NHA/pNHAs, 5.9% and <1% respectively, relative to the total area of GS4 surveyed within the county. This anomaly can partly be explained by the small number of NPWS conservation sites surveyed within Limerick and the dominance of dry grassland habitats surveyed within sites such as Barrigone (SAC 000432) and the Galtee Mountains (SAC 000646).

**Table 3.4** Area in hectares of different grassland habitats surveyed within NPWS conservation sites.

County	Designation	GS1	GS2	GS3	GS4	GM1	GA1
Clare	NHA/pNHA	154.1	16.0	0.0	127.2	2.1	54.2
	SAC	159.0	17.1	0.0	85.6	2.1	34.8
	SPA	2.7	0.0	2.5	135.3	0.0	23.2
Galway	NHA/pNHA	46.0	2.6	15.6	207.4	2.5	17.6
	SAC	96.9	2.6	14.7	194.0	2.5	17.3
	SPA	23.1	0.0	2.6	219.0	2.5	16.7
Kerry	NHA/pNHA	32.5	3.8	98.1	162.9	0.3	24.9
	SAC	62.6	3.8	98.6	184.1	0.3	27.4
	SPA	83.7	3.8	16.2	70.5	0.3	15.9
Limerick	NHA/pNHA	8.7	4.1	96.7	0.9	0.0	0.03
	SAC	8.8	5.5	96.4	11.7	1.1	6.4
	SPA	0.0	2.4	0.0	59.0	0.0	3.2
Mayo	NHA/pNHA	128.6	45.8	44.3	116.2	2.0	42.4
	SAC	109.7	14.8	35.5	186.8	2.0	26.4
	SPA	21.0	2.2	29.5	28.8	1.2	12.1
Tipperary	NHA/pNHA	4.0	0.0	34.3	6.9	0.2	0.0
	SAC	3.8	0.3	35.2	30.9	0.0	4.4
	SPA	7.6	0.0	0.2	4.5	0.1	0.0
<i>Total*</i>	<i>NHA/pNHA</i>	<i>374.0</i>	<i>72.4</i>	<i>289.0</i>	<i>621.4</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>139.2</i>
	<i>SAC</i>	<i>440.8</i>	<i>44.3</i>	<i>280.4</i>	<i>693.2</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>116.7</i>
	<i>SPA</i>	<i>138.2</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>50.9</i>	<i>517.1</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>71.1</i>

\* Components may not sum to totals because of rounding

### **Annex I grassland habitats**

The area of land covered by Annex I grassland habitats in counties Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary is shown in Table 3.5, together with the number of areas of each recorded. In total, 421.1 ha of Annex I grassland habitat were recorded from 134 areas during the survey, which equates to 9.1% of the total area surveyed. The greatest amount of this occurred in Clare, where 157.4 ha were mapped as Annex I grassland habitat, representing 14.6% of the total area of grassland surveyed in that county. In Galway, 95.7 ha of the total area surveyed were mapped as an Annex I grassland habitat (11.4% of the grassland surveyed in the county), while Limerick proportionately had the highest amount of Annex I grassland across the six counties at 16.8% (66.9 ha of the grassland surveyed in the county). For counties Kerry, Mayo and Tipperary, less than 10% of the surveyed area was Annex I grassland, at 6.3%, 3.8% and 3.2% respectively.



**Table 3.5** Area in hectares (number of areas) of Annex I grassland habitats recorded in Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary.

County	Festuco-Brometalia [ <sup>*</sup> ]6210	<i>Nardus</i> grassland *6230	<i>Molinia</i> meadows 6410	Hydrophilous tall herb communities 6430	Lowland hay meadows 6510	Total area (no. of areas) <sup>††</sup>	No. of sites <sup>†</sup>
Clare	107.9 (18)	0.0 (0)	37.5 (10)	1.6 (2)	10.3 (4)	157.4 (34)	32
Galway	78.9 (25)	3.2 (4)	11.0 (7)	2.5 (1)	0.0 (0)	95.7 (37)	34
Kerry	0.0 (0)	28.3 (4)	8.1 (1)	0.3 (1)	0.0 (0)	36.6 (6)	6
Limerick	16.9 (3)	0.0 (0)	40.5 (3)	1.1 (1)	8.4 (2)	66.9 (9)	6
Mayo	17.5 (10)	14.1 (10)	11.0 (9)	0.2 (1)	13.2 (6)	55.9 (36)	33
Tipperary	1.4 (4)	1.3 (3)	2.4 (3)	0.1 (1)	3.3 (1)	8.5 (12)	10
<b>Total<sup>††</sup></b>	<b>222.5 (60)</b>	<b>46.8 (21)</b>	<b>110.6 (33)</b>	<b>5.9 (7)</b>	<b>35.3 (13)</b>	<b>421.1 (134)</b>	<b>121</b>

<sup>†</sup> Two or more Annex I grassland habitats found in 13 sites

<sup>††</sup> Components may not sum to totals due to rounding

The Annex I grassland habitat with the greatest cover was Festuco-Brometalia (<sup>[\*]</sup>6210), with 222.5 ha in total. This habitat was also recorded across the most sites, at 17.8% (60 sites) of the 337 sites surveyed across the six counties. This is largely due to the many areas of [<sup>\*</sup>]6210 habitat in Clare and Galway, where 84.0% of the area of this Annex I habitat was recorded and assessed. This is followed by *Molinia* meadows (6410) with a total cover of 110.6 ha; 70.5% of this Annex I grassland was recorded across two counties, Limerick and Clare. The other Annex I grassland habitats covered less area and were found at fewer sites: 46.8 ha of *Nardus* grassland (\*6230) were recorded, with the habitat not found in either Clare or Limerick, and 35.3 ha of Lowland hay meadow (6510) were recorded, with the survey not finding the habitat in either Galway or Kerry. Although Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities (6430) were recorded in all six counties, only a few small areas were found, with a total of only 5.9 ha mapped.

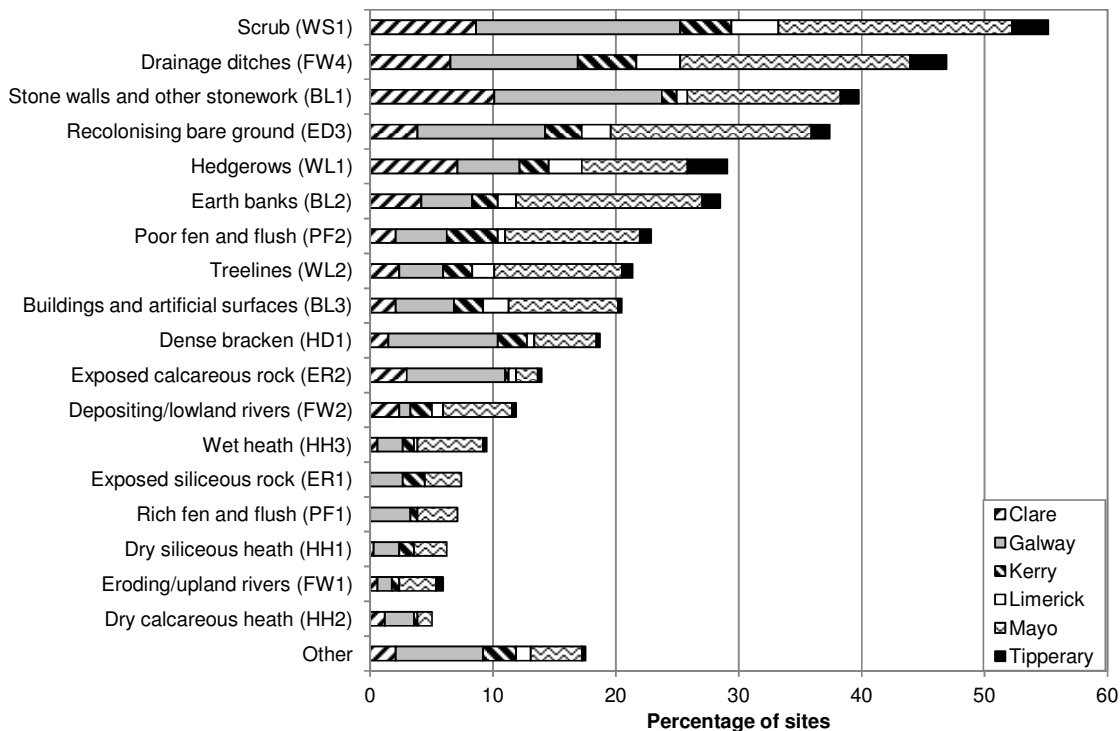
A total of 134 areas of Annex I grassland habitat were recorded across the six counties in 2011-2012. These 134 areas of Annex I grassland habitat occurred at 121 surveyed sites, or 35.9% of all sites surveyed. Of these, 34 were in Galway (37.4% of Galway sites), 33 sites were in Mayo (28.7% of sites in Mayo), 32 were in Clare (50.8% of sites in Clare), 10 in Tipperary (47.6% of sites in Tipperary), and six each in Limerick (40% of sites in Limerick) and Kerry (18.8% of sites in Kerry).

### **Internal habitats**

Non-grassland internal habitats recorded during the 2011 and 2012 surveys of Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary are shown in Fig. 3.1. Scrub was present at 55.2% of sites and was the most frequently occurring non-grassland internal habitat at sites across Galway, Limerick and Mayo. Overall, drainage ditches were the next most frequent internal habitat, occurring at 46.9% of sites, followed by stone walls and other stonework (39.8% of sites), recolonising bare ground (37.4% of sites) and hedgerows (29.1% of sites). Drainage ditches were the most frequently occurring non-grassland internal habitat across sites in Kerry, while stone walls and other stonework, and hedgerows were the most frequently occurring non-grassland internal habitats across sites in Clare and Tipperary respectively. The “Other” category includes habitats which occurred at less than 5% of

sites in the survey, including swamp (reed and tall herb), spoil and bare ground, improved agricultural grassland, exposed sand, gravel or till, and siliceous scree and loose rock.

**Figure 3.1** Frequency of non-grassland Fossitt (2000) habitats within all surveyed sites, differentiated by county.

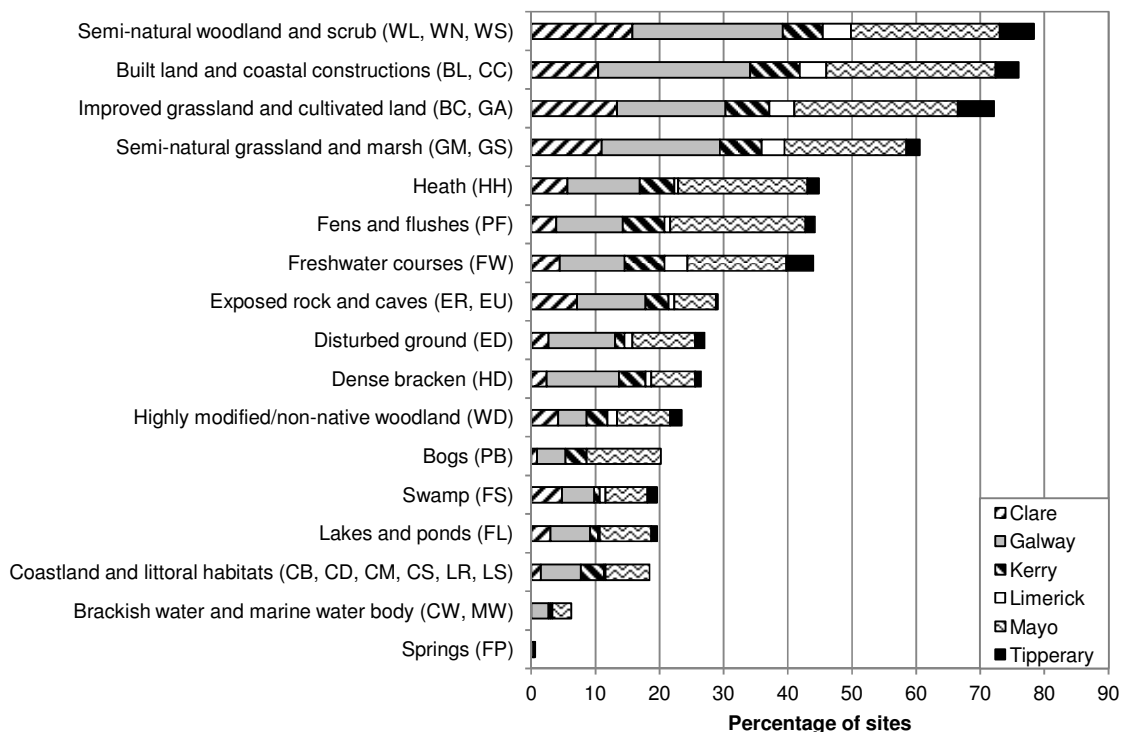


### Adjacent habitats

Frequency of habitats which occurred adjacent to sites is shown in Fig. 3.2. Semi-natural woodland and scrub together formed the main land use adjacent to sites in the survey, and were recorded from 78.3% of sites. This category includes linear features and scrub, but excludes highly modified woodland. Most of this figure can be attributed to scrub, adjacent to 60% of sites, with the highest proportion in Galway (71% of sites in the county); and hedgerows and treelines, adjacent to 45% of sites, with the highest proportion of these recorded in Limerick (87% of sites in the county). Built land and coastal constructions was the next most frequent category, being recorded adjacent to 76% of sites. The bulk of this figure can be attributed to built land, ranging from 55.6% of sites in Clare to 93.3% of sites in Limerick. Coastal constructions were rare (adjacent to 0.6% of sites, recorded in Kerry and Mayo only). Other habitats frequently recorded adjacent to sites included: improved grassland and cultivated land, adjacent to 72.1% of sites, with sites in Tipperary having the highest proportion (90.5% of sites in the county); semi-natural grassland and marsh, adjacent to 60.5% of sites, with the highest proportion in Limerick (80% of sites in the county) and contrasting greatly with Tipperary, in which only 33.3% of sites were recorded adjacent to either semi-natural grassland or marsh; and heath, adjacent to 44.8% of sites, with the highest proportion in Mayo (59.1% of sites in the county). Fens and flushes (adjacent to 44.2% of sites) and freshwater courses (adjacent to 43.9%

of sites) were also frequently recorded as adjacent habitats. Multiple adjacent habitats were recorded at all sites, with a median of seven habitats occurring at sites across the six counties.

**Figure 3.2** Frequency of habitats occurring adjacent to surveyed sites, differentiated by county.

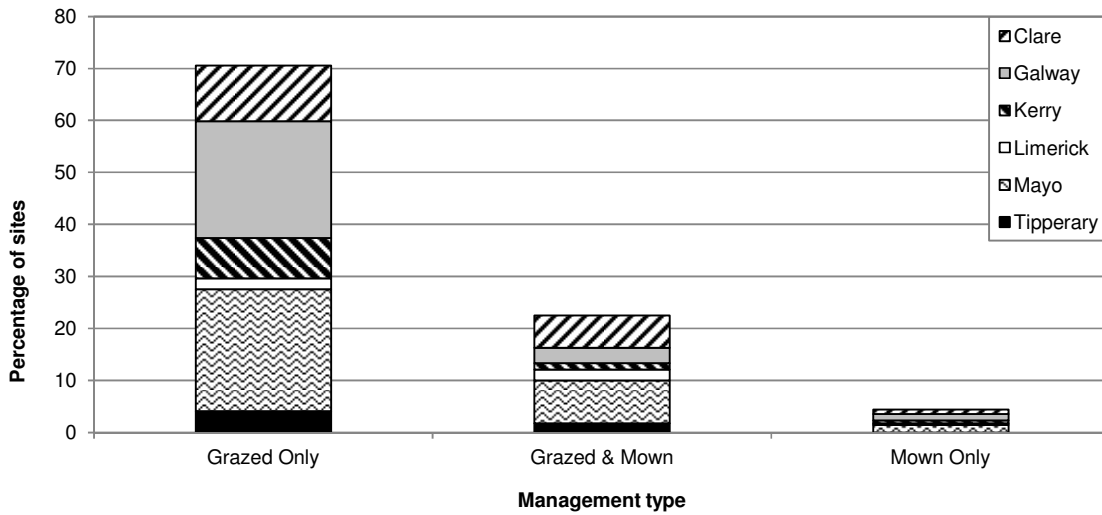


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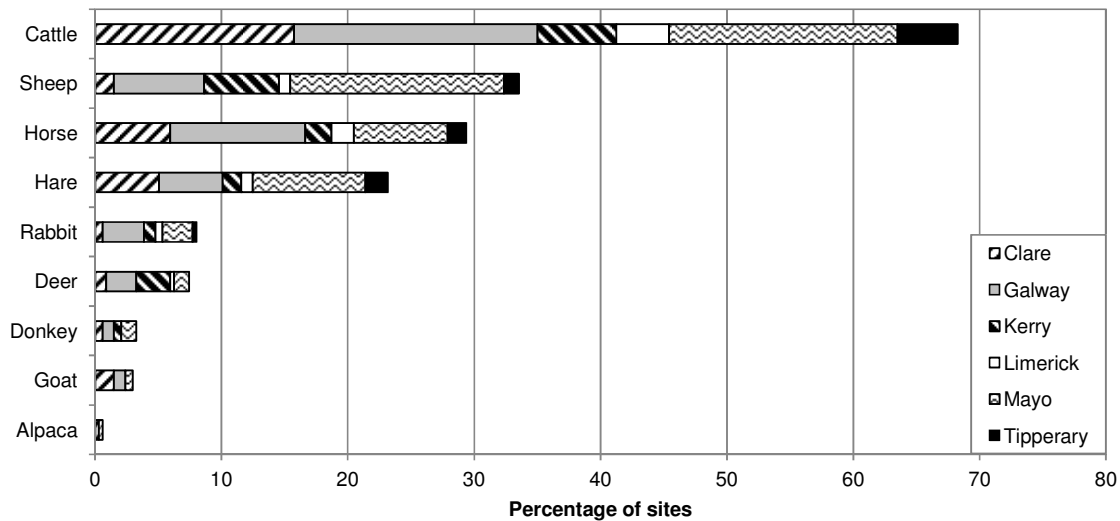
The majority of sites within the six western counties surveyed during 2011-2012 were just grazed (70.6% of sites) while only 4.5% were just mown (Fig. 3.3). A total of 22.6% of sites were managed through a combination of both grazing and mowing, while only 2.4% of the sites had no evidence of mowing or grazing recorded. There were a higher proportion of “Grazed only” sites within Galway (83.5%) and Kerry (81.3%) than within Mayo (68.7%), Tipperary (66.7%), Clare (57.1%) or Limerick (46.7%). Limerick had the highest proportion of “Mown only” sites (6.7% of the sites within the county), while Tipperary had none. The mixed regime of grazing and mowing on site was highest in Limerick (46.7% of sites in the county), followed by Clare (33.3% of sites in the county). Kerry and Limerick were the only counties that had grazing, mowing or a combination of the two at all sites surveyed. The other four counties had some sites which had no grazing or mowing recorded at all, with Clare and Tipperary having the highest proportions (4.8% of sites for both).

More than one grazing type was frequently encountered on a site. Cattle were the most frequently occurring grazing animal recorded, and were recorded on 68.2% of sites (Fig. 3.4). Sheep and horses were encountered at 33.5% and 29.4% of sites respectively. The only other domestic grazers recorded were donkeys, and in two instances, alpacas. Wild and feral grazers were also recorded, and these included deer, goats, rabbits and hares. Most common of these were hares, recorded at 23.1% of sites.

**Figure 3.3** Frequency of different management regimes at sites, differentiated by county.



**Figure 3.4** Frequency of grazing animals at sites, differentiated by county.



The most frequently recorded damaging activity was drainage (34.1% of sites), followed by adjacent afforestation (16.3% of sites), other (9.2%) and dumping (8.0% of sites; Fig. 3.5). A total of 49.6% of sites had no damaging activities recorded at all, with the highest proportion occurring in Tipperary (71.4% of sites in this county had no damaging activities recorded). Herbicide spraying, disturbance and abandonment, each occurring at 1.5% of sites, were also recorded but are not presented. Damaging activities that occurred at less than 1% of sites included crop planting, localised enrichment from stored silage bales, campfires, land clearance/reclamation, man-made developments and quarrying. These were grouped under “Other” damaging activities.

**Figure 3.5** Frequency of occurrence of different types of damaging activity at sites, differentiated by county.

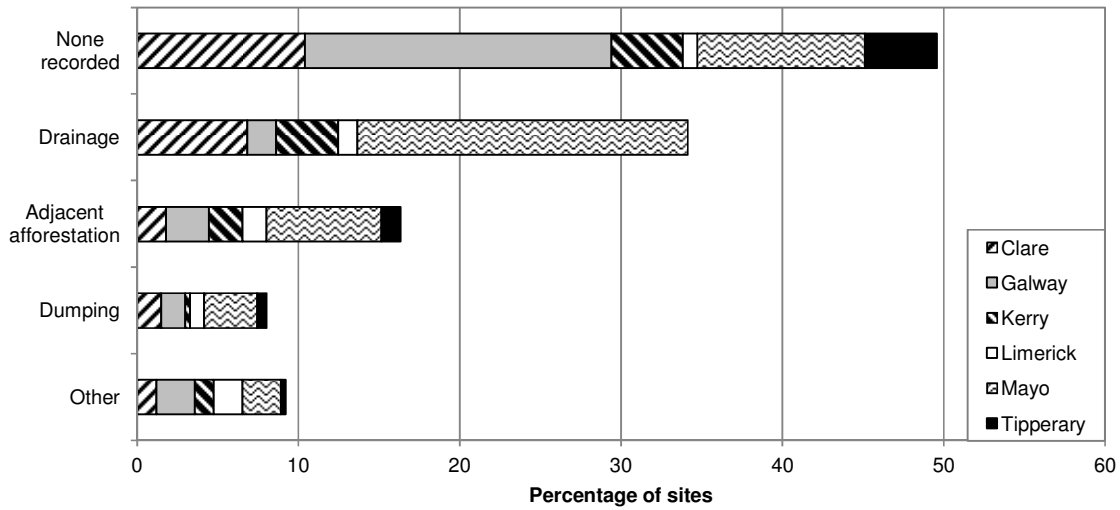
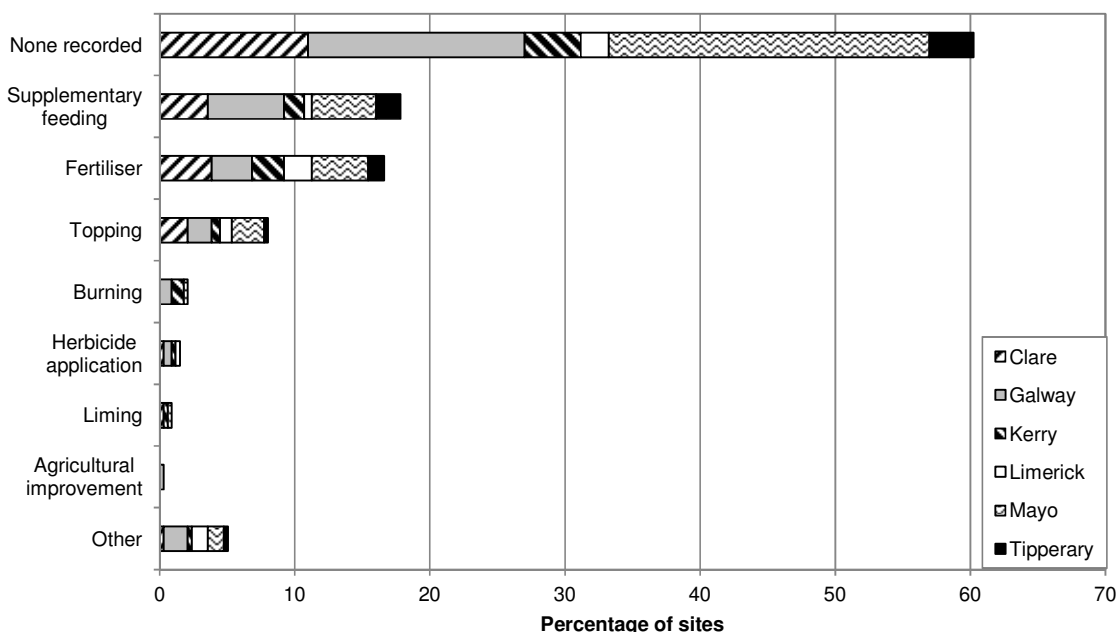


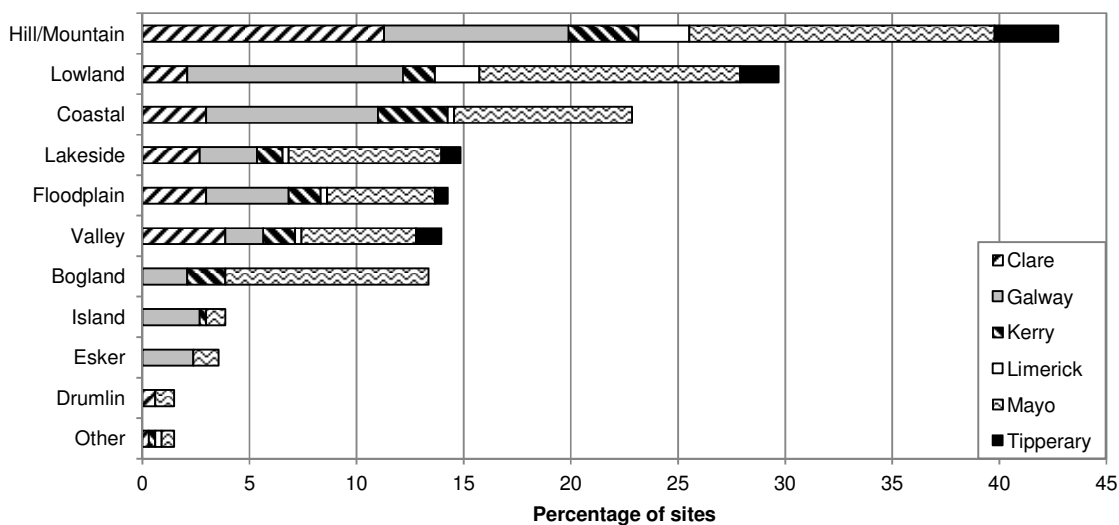
Fig. 3.6 indicates the frequency of agricultural activities in Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary. The most frequent method of improvement observed was the provision of supplementary feeding (17.8% of sites), which was relatively more frequent within Tipperary (28.6% of Tipperary sites) compared to the other counties, with Limerick recorded as having the lowest provision of supplementary feeding (13.3% of Limerick sites). Fertiliser application (recorded in 16.6% of all sites) and topping (8.0% of all sites) were the next most frequent agricultural activities recorded. Both of these activities were highest within Limerick (46.7% and 20.0% of Limerick sites respectively). Fertiliser application was least frequent in Galway (11.0% of Galway sites), while topping was least frequent in Tipperary (4.8% of Tipperary sites). All counties had some sites in which no agricultural activities were recorded (60.2% of all sites), with Mayo having the highest proportion (69.6%). Other activities such as scrub clearance, hedgerow removal, shooting (species unspecified), educational uses, burning, liming, herbicide application and agricultural improvements were recorded in much fewer semi-natural grassland sites (5% or less of all sites).

**Figure 3.6** Frequency of agricultural activities recorded, differentiated by county.



### **Landscape features**

Fig. 3.7 indicates the landscape features associated with sites included in the survey. The landscape feature most frequently recorded in association with sites was Hill/Mountain, occurring in 42.7% of sites. Clare and Limerick were the counties with the highest proportion of sites on hills or mountains (60.3% and 53.3% of sites in each county respectively), while Galway and Kerry had similarly low incidences of sites on hills (31.9% and 34.4% of sites in each county respectively). Lowland plain was the next most frequently recorded and was noted at 29.7% of all sites surveyed, highest within Limerick (46.7% of sites in the county) followed by Galway (37.4% of Galway sites). Coastal landscape features were the most frequent in Kerry and Galway, recorded in association with 34.4% and 29.7% of sites in each county respectively. Limerick had the lowest incidence of coastal landscape features (6.7% of Limerick sites), while landlocked Tipperary had no records. Lakesides were the next most frequent landscape feature recorded, occurring in 14.8% of sites. Mayo had the highest proportion of sites on lakesides (20.9%). The only other features of significance were floodplains, valleys and bogland, which were present in 14.2%, 13.9% and 13.4% of sites respectively. Floodplains and valleys had the highest incidence in Clare (15.9% and 20.6% of Clare sites respectively), while bogland had the highest proportion sites in Mayo (27.8%). No sites in Clare, Limerick or Tipperary were associated with bogland. Eskers were recorded at 12 sites in Galway and Mayo, with over half of these sites associated with an Annex I habitat. Drumlins were only recorded at five sites: two in Clare and three in Mayo. Island sites were not recorded in Limerick, Tipperary or Clare. Limestone crags, peninsulas, estuaries and turloughs were landscape features classified under “Other”.

**Figure 3.7** Frequency of different geographical features associated with sites, differentiated by county.


### 3.2 Assessment of Annex I grassland

A total of 121 of the sites surveyed across the six counties of Clare, Mayo, Galway, Kerry, Limerick and Tipperary in 2011-2012 contained an area of Annex I grassland habitat greater than the minimum mapping area of 400 m<sup>2</sup>. An assessment stop that was recorded in an area that was below the minimum mapping unit was included for 6430 (site 2341), however, due to the presence of an additional unsurveyed area of the habitat at the same site. The total number of assessed areas of 6430 is therefore 8 and the total number of assessed areas is 135 in 122 sites. Of these, the majority were in counties Galway (35 sites), Mayo (33 sites), and Clare (32 sites; Table 3.6). Just over half (54.1%) of the Annex I grassland areas are within SACs, with 73 of the 135 Annex I areas overlapping with an SAC. The data presented below summarise the extent, structure and functions, and future prospects for the 135 areas of Annex I grassland habitat recorded within the 122 sites.

**Table 3.6** The sites surveyed in Clare, Mayo, Galway, Kerry, Limerick and Tipperary containing areas assessed as Annex I grassland habitat. 13 sites are listed more than once as they contain more than one Annex I habitat.

Site no.	Annex I habitat	County	SAC <sup>†</sup>	Site no.	Annex I habitat	County	SAC <sup>†</sup>
1603	6410	Clare	000994	1874	6510	Mayo	001482
1608	[*]6210	Clare		1877	*6230	Mayo	
1609	6410	Clare		2205	*6230	Galway	002031
1610	6410	Clare		2212	[*]6210	Galway	002074
1612	[*]6210	Clare	000020	2230	[*]6210	Galway	000212
1614	[*]6210	Clare	000020	2237	*6230	Galway	002031
1614	6510	Clare		2239	*6230	Galway	
1615	[*]6210	Clare	000020	2240	*6230	Galway	
1616	[*]6210	Clare	001926	2241	[*]6210	Galway	002111
1617	[*]6210	Clare	000020	2249	[*]6210	Galway	000297
1622	[*]6210	Clare	000054	2253	[*]6210	Galway	
1623	[*]6210	Clare	000054	2259	[*]6210	Galway	

Site no.	Annex I habitat	County	SAC†	Site no.	Annex I habitat	County	SAC†
1624	[*]6210	Clare	000054	2260	[*]6210	Galway	
1625	[*]6210	Clare	000054	2261	6410	Galway	
1627	6430	Clare	000032	2263	6410	Galway	000297
1628	6430	Clare	000057	2267	[*]6210	Galway	
1634	6410	Clare		2269	[*]6210	Galway	000268
1646	6410	Clare		2270	[*]6210	Galway	000268
1649	[*]6210	Clare	001926	2271	[*]6210	Galway	001926
1653	[*]6210	Clare	001926	2273	[*]6210	Galway	
1654	[*]6210	Clare	001926	2282	[*]6210	Galway	
1655	6410	Clare		2299	[*]6210	Galway	
1663	6410	Clare		2301	[*]6210	Galway	
1666	6410	Clare		2303	[*]6210	Galway	
1668	[*]6210	Clare	000054	2307	[*]6210	Galway	000606
1670	6410	Clare		2307	6410	Galway	000606
1671	[*]6210	Clare	000020	2310	[*]6210	Galway	002244
1672	[*]6210	Clare	000054	2317	[*]6210	Galway	
1675	[*]6210	Clare	001926	2320	[*]6210	Galway	002347
1676	[*]6210	Clare	001926	2326	[*]6210	Galway	
1696	6510	Clare	001926	2329	[*]6210	Galway	
1697	6410	Clare		2329	6410	Galway	
1697	6510	Clare		2337	[*]6210	Galway	
1699	6510	Clare		2340	6410	Galway	000216
1703	6410	Mayo		2340	6430	Galway	000216
1707	6410	Mayo		2341	6430	Galway	000216
1718	6410	Mayo		2342	6410	Galway	000216
1719	*6230	Mayo		2344	6410	Galway	000216
1729	*6230	Mayo		2345	[*]6210	Galway	002241
1730	6430	Mayo	002298	2380	[*]6210	Galway	001275
1731	6510	Mayo	002298	2401	*6230	Kerry	000375
1733	6510	Mayo	002298	2402	*6230	Kerry	000375
1735	6510	Mayo	002298	2403	6410	Kerry	000365
1744	6410	Mayo	001899	2406	6430	Kerry	000365
1749	*6230	Mayo	000534	2415	*6230	Kerry	000365
1752	*6230	Mayo	001501	2434	*6230	Kerry	000375
1769	*6230	Mayo	000500	2701	[*]6210	Limerick	000432
1804	6410	Mayo		2701	6510	Limerick	000432
1807	6410	Mayo		2703	[*]6210	Limerick	000439
1810	*6230	Mayo		2704	[*]6210	Limerick	002165
1819	[*]6210	Mayo		2704	6510	Limerick	002165
1819	6410	Mayo		2708	6410	Limerick	002165
1820	6510	Mayo		2708	6430	Limerick	002165
1827	[*]6210	Mayo		2719	6410	Limerick	
1827	6410	Mayo		2722	6410	Limerick	
1831	*6230	Mayo		2901	*6230	Tipperary	000646
1836	*6230	Mayo		2902	*6230	Tipperary	
1839	[*]6210	Mayo	001774	2903	[*]6210	Tipperary	
1846	6410	Mayo		2908	*6230	Tipperary	002125



Site no.	Annex I habitat	County	SAC <sup>†</sup>	Site no.	Annex I habitat	County	SAC <sup>†</sup>
1851	[*]6210	Mayo	001774	2908	6510	Tipperary	
1853	[*]6210	Mayo		2912	[*]6210	Tipperary	
1854	[*]6210	Mayo	001774	2914	6430	Tipperary	
1859	*6230	Mayo		2918	[*]6210	Tipperary	
1864	[*]6210	Mayo	001536	2918	6410	Tipperary	
1864	6510	Mayo		2922	[*]6210	Tipperary	
1865	[*]6210	Mayo	000479	2924	6410	Tipperary	002165
1867	[*]6210	Mayo		2925	6410	Tipperary	
1869	[*]6210	Mayo	001774				

<sup>†</sup> SAC code only shown if Annex I grassland habitat occurs within the SAC

### Area assessment

Of the 135 areas of Annex I grassland habitat assessed across the six counties, two had increased in extent, four had decreased in extent and the remaining 129 were unchanged (Table 3.7), based on an area comparison between aerial photographs of 2000 and the areas mapped during 2011-2012. All Annex I grassland areas were scored as *Favourable* for area assessment except sites 1853, 2303 and 2704, which were assessed as *Unfavourable – Bad*, and site 2301, where the area of [\*]6210 was assessed as *Unfavourable – Inadequate*.

**Table 3.7** Annual percentage change in area between the years 2000 and 2011 / 2012 of Annex I grassland habitat areas surveyed in Clare, Mayo, Galway, Kerry, Limerick and Tipperary. Only those sites where a change in area was recorded are presented.

Site no.	Annex I habitat	Area in 2000 (ha)	Area in 2011/2012 (ha)	% change per yr
1654	[*]6210	7.4	8.0	0.7
1853	[*]6210	3.6	3.2	-1.1
2301	[*]6210	1.4	1.3	-0.6
2303	[*]6210	9.2	7.7	-1.3
2337	[*]6210	0.6	0.6	1.0
2704	6510	6.9	6.0	-1.2

### Structure and functions assessment

Across the 11 individual criteria assessed, the highest percentage of passes at individual monitoring stops was achieved by Festuco-Brometalia ([\*]6210) with a pass rate of 66%, and the lowest was 6410 with a pass rate of 13% (Table 3.8). Forb component was the criterion with the lowest pass rate in *Molinia* meadows (6410), while species richness had the lowest pass rate in *Nardus* grassland (\*6230), followed closely by forb component. In Festuco-Brometalia ([\*]6210) the criterion with the lowest pass rate was forb component, and positive indicator species had the lowest pass rate in Lowland hay meadows (6510). The criterion with the lowest pass rate in Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities (6430) was sward height (50%). With expert judgement applied, this criterion for this habitat increased to a pass rate of 62.5%. There is an argument for lowering the threshold height (50 cm) for this criterion; however, no monitoring stops for Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities (6430) failed this criterion in Martin *et al.* (2013) for Leinster counties, and therefore the threshold

value remains at 50 cm. The pass rate for the monitoring stops was lower across each of the Annex I habitats than for the individual criteria because a failure in any one of the criteria resulted in a failure for the monitoring stop overall.

As stated in section 2.4, for an Annex I habitat to receive a *Favourable* assessment for structure and functions, a pass was generally required for all criteria within all monitoring stops; however, high quality sites which narrowly failed on only one or two criteria were re-examined and, using expert judgement, a decision was made on whether a *Favourable* assessment for structure and functions was warranted. This approach resulted in the number of individual stops that passed for structure and functions across the five Annex I grassland habitats increasing from 232 to 295. The effect of this re-assessment was most noticeable for 6410, where the overall pass rate for monitoring stops increased from 13% to 30%.

**Table 3.8** Percentage pass rate for individual criteria used to assess structure and functions for each Annex I grassland habitat surveyed in 2011-2012. Note: A monitoring stop fails if even only one criterion fails. N/A = criterion not assessed for that Annex I habitat.

Assessment Criteria	% of monitoring stops that passed on each criterion				
	Festuco-Brometalia (*6210)	<i>Nardus</i> grassland (*6230)	<i>Molinia</i> meadows (6410)	Hydrophilous tall herb communities (6430)	Lowland hay meadows (6510)
Positive indicator species (HQ <sup>†</sup> )	98	91	84	N/A	92
Positive indicator species (HQ + Non-HQ)	96	100	89	100	82
Non-native species	100	99	100	100	100
Negative indicator species	91	87	96	88	87
Encroachment	92	96	99	100	98
Sward height	91	94	97	50	93
Litter cover	98	90	58	N/A	88
Bare ground cover	99	100	99	88	100
Grazing & disturbance	99	100	96	80	100
Forb component	88	76	42	88	90
Species richness	N/A	75	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Pass rate for monitoring stops before expert judgement applied</i>	66	42	13	38	57
<i>Pass rate for monitoring stops after expert judgement applied</i>	76	61	30	50	65

<sup>†</sup> HQ = High Quality positive indicator species (see section 2.4).

*For results of individual structure and functions criteria within monitoring stops, see Appendix 6*

### **Future prospects assessment**

Assessment of the future prospects parameter for each of the Annex I grassland areas identified was carried out according to the scoring system outlined in Tables 2.1 and 2.8, with a score of 0 or greater assessed as *Favourable*, less than 0 to -3 as *Unfavourable – Inadequate* and less than -3 as *Unfavourable – Bad*. In total, 90 out of 135 (66.7%) Annex I grassland habitat areas assessed across the six counties were scored as *Favourable* (i.e. with the effects of positive and negative impacts

balanced in favour of the positive) (Appendix 8). The Annex I habitat with the best overall future prospects was 6430, with seven of eight areas (87.5%) assessed as having *Favourable* future prospects. The next most favourably rated was 6510, with 84.6% (11 out of 13 areas) of its assessed areas receiving a *Favourable* score. \*6230 had 76.2% (16 of 21 areas) of assessed areas receive a *Favourable* score, while 63.6% (21 of 33 areas) of 6410 and 58.3% (35 of 60 areas) of <sup>[\*]</sup>6210 received a *Favourable* score. There is some disparity between habitats' pass rates for structure and functions and for future prospects. Future prospects may appear more favourable because negative impacts such as agricultural improvement were under-recorded; this occurred because no baseline data were available for comparison, and such impacts would have had to have been observed on the day of survey to be recorded. Furthermore, an absence of monitoring data for structure and functions means that, by default, monitoring stops are being compared to the highest standards; subsequent monitoring may show that some Annex I grasslands, due to geographic location or other factors, may already have favourable structure and functions within the context of their local ecosystem.

In terms of the impacts recorded, 21 negative impacts were recorded on Annex I grassland habitats, with 13 positive and 17 neutral impacts also noted (Table 3.9). The most frequent negative impact recorded was species composition change (succession), which occurred at 81 areas. Problematic native species (e.g. bracken) was also a frequent negative impact, recorded in 47 areas. None of the other negative impacts were recorded in more than 10 areas. It should be noted that four of the top five negative impacts relate to current insufficient management or agricultural abandonment. Species composition change is symptomatic of either insufficient management (e.g., undergrazing) or abandonment. It is therefore often recorded in the absence of abandonment and in the presence of non-intensive grazing. Grazing in such cases is usually considered to have either a neutral or positive effect as, if it were removed, the situation would be even worse.

The top five positive impacts were all related to the management of grassland through either grazing or mowing. Collectively, grazing was identified as the most frequent positive impact, noted at 96 areas of Annex I grassland habitat, with cattle the most frequent grazing animal, recorded at 49 areas. Mowing was a positive feature for 20 areas and all but two of the areas of Lowland hay meadow (6510) were mown. Note that grazing was identified in some sites as a positive effect and at others as a negative impact, as well as occurring with a neutral effect (neither positive nor negative) in 15 areas. For example, grazing was generally recorded as having a negative impact in areas where it was insufficient to prevent a rank sward from developing, or where negative impacts due to trampling or enrichment outweighed any other positive effect that grazing might achieve; but cattle grazing was recorded as having a positive effect where it successfully controlled sward rankness and more than cancelled out any of the negative effects of grazing. An assessment of neutral was made when the positive and negative impacts cancelled each other out when an assessment was made across the total area of Annex I habitat within a site. This was a highly context-sensitive assessment, requiring a weighing up of all of the individual impacts seen at a site.

*For future prospects results of assessed Annex I grassland habitat areas, see Appendix 8*

**Table 3.9** Impacts recorded for each of the Annex I grassland habitats assessed in the six western counties showing the number of areas each impact occurred at for each Annex I habitat.

## (a) Negative impacts

Impact code	Description	Annex I grassland habitat					Total
		[*]6210	*6230	6410	6430	6510	
K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	48	15	10	3	5	81
I02	Problematic native species (e.g. bracken)	39	4	-	-	4	47
I01	Invasive non-native species	3	5	1	-	-	9
A03.03	Abandonment/ lack of mowing	-	-	6	-	2	8
A04.03	Abandonment of pastoral systems, lack of grazing	1	-	6	-	-	7
G01.02	Walking, horse-riding and non-motorised vehicles	-	4	-	-	1	5
B01.02	Artificial planting on open ground (non-native trees)	1	-	2	-	-	3
A04.01.03	Intensive horse grazing	1	-	1	-	-	2
K02.02	Accumulation of organic material	-	-	2	-	-	2
A02.01	Agricultural intensification	1	-	-	-	-	1
A04.01.01	Intensive cattle grazing	1	-	-	-	-	1
A04.01.05	Intensive mixed animal grazing	1	-	-	-	-	1
A04.02.01	Non intensive cattle grazing	-	-	1	-	-	1
A04.02.03	Non intensive horse grazing	-	-	-	1	-	1
A05.02	Stock feeding	1	-	-	-	-	1
A11	Agriculture activities not referred to above	1	-	-	-	-	1
B02	Forest and Plantation management & use	1	-	-	-	-	1
D01.01	Paths, tracks, cycling tracks	-	1	-	-	-	1
D01.02	Roads, motorways	1	-	-	-	-	1
G02.08	Camping and caravans	1	-	-	-	-	1
H05.01	Garbage and solid waste	1	-	-	-	-	1

## (b) Positive impacts

Impact code	Description	Annex I grassland habitat					Total
		[*]6210	*6230	6410	6430	6510	
A04.02.01	Non intensive cattle grazing	29	3	14	2	1	49
A03.02	Non intensive mowing	1	-	7	-	10	18
A04.02.02	Non intensive sheep grazing	4	10	1	-	-	15
A04.02.05	Non intensive mixed animal grazing	10	1	3	-	-	14
A04.02.03	Non intensive horse grazing	6	1	3	1	1	12
A04.02	Non intensive grazing	1	3	-	-	-	4
A10.01	Removal of hedges and copses or scrub	3	-	1	-	-	4
J02.04.01	Flooding	-	-	1	2	1	4
A03	Mowing / cutting of grassland	-	-	1	-	1	2
A04.02.04	Non intensive goat grazing	2	-	-	-	-	2
A07	Use of biocides, hormones and chemicals	2	-	-	-	-	2
J02.07.01	Water extraction (drainage ditches)	-	-	1	-	-	1
K01.04	Competition	1	-	-	-	-	1

## (c) Neutral impacts

Impact code	Description	Annex I grassland habitat					Total
		[*]6210	*6230	6410	6430	6510	
A04.02.01	Non intensive cattle grazing	7	-	4	-	-	11
G01.02	Walking, horse-riding and non-motorised vehicles	-	3	1	1	1	6
B02	Forest and Plantation management & use	-	1	4	-	-	5
D01.01	Paths, tracks, cycling tracks	2	1	-	1	-	4
A04.02.02	Non intensive sheep grazing	1	2	-	-	-	3
K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	2	-	1	-	-	3
A04.03	Abandonment of pastoral systems, lack of grazing	1	1	-	-	-	2
C01	Mining and quarrying	2	-	-	-	-	2
J02.07.01	groundwater abstractions for agriculture	-	-	2	-	-	2
A04.02.05	Non intensive mixed animal grazing	-	1	-	-	-	1
A08	Fertilisation	1	-	-	-	-	1
B01	Forest planting on open ground	-	-	1	-	-	1
C01.01.01	Sand and gravel quarries	1	-	-	-	-	1
G01.03.02	Off-road motorized driving	1	-	-	-	-	1
H04.03	Other air pollution	-	-	-	-	1	1
I02	Problematic native species	1	-	-	-	-	1
K01	Abiotic (slow) natural processes	1	-	-	-	-	1

**Overall condition assessment**

The condition assessment scores for the 135 areas of Annex I grassland habitat assessed across the six counties were derived as outlined in section 2.4. Examining each of the assessment parameters separately (area, structure and functions, and future prospects), the highest number of *Favourable* assessments were within area assessment, with 131 of the 135 areas assessed as *Favourable* (Table 3.7; see also Appendix 9), and the lowest were within structure and functions, with 47 of the 135 areas assessed as *Favourable*, even after all monitoring stops had been re-examined for near misses.

In terms of the overall condition assessment (i.e., combining all three assessment parameters with reference to the matrix presented in Table 2.1) for each of the 135 areas of Annex I grassland habitat, 33 areas received an overall assessment of *Favourable*.

*For overall condition assessments of assessed Annex I grassland habitat areas, see Appendix 9*

**Primary areas of Annex I grassland habitat**

During 2011 and 2012, 135 areas of Annex I grassland habitat greater than the minimum mapping area located at 122 sites (13 sites contained more than one Annex I grassland habitat) were surveyed across the six counties. Many of these areas of Annex I grassland habitat are either small (less than 1 ha) or have unfavourable structure and functions. Following the proposal in Martin *et al.* (2008) that a list of premium quality sites containing Annex I grassland habitats above a minimum size and of

adequate structure and functions be produced, Table 3.10 shows the list of such sites compiled from the Annex I grassland habitats assessed during 2011 and 2012 across the six counties. The 54 areas of Annex I grassland listed are hereafter referred to as **primary areas** of Annex I grassland and represent the best examples of Annex I grassland habitat recorded across the six counties. They are judged to be of primary importance due to a combination of the area they cover (at least 1 ha) and their structure and functions, and should provide a focus for monitoring and conservation efforts in the future. Seventeen of the 47 areas that received a *Favourable* structure and functions assessment were included in the list of primary areas, the majority of these 47 areas being too small. Eighteen of the 54 primary areas were recorded in Clare, 15 in Galway, and 11 in Mayo, with the remaining 10 located across Kerry, Limerick and Tipperary.

Thirty-seven of the areas of primary Annex I habitat were located within NPWS conservation sites; for 24 of these, between 90% and 100% of the Annex I habitat was located within an SAC or pNHA.

**Table 3.10** List of the 54 primary areas of Annex I grassland habitat surveyed within the six western counties. The sites are ordered by Annex I habitat type and then site number within each type. The % within NPWS site refers to the % of the Annex I habitat located in an SAC or, if the habitat does not coincide with an SAC, the area located within an NHA or pNHA. % Pass for structure and functions is after expert judgement applied.

Site No.	County	Annex habitat	Area (ha)	Structure and functions	% in NPWS site	NPWS site no.
1608	Clare	[*]6210	5.4	67% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	0	-
1612	Clare	[*]6210	2.0	100% Pass = Favourable	88	SAC 000020
1614	Clare	[*]6210	1.9	25% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	0	-
1615	Clare	[*]6210	5.0	100% Pass = Favourable	100	SAC 000020
1616	Clare	[*]6210	3.0	80% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	100	SAC 001926
1617	Clare	[*]6210	6.4	100% Pass = Favourable	84	SAC 000020
1622	Clare	[*]6210	1.8	75% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	92	SAC 000054
1623	Clare	[*]6210	7.8	67% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	100	SAC 000054
1649	Clare	[*]6210	2.2	100% Pass = Favourable	100	SAC 001926
1654	Clare	[*]6210	8.0	86% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	100	SAC 001926
1671	Clare	[*]6210	18.2	89% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	9	SAC 000020
1672	Clare	[*]6210	1.7	100% Pass = Favourable	100	SAC 000054
1676	Clare	[*]6210	14.1	75% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	100	SAC 001926
1839	Mayo	[*]6210	1.7	75% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	100	SAC 001774
1853	Mayo	[*]6210	3.2	75% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	0	-
1864	Mayo	[*]6210	3.7	67% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	99	SAC 001536
1865	Mayo	[*]6210	5.7	50% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	100	SAC 000479
2259	Galway	[*]6210	1.2	75% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	0	-
2260	Galway	[*]6210	1.8	60% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	0	-
2267	Galway	[*]6210	10.4	50% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	0	-
2271	Galway	[*]6210	1.3	100% Pass = Favourable	6	SAC 001926
2273	Galway	[*]6210	5.0	100% Pass = Favourable	0	-
2282	Galway	[*]6210	16.3	100% Pass = Favourable	0	-
2301	Galway	[*]6210	1.3	75% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	0	-
2303	Galway	[*]6210	7.7	71% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	0	-
2307	Galway	[*]6210	2.6	75% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	99	SAC 000606

Site No.	County	Annex habitat	Area (ha)	Structure and functions	% in NPWS site	NPWS site no.
2310	Galway	[*]6210	20.7	100% Pass = Favourable	100	SAC 002244
2329	Galway	[*]6210	3.4	100% Pass = Favourable	11	NHA 000254
2345	Galway	[*]6210	2.0	75% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	100	SAC 002241
2701	Limerick	[*]6210	7.5	67% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	78	SAC 000432
2704	Limerick	[*]6210	8.5	67% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	22	SAC 002165
1749	Mayo	*6230	1.2	50% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	100	SAC 000534
2205	Galway	*6230	2.2	100% Pass = Favourable	9	SAC 002031
2401	Kerry	*6230	13.1	50% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	100	SAC 000375
2415	Kerry	*6230	1.7	100% Pass = Favourable	100	SAC 000365
2434	Kerry	*6230	12.8	75% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	100	SAC 000375
1603	Clare	6410	6.1	50% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	93	SAC 000994
1634	Clare	6410	7.6	50% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	0	-
1655	Clare	6410	2.7	25% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	0	-
1666	Clare	6410	1.3	75% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	33	pNHA 000011
1718	Mayo	6410	1.9	75% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	0	-
1744	Mayo	6410	4.1	33% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	61	SAC 001899
1827	Mayo	6410	2.2	50% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	0	-
2261	Galway	6410	1.7	75% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	0	-
2307	Galway	6410	1.1	100% Pass = Favourable	100	SAC 000606
2708	Limerick	6410	5.5	50% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	99	SAC 002165
2708	Limerick	6430	1.1	100% Pass = Favourable	100	SAC 002165
1696	Clare	6510	6.7	60% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	100	SAC 001926
1733	Mayo	6510	3.4	50% Pass = Unfavourable-Bad	3	SAC 002298
1735	Mayo	6510	5.8	100% Pass = Favourable	100	SAC 002298
1864	Mayo	6510	1.3	75% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	0	-
2701	Limerick	6510	2.4	75% Pass = Unfavourable-Inadequate	66	SAC 000432
2704	Limerick	6510	6.0	100% Pass = Favourable	44	SAC 002165
2908	Tipperary	6510	3.3	100% Pass = Favourable	0	-

### 3.3 Ranking of sites using conservation and threat evaluations

Conservation and threat scores were calculated as described in section 2.5. The full list of conservation and threat scores for the six counties is given in Appendices 10 and 11.

#### **Conservation scores**

The 25 sites of highest conservation value are presented in Table 3.11. All of these sites had a conservation score of 40% or more. Clare has the highest number of top-ranked sites (seven), followed by Mayo and Kerry with five each. Limerick and Galway have three top-ranked sites each, with two located in Tipperary. The top-ranked site of all 337 sites surveyed within the six western counties in 2011-2012 is in Limerick – Aughinish (2704). This obtained a high score because it contains two primary areas of Annex I habitat; it also scored well in terms of landscape context (i.e., adjacent and internal habitats), species density and quality of the species present, obtaining maximum scores both for notable species and for high quality indicator species. All but four of the 25 sites occur at least partly within an NPWS conservation site. All 25 of the top sites contain at least

one Annex I grassland habitat, with five sites – Aughinish, Limerick (2704), Barrigone, Limerick (2701), Lacka (World's End), Limerick (2708), Knocknageeha, Mayo (1864) and Cartron, Galway (2307) – each containing two areas of primary Annex I grassland habitat. Six of the top 25 sites are over 40 ha in size, while 14 received the highest score for species density and 21 achieved the maximum for high quality indicator species.

### **Threat scores**

The 16 most threatened sites are presented in Table 3.12, representing all sites that scored over 50% in the threat evaluation. Mayo and Limerick each have four of these sites, three are located in Clare, Galway and Kerry have two each, and one is in Tipperary. Two of these sites, Cloonakillina, Mayo (1744) and Pollaghanumera, Clare (1609) also appear on the list of the sites of greatest conservation value, highlighting the vulnerable nature of these important grassland sites. Five of these sites occur at least partly within NPWS conservation sites.

**Table 3.11** The 25 highest ranked grassland sites according to their conservation score surveyed in the six western counties in 2011-2012. Rankings shared by two or more sites are indicated by “=”.

Site No.	Site Name	County	NHA/pNHA	SAC	% score	Rank
2704	Aughinish	Limerick	000435	002165	70.5	1
2701	Barrigone	Limerick	000432	000432	57.9	2
2329	Killure More	Galway	000254	-	50.5	3
1864	Knocknageeha	Mayo	001536	001536	48.4	=4
2401	Ballinloghig	Kerry	000375	000375	48.4	=4
2908	Reafadda	Tipperary	-	002125	46.3	6
1827	Cogaula	Mayo	-	-	45.3	=7
2310	Ardrahan Grasslands	Galway	-	002244	45.3	=7
1697	Cream Point	Clare	-	-	44.2	=9
2403	Bunrower	Kerry	000365	000365	44.2	=9
1617	Murroghkilly	Clare	000020	000020	43.2	=11
1671	Derreen West	Clare	000020	000020	43.2	=11
2307	Cartron	Galway	000606	000606	43.2	=11
2708	Lacka (World's End)	Limerick	-	002165	43.2	=11
1614	Crumlin (Clare)	Clare	000020	000020	42.1	=15
1616	Keelhillia	Clare	001926	001926	42.1	=15
1744	Cloonakillina	Mayo	001899	001899	42.1	=15
2415	Derrynafeana	Kerry	000365	000365	42.1	=15
1622	Cahergrillaun	Clare	000054	000054	41.1	=19
1703	Termoncarragh	Mayo	001501	001501	41.1	=19
2406	Dromyrouk	Kerry	000365	000365	41.1	=19
1609	Pollaghanumera	Clare	-	-	40.0	=22
1869	Partry House Estate	Mayo	001774	001774	40.0	=22
2434	Coumduff	Kerry	000375	000375	40.0	=22
2918	Graffin	Tipperary	-	-	40.0	=22



**Table 3.12** The 16 highest ranked grassland sites according to their threat score surveyed in the six western counties in 2011-2012. Rankings shared by two or more sites are indicated by “=”.

Site No.	Site Name	County	NHA/pNHA	SAC	% score	Rank
1846	Derrintogher	Mayo	-	-	61.5	=1
2706	Court	Limerick	-	-	61.5	=1
2710	Ballynort	Limerick	-	-	61.5	=1
1604	Magherabaun	Clare	-	-	53.8	=4
1605	Caheraghacullin	Clare	-	-	53.8	=4
1609	Pollaghanumera	Clare	-	-	53.8	=4
1744	Cloonakillina	Mayo	001899	001899	53.8	=4
1818	Barcull	Mayo	-	-	53.8	=4
1833	Roonah	Mayo	001529	001529	53.8	=4
2253	Ballydotia	Galway	-	-	53.8	=4
2255	Addragool	Galway	-	000297	53.8	=4
2446	Kineigh	Kerry	000335	000335	53.8	=4
2448	Gortalee	Kerry	000365	000365	53.8	=4
2721	Carrigparson	Limerick	-	-	53.8	=4
2725	Carrigkerry	Limerick	-	-	53.8	=4
2917	Cloncannon	Tipperary	-	-	53.8	=4

## 4: DISCUSSION

### 4.1 Summary data and the ranking of all surveyed sites

In this discussion the data collected in counties Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary during ISGS 2011-2012 will be compared with the data collected in counties Carlow, Kilkenny, Laois, Louth, Meath, Westmeath, Wexford and Wicklow in 2011-2012 and the other 12 counties surveyed from 2007 to 2010. The discussion will focus on the six western counties surveyed in 2011 and 2012, with the remaining western seaboard counties – Donegal, Sligo and Cork, surveyed between 2007 and 2010, included where relevant. A detailed discussion of all counties surveyed during the lifespan of the ISGS can be found in O'Neill *et al.* (2013).

**Table 4.1** Summary of sites surveyed by the ISGS 2007-2012. The counties are ordered by median site area.

County	Year	Hectares surveyed	No. of sites	Median site area (ha)	No. of relevés	Sites in SAC	Sites in NHA/pNHA	Annex I grassland sites
Leitrim	2009	3925.2	77	40.6	390	18	29	30
Sligo	2010	1527.4	52	24.8	312	20	26	31
Longford	2009	1290.7	49	23.1	187	12	14	5
Limerick	2012	398.0	15	21.6	86	6	4	6
Roscommon	2007	1381.1	51	20.0	178	10	19	19
Cavan	2009	1841.7	66	17.6	273	17	18	17
Laois	2012	138.5	8	16.2	29	3	3	1
Monaghan	2009	893.6	47	14.0	189	1	12	5
Kildare	2010	823.3	22	13.6	107	1	5	7
Kerry	2012	577.3	32	13.5	136	21	16	6
Clare	2011	1074.2	63	13.5	248	36	39	32
Dublin	2010	749.6	26	12.7	97	6	12	6
Offaly	2007	1365.0	41	12.1	139	10	21	15
Westmeath	2011	215.2	18	11.5	84	6	9	7
Carlow	2012	47.1	5	9.8	20	1	1	1
Mayo	2011	1456.2	115	9.7	465	58	52	33
Donegal	2010	1438.1	103	8.8	382	40	41	32
Tipperary	2012	264.0	21	7.7	71	7	7	10
Cork	2008	1859.5	192	7.2	589	40	42	14
Waterford	2008	706.0	58	7.1	176	15	17	4
Kilkenny	2012	110.7	8	6.9	27	5	4	4
Meath	2011	142.3	14	6.5	37	7	8	5
Galway	2012	837.0	91	5.9	282	42	39	34
Wexford	2012	61.0	7	4.0	15	3	3	0
Louth	2012	41.4	5	4.0	12	3	3	0
Wicklow	2012	24.0	6	3.4	13	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>23188.1</b>	<b>1192</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>4544</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>324</b>

Table 4.1 gives a summary of the 26 counties surveyed over the six years of the ISGS 2007-2012. Cork and Waterford, previously recorded as the counties with the lowest median site areas, have now been replaced by Galway and five of the Leinster counties surveyed in 2011-2012. The county with the lowest median site area is Wicklow (3.4 ha), while Leitrim still has the highest median site area of 40.6 ha. The range of site areas for the western counties presented in this report was extremely wide, ranging from 0.28 ha for one site in Tipperary, Templetney Quarry (site 2907) to 103.02 ha for Barna (2702) in Limerick. Limerick sites overall tended to be larger than the other five western counties surveyed in 2011-2012, with a median of 21.6 ha. Both Kerry and Clare had a median site area of 13.5 ha, while Galway had the lowest median area (5.9 ha). In fact, the median site areas for counties Mayo, Tipperary and Galway were all below the overall national median site area of 11.6 ha.

When examined individually, the median site area for Donegal of 8.8 ha is quite close to the overall median site area for the western counties surveyed in 2011-2012, as is the median site area for Cork of 7.2 ha, which was surveyed in 2008. Sligo had quite a large median site area of 24.8 ha, but this is in line with that of Limerick. The overall median site area for the western counties is higher than the overall median site area for the Leinster counties, Carlow, Kilkenny, Laois, Louth, Meath, Westmeath, Wexford and Wicklow, of 7.0 ha, also surveyed in 2011-2012 (Martin *et al.* 2013).

A small median site area tends to indicate fragmentation of semi-natural grasslands, as was the case for sites surveyed in Cork and Donegal. A high percentage of the semi-natural grasslands in these counties were found to be present in a landscape of improved grassland or adjacent to flush and heath. As mentioned above, Mayo, Tipperary and Galway all have median site areas below the national median site area. 90.5% of sites in Tipperary were adjacent to improved agricultural grassland and cultivated land. Based on maps of agriculture in Ireland (Lafferty *et al.* 1999) and data from both the Census of Agriculture 2010 (CSO 2012) and National Farm Survey 2011 (Hennessy *et al.* 2011), Tipperary has been shown to have the highest productivity of the western counties, measured by economic farm returns per unit of labour, farm size and family farm income per farm (FFI), and is more or less on par in terms of productivity with the other counties with lower median site areas in Table 4.1. The low median site area for Tipperary is a reflection of the level of agricultural activity on-going in the county.

In contrast to Tipperary, Mayo and Galway have the lowest productivity of the western counties, and yet their low median site areas would suggest fragmentation of semi-natural grassland habitats in these counties. Agricultural improvement and intensification seems to have increased in Mayo and Galway in recent years with many sites experiencing either damaging operations (70% of Mayo sites, the majority of which is due to drainage) or agricultural activity, not including grazing or mowing, that indicates intensification (41% of Galway sites and 30% of Mayo sites). In fact, 75% of sites in Mayo and 63% of sites in Galway were adjacent to improved agricultural grassland and cultivated land. A high number of sites in Mayo were also adjacent to heath (59%) and flush (62%), while 88% of Galway sites were adjacent to built land, demonstrating that the fragmentation of semi-natural

grassland habitats in these counties is not only due to agricultural intensification and improvement, but also due to the development of man-made structures and the predominance of habitats other than semi-natural grassland (e.g. wet heath) within the landscape.

Although the median site areas of Clare, Kerry and Limerick are greater than the other western counties surveyed in 2011-2012 and are above the national median site area of 11.6 ha, the semi-natural grassland within these counties still suffers from fragmentation, with agricultural intensification playing a large role in this.

Fragmentation of habitats is indicated partly by size, but also by the frequency with which semi-natural grassland and marsh were recorded as adjacent habitats. Only 33% of Tipperary sites were recorded as having further unsurveyed semi-natural grassland adjacent to them, further reiterating the level of intensive agricultural activity occurring within this county. This is similar to the situation in Cork and Donegal, where only 42% and 43% of sites respectively were recorded adjacent to further semi-natural grassland. The other five western counties surveyed in 2011 and 2012 had over 50% of their sites adjacent to further unsurveyed semi-natural grassland, ranging from Mayo with 56% of sites to Limerick with 80% of sites adjacent to semi-natural grassland. From examination of the occurrence of semi-natural grassland and marsh as adjacent habitats, these five counties, particularly Galway, Kerry and Limerick, appear to be less fragmented than Tipperary. Limerick sites tended, on the whole, to be the largest of the six western counties surveyed in 2011 and 2012, and were most likely to be adjacent to further unsurveyed areas of semi-natural grassland. They therefore appear to be the least fragmented. This is very similar to what was observed for Sligo in 2010. The median site area in Galway was the lowest of the six counties, but 68% of sites were found adjacent to semi-natural grassland. Galway had the highest number of Annex I areas within any county and subsequently more time was spent surveying and assessing these areas resulting in a high proportion of small sites with high quality grassland. The results here highlight the importance of not confusing median site area with quality, and also of the importance of looking at adjacent habitats as well as median site area to examine the level of fragmentation of habitats within any given county.

The west of Ireland tends to have a wetter climate than the east of the country. It is therefore not surprising that approximately half of all the surveyed area of the six western counties, as well as Sligo, Donegal and Cork, comprised wet grassland. Interestingly, dry-humid acid grassland follows wet grassland in terms of percentage of area surveyed for the more south-westerly counties – Limerick, Tipperary, Kerry and Cork; while dry calcareous and neutral grassland has the second largest area surveyed in the more north-westerly counties – Clare, Galway, Mayo, Sligo and Donegal. The difference can be attributed to the predominant soil types of the counties, with the presence of calcareous bedrock, outcropping rock and shallow calcareous soils in many of the northwest sites, which proved a suitable substrate for calcareous grassland. Bedrock digital maps from the Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI 2013) show that limestone bedrock extends from the midlands to reach the Atlantic Ocean along the Shannon Estuary and at Galway Bay, Clew Bay and Killala Bay. The area

where this limestone bedrock is most evident is in the Burren, which is found between Clare and Galway. As a result, both the number of records for, and area in hectares of, dry calcareous and neutral grassland and the Annex I habitat *Festuco-Brometalia* (<sup>[\*]</sup>6210) were highest in Clare and Galway. The southwest counties tended to have a smaller proportion of calcareous bedrock, with more sites located over acidic soils in combination with upland areas. It is expected that the proportion of dry-humid acid grassland and its associated Annex I habitat *Nardus* grassland (\*6230) is probably higher in the six western counties surveyed in 2011 and 2012 than the ISGS data suggest, due to a change in surveying methodology from 2010 onwards. All upland SACs were excluded from the ISGS survey to prevent overlap with the National Survey of Upland Habitats (NSUH). The NSUH has surveyed upland regions in four of the six western counties surveyed by the ISGS in 2011 and 2012: Mayo, Kerry, Limerick and Tipperary (Perrin *et al.* 2011, 2012, 2013; Roche *et al.* 2009, 2011a, 2011b, 2012a, 2012b). The Annex I grassland habitats *Festuco-Brometalia* (<sup>[\*]</sup>6210), *Molinia* meadows (6410) and *Nardus* grassland (\*6230) have all been recorded during those surveys, as have the four semi-natural grassland habitats and freshwater marsh.

Limerick (6.6%), Mayo (6.2%) and Cork (6.9%) had the highest proportion of hay meadows for the western counties (expressed as a percentage of surveyed semi-natural grassland within the county), but these proportions are quite low when compared to some of the Leinster counties. The frequency and area of dry meadows within the counties is often dependent on management. Over half of all sites surveyed in Limerick were managed by either mowing alone, or in combination with grazing, while just under 30% of Mayo sites recorded mowing. Hay meadows, particularly Annex I Lowland hay meadows (6510), have seen a substantial decline in recent decades. Data from Austin O'Sullivan's research from 1962-1982 showed that Lowland hay meadows (6510) were much more prevalent in the west of Ireland, with 10 sites recorded in Galway, six in Tipperary, three in Clare, two in Kerry and one in Limerick (Bourke *et al.* 2007). No Lowland hay meadows (6510) were recorded in Galway or Kerry as part of the ISGS in 2011-2012, and only one area was recorded in Tipperary. Martin (1991) highlighted the threat to hay meadows in the west of Ireland, with surveying focused around the area west of Lough Corrib in Galway.

Conservation scores were calculated as outlined in section 2.5 (Table 2.9). Table 4.2 shows the top 21 ISGS sites recorded across the country. All of the sites in Table 4.2 have a conservation score of over 50% and scored highly on all of the parameters tested. Ten of the 26 counties surveyed from 2007 to 2012 have sites in this table. Leitrim has the highest number of sites in the top rankings, with seven sites. Of the six western counties surveyed in 2011-2012, two counties had sites in this table. Galway had one, Killure More (2329), while Limerick had two, Barrigone (2701) and Aughinish (2704). Aughinish was the top-ranked site overall, and had two types of primary Annex I grassland habitat. The Lowland hay meadows (6510) were assessed as *Favourable* for this site, while 67% of its *Festuco-Brometalia* (<sup>[\*]</sup>6210) assessment stops passed. Donegal and Sligo, other western seaboard counties, also had sites within this table, giving a total of eight sites from western counties having a conservation score of over 50%. It is surprising that Clare had no sites listed within the top 21 sites in

the country, as this county is well known for the presence of high quality grassland. Reasons for this absence include the fact that the ISGS did not go into the East Burren Complex (SAC 001926), as this area was covered under the Limestone Pavement Survey (Wilson and Fernández 2013), nor were grassland habitats associated with turloughs surveyed as all areas within the normal high flood limit are considered part of the turlough habitat and therefore grassland vegetation communities within this high flood limit were not within the remit of this survey. Clare sites also tended to have a lower diversity of habitats which therefore lowers the conservation scores.

Within the six western counties surveyed in 2011 and 2012, all but four of the 25 sites of highest conservation value occur at least partly within an NPWS conservation site. The four sites that are not within a designated area are Pollaghanumera (1609) and Cream Point (1697) in Clare, Cogaula, Mayo (1827) and Graffin, Tipperary (2918). All four sites are greater than 10 ha in area, have at least one Annex I grassland habitat and have both high species diversity and species quality. For these reasons, designation of these sites should be considered.

**Table 4.2** Top 21 sites ranked by conservation score, surveyed during ISGS 2007-2012.  
For Conservation score criteria see Table 2.9.

Site No.	Site Name	County	Area (ha)	SAC	NHA/pNHA	Annex I grassland habitat	Conservn Score (%)
2704	Aughinish	Limerick	31.8	002165	000435	<sup>[*]</sup> 6210, 6510	70.5
109	Moystown Demesne and Bullock Island	Offaly	235.2	000216	000216, 002104	6410, 6510	65.3
818	Lugnafeighery	Leitrim	95.7	000623	002435	<sup>[*]</sup> 6210, 6410	65.3
811	Larganavaddoge	Leitrim	76.3	000623	000623	<sup>[*]</sup> 6210	62.1
1300	Glenasmole Valley	Dublin	45.0	001209	001209	<sup>[*]</sup> 6210, 6410, 6510	58.9
850	Letterfine	Leitrim	121.1	-	-	<sup>[*]</sup> 6210, 6510	57.9
2701	Barrigone	Limerick	20.1	000432	000432	<sup>[*]</sup> 6210, 6510	57.9
825	Ballynaboll	Leitrim	178.8	-	-	<sup>[*]</sup> 6210	56.8
1248	Rossnowlagh Lower	Donegal	45.2	000138	000138	6410, 6510	56.8
808	Keeloges	Leitrim	115.8	001403	001403	<sup>[*]</sup> 6210	55.8
1067	Manragh Upper	Cavan	87.9	-	-	<sup>[*]</sup> 6210	54.7
2012	Creaghduff	Westmeath	20.4	000440	000440	<sup>[*]</sup> 6210, 6410, 6430	54.7
712	Coolberrin	Monaghan	95.9	-	-	6410, 6430	53.7
1250	St. John's Point	Donegal	70.1	000191	000191	<sup>[*]</sup> 6210, 6410	52.6
1502	Edenbaum	Sligo	40.6	-	002435	<sup>[*]</sup> 6210	52.6
1541	Cloonmacduff	Sligo	74.8	001898	001898	<sup>[*]</sup> 6210, 6410	52.6
807	Aghadunvane	Leitrim	130.9	001403	001403	<sup>[*]</sup> 6210	51.6
813	Aghalateeve	Leitrim	69.8	000623, 001919	000623, 001919	-	51.6
1004	Moneen	Cavan	208.0	002032	-	6410	50.5
1249	Drumhome	Donegal	13.6	000138	000138	*6230, 6410	50.5
2329	Killure More	Galway	22.0	-	000254	<sup>[*]</sup> 6210, 6410	50.5

Threat scores were also calculated for western counties surveyed in 2011 and 2012. These scores are of maximum benefit when viewed in conjunction with conservation scores, particularly for sites that have a high conservation score. Two of the sites with high conservation scores received high threat scores also – Cloonakillina, Mayo (1744) and Pollaghanumera, Clare (1609), highlighting the vulnerability of these important grassland sites. Most of the threats scored are associated with activities relating to agricultural improvements. Buffer zones around areas of special conservation value might help to mitigate unwanted effects from agriculture such as weedy species encroachment and damaging activities such as drainage and fertiliser application.

Mayo and Limerick had four sites each within the 16 most threatened sites, while Tipperary only had one. Five of the sixteen sites occur within an NPWS conservation site. This highlights the fact that designation does not necessarily decrease the threats to a site. In some instances poor management or, indeed, a complete lack of management, can be due to uncertainty among landowners regarding notifiable actions.

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#### **4.2 Condition assessment of Annex I grassland**

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The number of sites in the western counties surveyed in 2011 and 2012 recorded as having Annex I grassland was higher than in previous years, with the presence of Annex I grassland noted at 122 sites. A total of 135 areas of Annex I grassland were assessed in terms of their change in extent since 2000, structure and functions, and future prospects. The number of sites containing Annex I grassland in the west of Ireland (six counties surveyed during 2011 and 2012, and Cork, Donegal and Sligo) was significantly higher (totalling 199 sites) than the number of Leinster sites with Annex I grassland habitat (totalling 51 sites). These figures are most likely a reflection of the higher levels of agricultural activity and productivity in Leinster counties compared to the western seaboard counties. The conservation value of a number of sites in the west of Ireland was enhanced by also having non-grassland Annex I habitats present. For example, some areas of <sup>[\*]</sup>6210 grassland were closely associated with the Annex I habitats Juniper scrub (5130), calcareous heath (4030) or limestone pavement (\*8240). In the western counties surveyed in 2011 and 2012, 33 Annex I grassland areas (24.4% of areas assessed) received an overall assessment of *Favourable*.

#### **Area assessment**

Change in area (extent) was noted in the methodology in section 2 as being slightly biased towards the area boundaries visible on the 2005 aerial photographs. This fact is being mentioned specifically in this report as the series of aerial photographs used as base mapping for the digitisation of sites in 2011 and 2012, including Annex I grassland areas, is six to seven years old and is therefore likely to be less representative of the 2011 and 2012 site boundary than in previous years of this survey due to the greater time elapsed since the photographs were taken. While GPS points were used to map grassland habitat boundaries that were not visible on the photograph (such as a transition from <sup>[\*]</sup>6210 calcareous grassland to non-Annex I quality calcareous grassland), existing features on the aerial photograph, such as hedgerows or patches of scrub, were used where present on the ground in 2011

and 2012. Slight differences in features such as thickness of hedges or extent of scrub encroachment may not have been seen on the ground to be significantly different from the photograph, and may therefore not have been mapped in the field. Many such changes are likely to have been smaller than the minimum mapping area; there may, however, have been some area changes that were above the minimum mapping area but not identified when mapping in the field. This may potentially have impacted slightly on the results for Area assessment, most of the Annex I areas having been recorded as having undergone no decrease in area. Four sites recorded a measurable loss of area, which can be attributed to quarrying, construction work (houses and roads) and disposal of industrial waste. Two sites underwent a slight increase due to recolonisation of bare ground in old quarry sites. The accurate assessment of area change will be much improved when a new series of aerial photographs becomes available, and also when the surveys switch from baseline to monitoring.

### **Structure and functions assessment**

The National Conservation Assessments (NCAs) of Annex I grassland habitats were completed in 2013 (NPWS 2013) as part of Ireland's reporting commitments under Article 17 of the EU Habitats Directive. The structure and functions criteria previously used during the ISGS were reviewed and amendments were made as part of the NCA process. Additionally, new criteria were added for the *Nardus* grassland (\*6230) structure and functions assessment to ensure that only species-rich examples of this vegetation type were assessed and that the calcareous sub-community of this Annex I habitat was recognised. Also, some negative indicators for *Molinia* meadows (6410) were removed as they characterise the fen-meadow variant of this habitat, rather than suggesting negative structure and functions. All relevés recorded during the entire course of the ISGS (2007-2012) were re-checked for correspondence to Annex I habitats, and all Annex I relevés identified were assessed using these new criteria (refer to Appendix 5 for a summary of the structure and functions criteria and threshold levels).

For the majority of criteria for each of the five Annex I grassland habitats assessed, there was a pass rate of 80% or greater. The structure and functions criteria with the lowest pass rates included forb component (42%) and litter cover (58%) for *Molinia* meadows (6410), and sward height (50%) for Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities (6430). Litter cover and sward height along with scrub encroachment, bare ground, and grazing and disturbance depend to a large extent on the degree to which the habitat is managed. Inadequate grazing or mowing regimes may result in a build-up of litter and the development of a rank, tussocky sward, which in turn lowers the biodiversity of the habitat, resulting in a low forb component. This appears to be the case for *Molinia* meadows (6410), with two of the most common impacts recorded for this habitat being abandonment/lack of mowing and abandonment/lack of grazing.

The pass rate for the monitoring stops was lower across each of the Annex I habitats than for the individual criteria because a failure in any one criterion resulted in a failure for the monitoring stop overall. After expert judgement was applied *Molinia* meadows (6410) had the lowest pass rate (30%),



while the other four Annex habitats had 50% or greater of their stops passing. Festuco-Brometalia<sup>(\*)</sup>6210 had the highest pass rate (76%). In order for an area to acquire a *Favourable* status, all monitoring stops within the area must have passed the structure and functions criteria, apart from a few exceptions reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Clare and Limerick, which between them had the largest areas of *Molinia* meadow (6410), had no areas assessed as having *Favourable* structure and functions for this habitat. The importance of appropriate management is of vital importance to the structure and functions of Annex I grassland habitats. With the correct management, the pass rate for all Annex I grassland habitats could be higher. To that end, agri-environment schemes or initiatives, such as the Burren Farming for Conservation Programme (Anon. 2013) and NPWS farm plan scheme, aim to encourage farmers back to appropriate active management practices to help alleviate some of the problems caused by current management or lack thereof. Agricultural policies need to be more proactive in promoting participation in such schemes, particularly in counties which have greater areas of intensive agricultural activity, such as that of Tipperary and Limerick, where participation in such schemes tends to be lower (EPA 2006).

#### ***Future prospects assessment***

The assessment of this parameter utilised the list of impacts given by Ssymanck (2010). This attempts to list all the potential negative, positive and neutral practices that impact on Annex I habitats. In 2010, the first year in which this list of impact criteria was used, it was found that some negative criteria, such as scrub, bracken or heath encroachment, were not explicitly listed among the impacts and could no longer be scored individually, or could potentially be scored in a number of ways, such as “Problematic native species” or by inference from another category; for example, encroachment could be scored through the negative impact “Abandonment / lack of mowing”, if the field was formerly mown, or “Abandonment of pastoral systems, lack of grazing” if formerly grazed. Following a review of the impact criteria after the field season in 2010, the recording of encroachment by scrub or heath by using the code “Species composition change (succession)” and use of “Problematic native species” being reserved for the recording of bracken encroachment was utilised for the 2011 and 2012 field seasons.

Four of the top five negative impacts recorded relate to a lack of management and agricultural abandonment, with species composition change (succession) listed as the top ranking negative impact recorded for the Annex I grassland habitats. These impacts highlight the vulnerability of both non-Annex and Annex I grassland habitats to abandonment or lack of adequate management. Without the correct grazing or mowing regime in place, grassland habitats often succeed to scrub and woodland habitats, dense bracken can encroach and biodiversity can be lost as a result of the tall, rank, tussocky growth of a few dominant species. It is not surprising that the most commonly recorded positive impacts for the Annex I habitats comprise non-intensive grazing and mowing.

The list of impacts recorded for the western counties in 2011 and 2012 highlights the fact that many of the Annex I *Molinia* meadows (6410) are managed by grazing rather than by mowing. While positive

effects may be obtained in the short term with appropriate grazing, the long-term effects may be less beneficial than mowing. Mowing removes litter and keeps nutrient input low, as well as giving a uniform sward structure, whereas grazing can increase nutrient inputs and, if carried out to excess, has additional undesirable effects of trampling and poaching, particularly in wet meadows. Some of the best examples of both *Molinia* meadows (6410) and Lowland hay meadows (6510) surveyed during the ISGS have been those that have been maintained by mowing rather than by grazing. These include meadows at Glenasmole, Dublin (1300), Rossnowlagh Lower, Donegal (1248), Kilcolman, Cork (618), Moystown Demesne and Bullock Island, Offaly (109) and Clonmacnoise, Offaly (107), and from the western counties surveyed in 2011 and 2012, Cloongee, Mayo (1735), Aughinish, Limerick (2704), Lacka (World's End), Limerick (2708) and Reafadda, Tipperary (2908).

Non-intensive grazing, particularly cattle for Festuco-Brometalia (<sup>[\*]</sup>6210) and sheep for *Nardus* grassland (\*6230), were recorded as positive impacts, with intensive grazing recorded as a negative impact. The level of grazing activity, type of grazer and stocking density are therefore important considerations for management of these Annex I habitats. For Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities (6430) non-intensive horse grazing was recorded as both a positive and negative impact.

#### **Primary areas of Annex I grassland habitat**

Martin *et al.* (2008) proposed the compilation of a list of Annex I grassland areas that were of exceptionally good quality in terms of their structure and functions and overall area. Such a list would act as a focus for grassland conservation efforts in the future. Fifty-four areas have been added to the list of primary areas of Annex I grassland habitat following the 2011-2012 survey of the six western counties.

Of the western counties surveyed in 2011 and 2012, Clare has the highest number of sites included in the primary areas list, with a total of 18 sites from the county listed as being of sufficient area and having good structure and functions. Fifteen sites are located in Galway, eleven in Mayo, six in Limerick, three in Kerry and one in Tipperary. Of the primary areas, eight of the Galway sites, one of the Tipperary sites, and four each of the Clare and Mayo sites are not within an NPWS conservation site (17 in total). Further sites for Galway (two sites), Clare and Mayo (one for each county) have less than 10% of their area within an NPWS conservation site. These sites may be prime candidates for including within a designated area through the extension of an existing conservation site boundary. Sites that fall completely outside an NPWS conservation site boundary should be examined with a view to designating them for the grassland habitats they support.

Festuco-Brometalia (<sup>[\*]</sup>6210) is the most frequent of the primary Annex I grassland areas and it also has the largest area. Conversely Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities (6430) has the smallest occurrence and area, with only one site in Limerick, Lacka (World's End) (2708), fitting the criteria for primary areas of Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities (6430). It is expected that this Annex I

habitat is probably more common than the ISGS data suggest however, as it is more commonly associated with areas of swamp which was outside the remit of this survey of semi-natural grassland. Any future monitoring of Annex I grassland habitats should focus on these primary areas. These areas are of good quality, covering at least 1 ha of land with the majority having at least 50% of the stops passing the structure and functions assessment at each site. They represent the best examples of Annex I grassland habitat recorded across the six western counties.

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#### **4.3 Vegetation classification**

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The vegetation classification of all semi-natural and semi-improved grassland habitats using the ISGS full dataset (2007-2012) is outlined in a separate National Synthesis Report (O'Neill *et al.* 2013).

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#### **4.4 Concluding remarks**

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This survey of 337 semi-natural grassland sites in Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary, representing years four and five and the third phase of the Irish Semi-natural Grasslands Survey, has further defined the methodologies used to study the range of different semi-natural grassland habitats within a region, to identify and assess Annex I grassland habitats, and to accurately map and store survey data within datasets using a combination of GIS, a Turboveg database and an Access database.

The data showed that semi-natural grassland sites in the six western counties tended overall to be somewhat larger than those found in Leinster counties, however there was a wide range of median site areas among the six counties themselves, with Galway sites having significantly smaller sites than the others, and Limerick sites the largest. Most of the sites surveyed in 2011 and 2012 that were ranked as having a high conservation value were found in Clare and the highest ranking site in the country was found in Limerick. A total of 54 primary areas of Annex I grassland habitat were found between the six counties; Clare again had the highest number of primary areas. The majority of sites with primary areas of Annex I grassland habitat or those with a high conservation score were associated with an NPWS conservation site.

There were some interesting contrasts between the six western counties surveyed in 2011 and 2012 and the other western seaboard counties. Limerick and Sligo grasslands were found to be more extensive and less fragmented than those in Tipperary and Cork, while sites in Mayo and Donegal tended to be fragmented due to the predominance of habitats other than semi-natural grassland (e.g. wet heath) within the landscape, as much as due to agricultural improvement. Galway, Clare and Donegal contained a significant proportion of both dry neutral and calcareous grassland and the associated Annex I habitat *Festuco-Brometalia* (<sup>[\*]</sup>6210). In fact these three counties contain the largest areas of *Festuco-Brometalia* (<sup>[\*]</sup>6210) surveyed in the country.

Results from this report underline both the threat to and the decline of semi-natural grassland in these six western counties. Semi-natural grassland, for the most part, has become a fragmented and marginal part of the Irish landscape, with both the problems of abandonment and increased agricultural activity playing a large role in this. Comparing the occurrence of Annex I habitats found during the ISGS, particularly Lowland hay meadows (6510), with their occurrence recorded by Austin O'Sullivan in the 1960s to 1980s (Bourke *et al.* 2007) highlights the poor conservation status of semi-natural grasslands in Ireland today. Byrne (1996) found that 38% of the sites documented by O'Sullivan during the 1970s no longer supported semi-natural grassland communities by 1994, and the ISGS dataset provides further evidence for this declining trend. The decline of meadows in the west of Ireland and the proportion of Annex I grassland habitats failing structure and functions assessments due to inadequate management highlights the importance of retaining and encouraging traditional management practices such as late mowing and winterage as carried out in parts of the Burren. Agri-environment schemes, such as the Burren Farming for Conservation Programme (Anon. 2013) and NPWS farm plan scheme, are already starting to have a positive effect in the areas where they have been implemented. However, these positive initiatives are yet to be implemented across a significant proportion of the country.

A detailed habitat map has been produced for each site, showing the Fossitt (2000) and Annex I grassland habitats, the position of all relevés and the location of any associated NPWS conservation sites (NHAs/pNHAs and SACs). These habitat maps are available as a digitised GIS layer which can be overlaid onto the aerial photographs and viewed or printed at any scale.

This report on the ISGS data collected within Connacht and Munster in 2011 and 2012, together with the report on the data collected in counties Carlow, Kilkenny, Laois, Louth, Meath, Westmeath, Wexford and Wicklow (Martin *et al.* 2013) over the same time period represent the final phase of this project. In addition to these final two regional reports a national report (O'Neill *et al.* 2013) has also been written that summarises the data collected across the whole country and presents a classification of semi-natural grassland in Ireland.

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***Appendix 1: Maps showing the location of the 337 sites surveyed in the six western counties in 2011-2012***

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Map 1: Location of sites in Co. Mayo (scale 1:380 000)

Map 2: Location of sites in Co. Galway (scale 1:400 000)

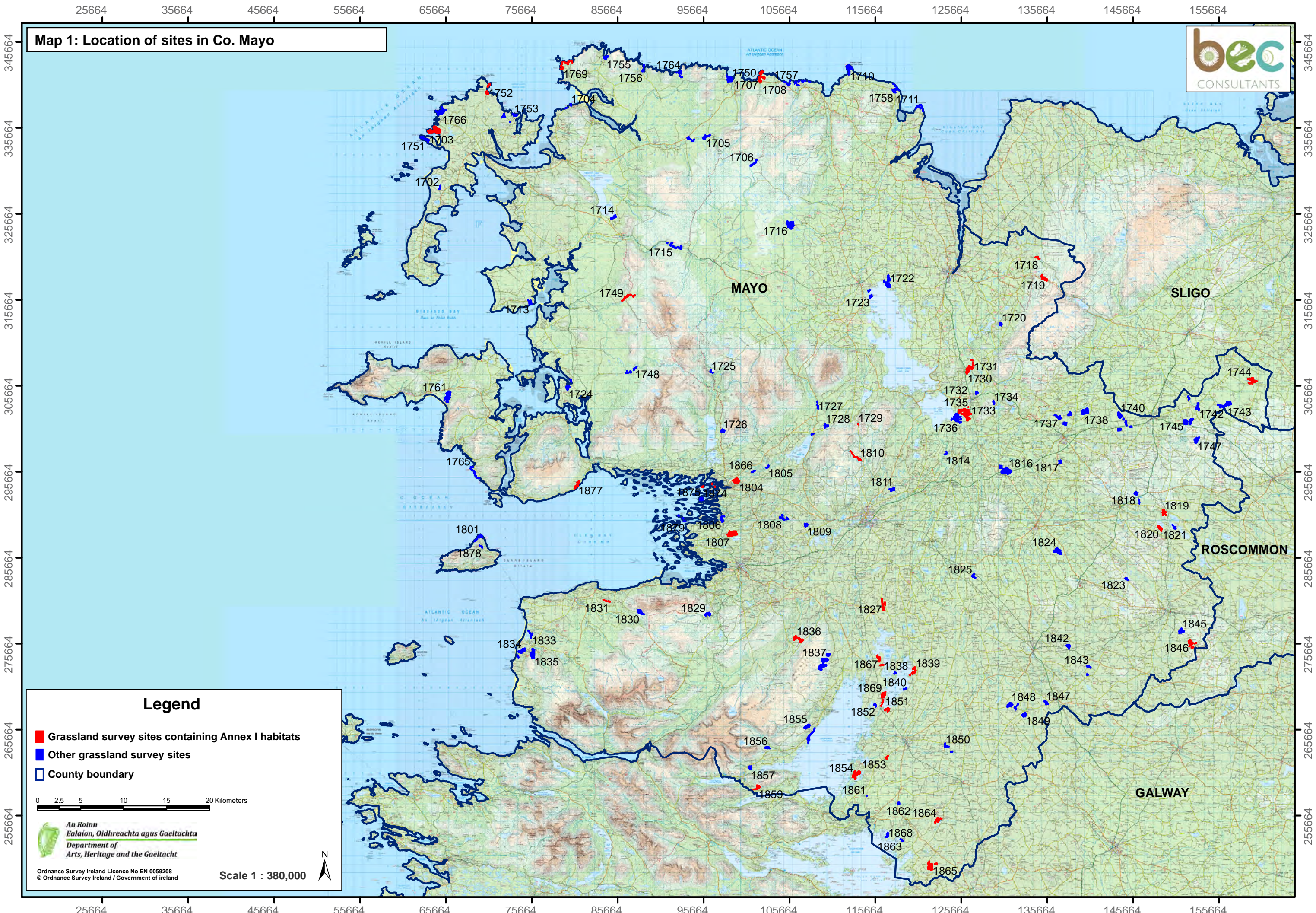
Map 3: Location of sites in Co. Kerry (scale 1:400 000)

Map 4: Location of sites in Cos. Clare and Limerick (scale 1:370 000)

Map 5: Location of sites in Co. Tipperary (scale 1:325 000)



Map 1: Location of sites in Co. Mayo



**Legend**

- Grassland survey sites containing Annex I habitats
- Other grassland survey sites
- County boundary

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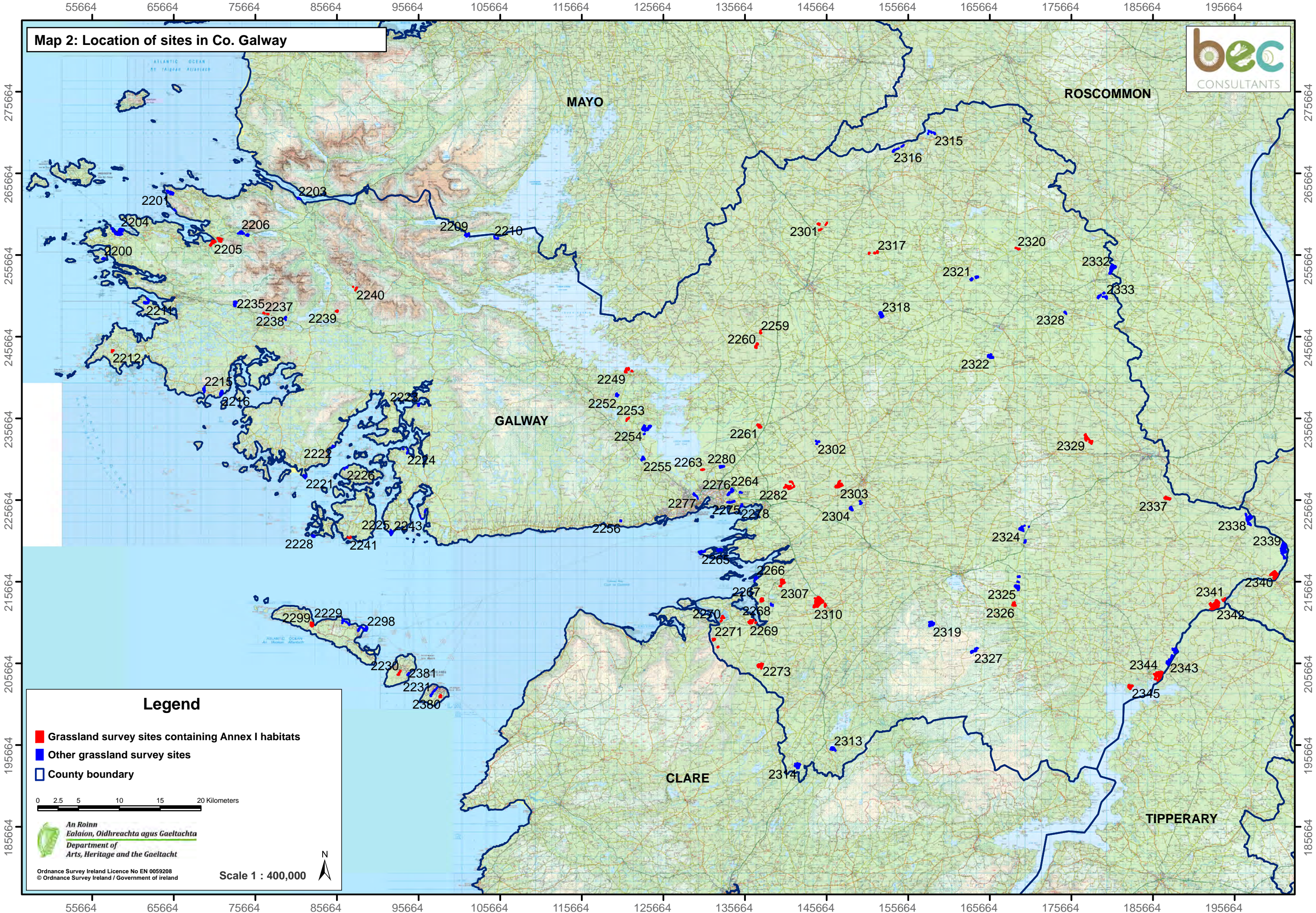
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# Map 2: Location of sites in Co. Galway



## Legend

- Grassland survey sites containing Annex I habitats
- Other grassland survey sites
- County boundary

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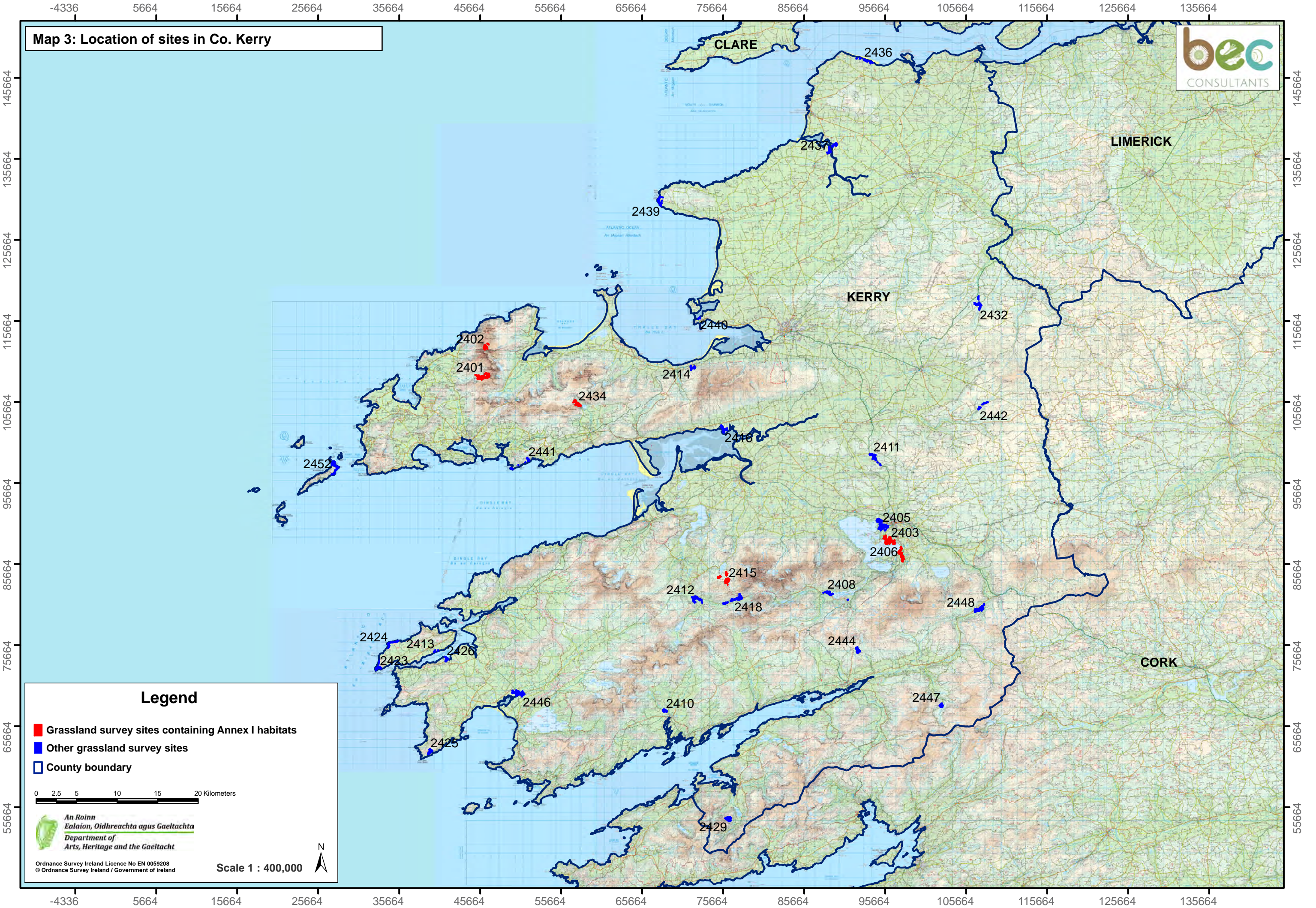
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Map 3: Location of sites in Co. Kerry



**Legend**

- Grassland survey sites containing Annex I habitats
- Other grassland survey sites
- County boundary

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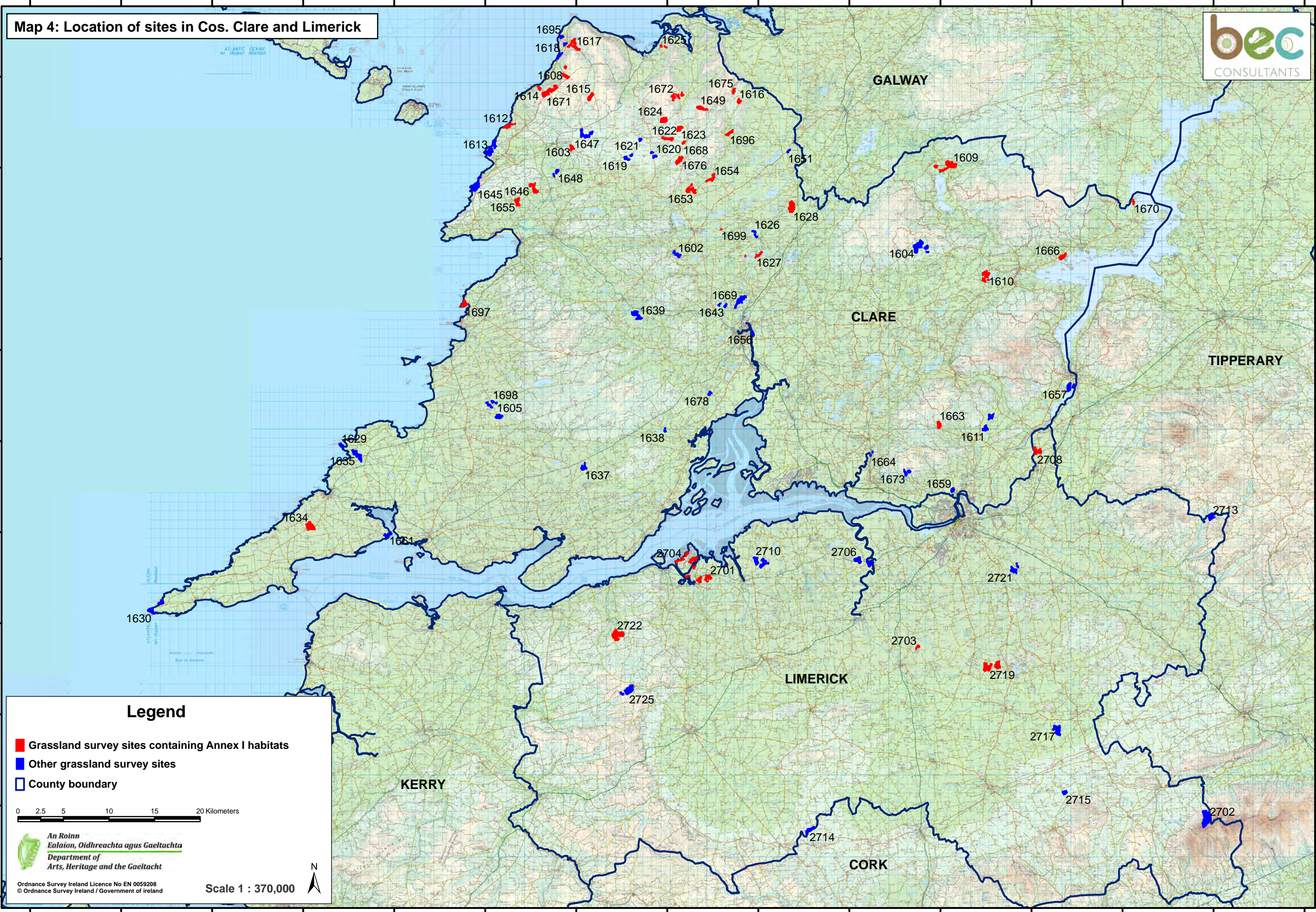
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Map 4: Location of sites in Cos. Clare and Limerick



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**Legend**

- Grassland survey sites containing Annex I habitats
- Other grassland survey sites
- County boundary

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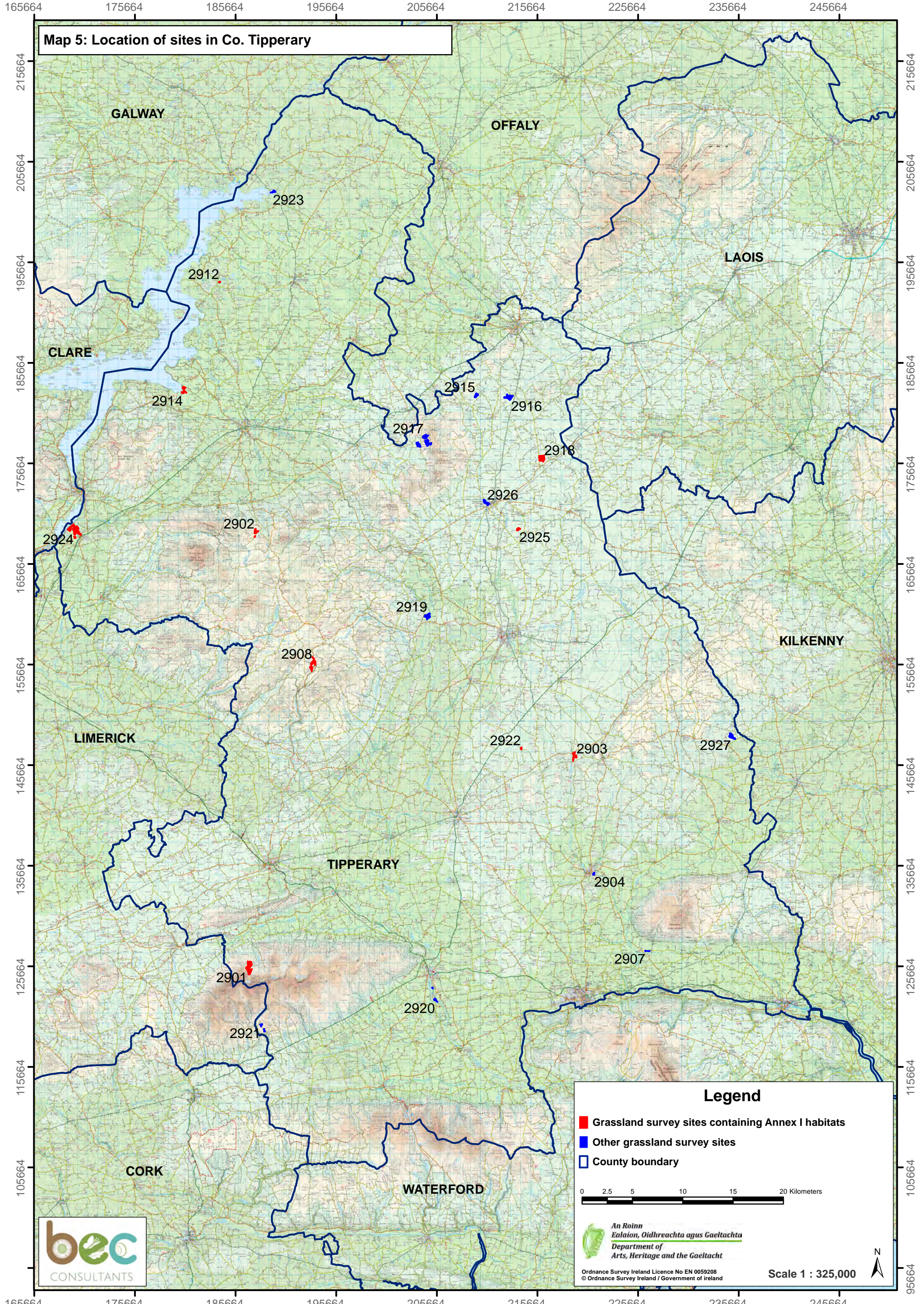
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Map 5: Location of sites in Co. Tipperary



**Legend**

- Grassland survey sites containing Annex I habitats
- Other grassland survey sites
- County boundary

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## ***Appendix 2: Summary information for each of the 337 sites surveyed in the six western counties in 2011-2012***

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This appendix contains the following information on each site:

- Site ID
- Site Name
- Townland Name
- County
- Site Area (ha)
- Grid Reference
- NHA (Natural Heritage Area) / pNHA ( proposed Natural Heritage Area)
- SAC (Special Area of Conservation)
- Parent material
- Soil ID
- Conservation score
- Threat score

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Site ID	Site Name	Townland Name	County	Site Area (ha)	Grid Ref.	NHA/pNHA	SAC	Parent Material	Soil ID	Conservation Score (%)	Threat Score (%)
1602	Shessiv	Gortcooldurrin, Rath, Shessiv	Clare	17.60	R26881 86054	-	-	Cutover peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous); Water	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats; Lake/Reservoir	25.3	46.2
1603	Ballyteige	Ballygastell, Ballyteige, Lisdoonvarna	Clare	9.88	R15099 97965	000994	000994	Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	29.5	23.1
1604	Magherabaun	Bauragegaun, Magherabaun	Clare	64.26	R53127 87061	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	31.6	53.8
1605	Caheraghacullin	Caheraghacullin, Cloghaun Beg (East)	Clare	9.07	R07220 68479	-	-	Blanket peat; Shales and sandstones sands and gravels (Namurian); Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	25.3	53.8
1608	Ballyelly	Ballyelly, Fanore More	Clare	15.65	M14479 06706	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	33.7	23.1
1609	Pollaghanumera	Caher (Murphy), Drummin, Gortnamuinga, Islandmore, Knocknahannee, Pollaghanumera, Reanahumana, Slieveanore	Clare	44.84	R56130 95475	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Cutover peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats; Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	40.0	53.8
1610	Lough O'Grady	Coolreagh Beg, Fossa More, Teeroneer	Clare	26.61	R60409 83382	001019	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Cutover peat; Sandstone till (Devonian); Water	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats; Lake/Reservoir	36.8	46.2
1611	Glenomra	Aharinaghmore, Cappanaslish, Fahy More (South), Kilmore, Springmount	Clare	29.55	R61197 68329	001013	001013	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Cutover peat; Sandstone till (Devonian); Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Blanket peats; Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	26.3	38.5
1612	Cahermaclanchy	Ballyryan, Cahermaclanchy, Cahermacrusheen, Glasha More	Clare	12.45	M08179 00317	000020	000020	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	36.8	23.1
1613	Doolin	Ballaghaline, Ballycahan, Doolin, Doonmacfelim, Teergonean	Clare	42.59	R06079 97326	000020	000020	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	29.5	30.8
1614	Crumlin (Clare)	Crumlin	Clare	6.39	M11529 04539	000020	000020	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	42.1	15.4
1615	Lislarheenmore	Lislarheenbeg, Lislarheenmore	Clare	15.41	M17102 03349	000020	000020	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	36.8	7.7
1616	Keelhilla	Keelhilla	Clare	6.42	M33421 02960	001926	001926	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	42.1	23.1
1617	Murrooghkilly	Fanore More, Formoyle East, Formoyle West, Murrooghkilly	Clare	24.45	M15333 09598	000020	000020	Alluvium undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	43.2	30.8
1618	Fanore More	Fanore More	Clare	5.77	M13925 08163	000020	000020	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous); Blown sand in dunes	Aeolian undifferentiated; Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	21.1	38.5
1619	Noughaval	Kiltaan, Noughaval	Clare	11.20	R21239 96628	000054	000054	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	18.9	30.8
1620	Carran	Cahermackirilla, Carran, Iskancullin, Poulacarran, Poulcaragharush, Sheshy More	Clare	9.92	R24289 96922	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	20.0	23.1
1621	Magheraweelen	Caherconnell, Kilcorney, Magheraweelen	Clare	5.64	R22680 98746	000054	000054	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	23.2	15.4
1622	Cahergrillaun	Cahergrillaun, Meggagh East, Meggagh West, Moheramoylan, Rannagh West	Clare	18.49	R26106 98852	000054	000054	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	41.1	23.1
1623	Rannagh West	Rannagh West	Clare	12.75	R26932 99839	000054	000054	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	38.9	30.8
1624	Cragballyconoal	Ballymihil, Cragballyconoal, Eanty More	Clare	27.35	M25255 00910	000054	000054	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	29.5	30.8
1625	Bishopsquarter	Bishopsquarter	Clare	2.45	M24990 09024	000054	000054	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	28.4	15.4
1626	Ballyteige Lough	Cahermacrea, Dromore	Clare	6.41	R35185 88668	000032	000032	Marl (Shell); Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Marl-type soils; Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	16.8	23.1
1627	Dromore Lough	Dromore, Portlecka	Clare	6.25	R35595 86024	000032	000032	Fen peat; Lake sediments undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats; Lacustrine	17.9	15.4

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1628	Addergoole	Addergoole, Drumminacknew, Monreagh, Shanballysallagh, Sranagalloon	Clare	25.04	R39463 91160	000057	000057	Fen peat; Lake sediments undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian); Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats; Lacustrine	36.8	30.8
1629	Ballard	Ballard	Clare	10.49	Q89864 65136	-	002264	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	12.6	23.1
1630	Loop Head	Dermot & Grania's Rock, Kilbaha North, Kilbaha South	Clare	29.96	Q68941 47007	000045	002165	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	18.9	15.4
1634	Kilcasheen	Furroor Upper, Kilcasheen, Moveen East	Clare	37.14	Q86408 56475	-	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	27.4	30.8
1635	Farrihy	Ballard, Farrihy	Clare	41.31	Q91446 64408	000200	-	Cutover peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian); Water	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Basin Peats/Blanket Peats; Lake/Reservoir	23.2	38.5
1637	Ballyduneen	Ballyduneen, Crag	Clare	10.39	R16443 62735	-	-	Blanket peat; Cutover peat; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Blanket peats; Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	21.1	30.8
1638	Lanna	Cappanageeragh, Lanna	Clare	4.07	R25398 66791	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	17.9	30.8
1639	Cloongowna	Cloongowna	Clare	24.49	R22522 79250	-	-	Cutover peat; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	26.3	46.2
1643	Lough Cleggan	Drumcliff, Erinagh Beg, Erinagh More, Rinerrinagh	Clare	4.90	R32004 80459	001331	-	Marl (Shell); Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Marl-type soils; Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	10.5	23.1
1645	Luogh South	Luogh North, Luogh South	Clare	50.95	R04652 93575	000026	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	28.4	30.8
1646	Carrownahoon	Carrownahoon South, Carrownahoon East, Carrownahoon West	Clare	18.51	R11048 93240	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Blanket peats	31.6	30.8
1647	Ballyconnoe South	Ballyconnoe South, Ballygastell, Cahermakerrila	Clare	32.71	R16279 99289	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	20.0	23.1
1648	Tooreen	Tooreen	Clare	9.41	R13539 95221	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Blanket peats	24.2	23.1
1649	Clab	Clab, Gortaclare	Clare	13.46	M29247 02214	001926	001926	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	35.8	23.1
1651	Killourney	Killourney, Poulroe	Clare	1.42	R38871 97417	001926	001926	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	18.9	23.1
1653	Monanaleen	Carrownamaddra, Leana, Monanaleen	Clare	24.52	R28596 93091	001926	001926	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	33.7	30.8
1654	Gortlecka	Glenquin, Gortlecka, Knockaunroe (ED Glenroe), Poulnalour, Rinnamona	Clare	11.03	R30400 94410	001926	001926	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	34.7	23.1
1655	Ballyfaudeen	Ballyfaudeen, Moymore North	Clare	15.09	R09249 91625	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic)	34.7	23.1
1656	Cappahard	Cappahard	Clare	4.77	R35094 77432	-	002165	Estuarine sediments (silts/clays); Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Marine/Estuarine sediments	12.6	15.4

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1657	Moys	Killestry, Moys, Shantraud	Clare	25.92	R69829 71851	-	002165	Alluvium undifferentiated; Sandstone and shale sands and gravels (Lower Palaeozoic); Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic); Water	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Lithosols/Regosols; Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Lake/Reservoir	21.1	38.5
1659	Knockalisheen Marsh	Knockalisheen, Quinspool South, Quinspool North	Clare	6.64	R56957 60329	002001	002165	Estuarine sediments (silts/clays); Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Marine/Estuarine sediments	15.8	23.1
1661	Clarefield	Cammoge, Clarefield	Clare	10.94	Q94939 55361	-	002165	Blanket peat; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Blanket peats	20.0	38.5
1663	Cloontra West	Cloontra West	Clare	18.79	R55527 67431	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	23.2	7.7
1664	Carrownerribul	Ballintlea North, Ballyliddan West, Carrownerribul	Clare	2.02	R47982 64082	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Peaty Gleys (mainly basic)	11.6	30.8
1666	Knockaphort	Cloontyconnaught, Knockaphort	Clare	14.41	R68913 85819	000011	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Sandstone till (Devonian); Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic)	34.7	38.5
1668	Mogouhy Lead Mines	Ballyconry (ED Carran), Castletown, Mogouhy	Clare	2.87	R27409 98361	000054	000054	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	28.4	15.4
1669	Ballyallia Lake	Ballyallia, Ballymaquiggin, Drumcliff	Clare	27.88	R33529 80997	000014	000014	Alluvium undifferentiated; Marl (Shell); Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian); Limestone till (Carboniferous); Water	Mineral alluvium; Marl-type soils; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Lake/Reservoir	27.4	46.2
1670	Garryeighter	Garryeighter	Clare	3.11	R76893 91833	000011	-	Cutover peat; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	29.5	23.1
1671	Derreen West	Balliny North, Crumlin, Derreen East, Derreen West, Liscoonera	Clare	46.74	M12315 03783	000020	000020	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	43.2	23.1
1672	Deelin More	Deelin More	Clare	14.07	M26428 03418	000054	000054	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	38.9	30.8
1673	Moneenagliggin North	Lakyle (ED Killeely), Moneenagliggin North or Boston, Woodcockhill	Clare	13.68	R52219 62329	002402	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian); Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	21.1	30.8
1675	Eagle's Rock	Keelhilla	Clare	5.10	M32994 04180	001926	001926	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	28.4	7.7
1676	Poulaphuca	Creevagh, Poulaphuca (ED Castletown), Sheshodonnell West, Sheshodonnell East	Clare	14.56	R27177 96708	001926	001926	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	35.8	23.1
1678	Ballyvullagan	Ballyvullagan, Rathmeehan	Clare	3.73	R30203 70798	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics	18.9	30.8
1695	Murrooghtoohy	Murrooghkilly, Murrooghtoohy South	Clare	12.28	M14036 10070	000020	000020	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	10.5	38.5
1696	Glencolumbkille South	Glencolumbkille North, Glencolumbkille South	Clare	15.79	R32536 99491	001926	001926	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	27.4	23.1
1697	Cream Point	Fintra Beg	Clare	22.19	R03326 80702	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian); Blown sand in dunes	Aeolian undifferentiated; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	44.2	7.7
1698	Cloghaun More (East)	Cloghaun More (East), Knocknahila Beg, Knocknahila More (North), Knocknahila More (South)	Clare	11.52	R06466 70022	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Shales and sandstones sands and gravels (Namurian); Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	24.2	38.5
1699	Rinneen	Rinneen	Clare	0.86	R31586 88907	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	17.9	23.1
1702	Drumreagh	Drumreagh	Mayo	3.67	F64885 28588	000470	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till; Blown sand in dunes	Aeolian undifferentiated; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	8.4	23.1

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1703	Termoncarragh	Glebe, Termoncarragh	Mayo	40.74	F64161 35236	001501	001501	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Blown sand	Aeolian undifferentiated; Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	41.1	46.2
1704	Dooncarton or Glengad	Dooncarton or Glengad	Mayo	3.24	F80218 38326	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	22.1	30.8
1705	Glencalry Upper	Glencalry Lower, Glencalry Upper, Gortleatilla, Srahnplaia	Mayo	19.58	F94148 34312	000500	000500	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Metamorphic till	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	25.3	46.2
1706	Ummerantary	Altderg, Ummerantary	Mayo	9.90	G01532 31550	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat	Mineral alluvium; Blanket peats	21.1	38.5
1707	Glenglassera	Conaghra (ED Beldergmore), Glenglassera	Mayo	18.96	G02156 41397	-	000500	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	37.9	15.4
1708	Glenulra	Behy (ED Beldergmore), Glenulra	Mayo	2.83	G05228 40937	000467	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats; Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	21.1	23.1
1710	Knockaun	Knockaun	Mayo	24.42	G12622 42683	000494	-	Cutover peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	16.8	38.5
1711	Kilcummin	Kilcummin	Mayo	10.83	G20752 38174	000516	000516	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Lithosols/Regosols; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	24.2	38.5
1713	Tullaghanbaun	Tullaghanbaun, Tullaghanduff	Mayo	4.63	F75438 15178	001567	-	Blanket peat; Raised beach sands and gravels; Metamorphic till	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats; Beach sand and gravels	22.1	23.1
1714	Cloontakilla	Attavally, Cloontakilla, Munhin Bridge	Mayo	7.36	F85331 25385	000476	000476	Blanket peat; Metamorphic till; Water	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats; Lake/Reservoir	21.1	23.1
1715	Largan Beg	Largan Beg, Tawnaghmore	Mayo	6.46	F91893 21997	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Blanket peats	21.1	46.2
1716	Doobehy	Doobehy	Mayo	22.70	G05445 24583	001922	001922	Blanket peat; Sandstone sands and gravels (Devonian/Carboniferous); Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	31.6	30.8
1718	Carrownaglogh	Carrownaglogh	Mayo	4.69	G34352 20615	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic)	34.7	30.8
1719	Bunnyconnellan East	Bunnyconnellan East, Drumsheen	Mayo	10.11	G35441 18082	-	-	Blanket peat; Metamorphic sands and gravels; Metamorphic till	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	23.2	30.8
1720	Ballymore	Ballymore	Mayo	6.98	G30297 12870	-	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	23.2	15.4
1722	Grange	Deelcastle, Grange, Pontoon Bridge	Mayo	30.88	G17126 17455	000519	002298	Alluvium undifferentiated; Cutover peat; Limestone till (Carboniferous); Water	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats; Lake/Reservoir	27.4	30.8
1723	Pontoon Bridge	Gortnaraby, Pontoon Bridge	Mayo	6.76	G15129 16142	000519	002298	Lake sediments undifferentiated; Limestone till (Carboniferous); Water	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Lacustrine; Lake/Reservoir	22.1	7.7
1724	Drumgollagh	Castlehill, Drumgollagh, Kildun	Mayo	16.33	F79834 05429	-	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	26.3	30.8
1725	Goulaun	Goulaun, Letterkeen	Mayo	1.28	F96589 07245	000459	000534	Alluvium undifferentiated; Metamorphic sands and gravels	Mineral alluvium; Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	16.8	15.4
1726	Treanbeg	Treanbeg	Mayo	6.93	F97961 00371	-	-	Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	17.9	23.1
1727	Boggy	Boggy, Bracklagh, Prughlish	Mayo	3.00	G08970 03328	-	002144	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Metamorphic sands and gravels	Mineral alluvium; Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	22.1	30.8
1728	Beltra	Beltra	Mayo	10.84	G09819 01003	-	002144	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Metamorphic sands and gravels; Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous); Sandstone till (Devonian)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Blanket peats	25.3	30.8
1729	Cuilmullagh	Cuilmullagh	Mayo	0.57	G13666 01215	002383	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	25.3	7.7
1730	Sraheen	Curragh, Moorbrook, Sraheen	Mayo	11.25	G26395 07292	002078	002298	Alluvium undifferentiated; Granite till	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	24.2	38.5
1731	Moorbrook	Moorbrook, Rinnananny	Mayo	7.53	G26922 08637	002078	002298	Alluvium undifferentiated	Mineral alluvium	35.8	23.1

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1732	Foxford	Foxford	Mayo	3.50	G27545 04847	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Granite sands and gravels	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic)	24.2	30.8
1733	Derrygaury	Cloongee, Corlummin, Derrygaury, Pollagh	Mayo	10.31	G26009 02930	002078	002298	Alluvium undifferentiated; Granite till	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	35.8	30.8
1734	Shanwar	Shanwar	Mayo	2.74	G29462 03702	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	21.1	46.2
1735	Cloongee	Cloongee, Leckee	Mayo	38.12	G26244 02568	002078	002298	Alluvium undifferentiated; Granite till; Metamorphic till	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	34.7	38.5
1736	Pollagh (Mayo)	Cloongee, Pollagh, Pontoon Bridge	Mayo	30.88	G25365 01991	000519, 002078	002298	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Lake sediments-Sandy; Granite till; Metamorphic till; Water	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats; Lacustrine; Lake/Reservoir	32.6	46.2
1737	Cloonlumney	Cloonlumney, Esker, Lagcurragh, Tawnamullagh	Mayo	27.56	G36974 02052	-	002298	Alluvium undifferentiated; Basic esker sands and gravels; Cutover peat; Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous); Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic); Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	25.3	46.2
1738	Drumalooan	Drumalooan, Loobnamuck	Mayo	25.33	G39989 02586	-	002298	Alluvium undifferentiated; Cutover peat; Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	33.7	38.5
1740	Sonnagh	Cartron (ED Sonnagh), Lislaughna, Sonnagh	Mayo	27.21	G44027 02142	-	002298	Alluvium undifferentiated; Cutover peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	31.6	46.2
1742	Botinny	Botinny, Carrowtober, Tonnagh	Mayo	16.09	G53257 02960	-	002298	Alluvium undifferentiated; Cutover peat; Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	21.1	23.1
1743	Srah Upper	Derrynabrock, Gowlaun (ED Doocastle), Srah Upper	Mayo	35.91	G56479 03480	000457, 000502, 000510	002298	Alluvium undifferentiated; Cutover peat; Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	28.4	38.5
1744	Cloonakillina	Cloonakillina, Derrykinlough	Mayo	20.86	G59518 06474	001899	001899	Cutover peat; Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	42.1	53.8
1745	Gowel	Ballintadder, Barroe, Cloonmore, Gowel	Mayo	30.16	G51758 01441	-	-	Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous); Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	26.3	30.8
1747	Fauleens	Cashelduff, Fauleens	Mayo	17.52	M53071 99356	-	-	Sandstone till (Lower Palaeozoic/Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	21.1	30.8
1748	Srahduggaun	Lurgandarragh, Srahduggaun	Mayo	3.50	F87694 07709	000534	000534	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat	Mineral alluvium; Blanket peats	23.2	15.4
1749	Tarsaghaun More	Croaghaun, Tarsaghaun More, Tarsaghaun Beg North, Tarsaghaun Beg South	Mayo	9.45	F86357 15723	000534	000534	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Metamorphic till	Mineral alluvium; Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	31.6	30.8
1750	Belderg Beg	Belderg Beg, Geevraun	Mayo	16.76	F98878 41352	-	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	26.3	30.8
1751	Annagh (Mayo)	Annagh	Mayo	12.19	F63295 34341	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	17.9	7.7
1752	Glenlara	Glenlara	Mayo	10.21	F70484 39693	001501	001501	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	25.3	23.1
1753	Aghaglasheen	Aghaglasheen	Mayo	13.04	F73704 37141	-	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	29.5	30.8
1755	Portacloy	Portacloy	Mayo	8.74	F84275 43788	000500	000500	Blanket peat; Raised beach sands and gravels; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats; Beach sand and gravels	25.3	30.8
1756	Porturlin	Porturlin	Mayo	3.17	F88592 42260	000500	000500	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	16.8	15.4
1757	Muingelly	Glenulra, Muingelly	Mayo	9.86	G07199 41075	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats; Peaty Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	30.5	30.8

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1758	Creevagh	Creevagh	Mayo	16.23	G17852 39983	000482	-	Blanket peat; Cutover peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	24.2	15.4
1761	Dookineely (Calvy)	Dookineely (Calvy), Dookinelly (Thulis)	Mayo	22.40	F66019 04451	001513	001513	Blanket peat; Raised beach sands and gravels; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats; Beach sand and gravels	21.1	23.1
1764	Laghtmurrageha	Laghtmurrageha	Mayo	8.40	F92932 42131	000500	000500	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	17.9	7.7
1765	Portnahally or Ashleam Bay	Dooga	Mayo	7.16	L68577 96131	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	18.9	15.4
1766	Aughernagalliagh	Aughernagalliagh	Mayo	24.84	F64830 37501	001501	001501	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	16.8	23.1
1769	Kilgalligan	Kilgalligan	Mayo	14.11	F79181 42739	000500	000500	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	21.1	7.7
1801	Ballytoohy More	Ballytoohy More	Mayo	10.34	L69700 88199	000477	002243	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic)	15.8	7.7
1804	Bleachyard	Barrackhill, Bleachyard, Camcloon Beg, Derryloughan Beg	Mayo	21.37	L99548 94605	-	002144	Alluvium undifferentiated; Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous); Water	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Lake/Reservoir	31.6	38.5
1805	Graffy	Graffy	Mayo	2.23	M03189 96310	-	002144	Alluvium undifferentiated	Mineral alluvium	9.5	30.8
1806	Rosdooaun	Cushalogurt, Knocknaboley, Rosdooaun	Mayo	5.84	L97760 90210	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic)	17.9	38.5
1807	Kilmeenna	Ballinlough, Kilmeenna, Knockychottaun, Roekilmeenna	Mayo	29.74	L98794 88541	-	-	Alluvium-Silty; Cutover peat; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	35.8	30.8
1808	Derrartan	Derrartan, Letter, Slinaunroe	Mayo	12.92	M04801 90254	-	-	Cutover peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	22.1	38.5
1809	Derrycreeve	Derrycreeve	Mayo	9.65	M07581 89471	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	12.6	15.4
1810	Burren (ED Burren)	Burren (ED Burren), Lenanavea	Mayo	8.50	M13863 97082	-	002298	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Blanket peats	30.5	30.8
1811	Ballinvilla	Ballinvilla, Meelick, Tawnylaheen	Mayo	6.32	M17692 93601	-	002298	Alluvium undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic)	29.5	38.5
1814	Derryvulcaun	Cloonconlan, Derryvulcaun	Mayo	3.04	M23878 97774	-	002298	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat	Mineral alluvium; Blanket peats	24.2	30.8
1816	Barleyhill	Barleyhill	Mayo	48.22	M30791 95801	-	-	Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic)	31.6	38.5
1817	Carrownaculla	Carrownaculla	Mayo	5.10	M37110 96841	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic)	27.4	30.8
1818	Barcull	Barcull, Kilmore	Mayo	2.30	M46135 93171	-	-	Basic esker sands and gravels; Cutover peat; Sandstone sands and gravels (Devonian/Carboniferous); Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	25.3	53.8
1819	Carrowbeg	Carrowbeg, Cloonfeaghra, Tavraun, Urlaur	Mayo	9.88	M49200 90975	-	-	Basic esker sands and gravels; Cutover peat; Limestone sands and gravels (Carboniferous); Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous); Sandstone till (Devonian)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	37.9	38.5
1820	Scardaun	Cappagh, Cloonean, Scardaun	Mayo	11.13	M48930 89015	001571	-	Basic esker sands and gravels; Cutover peat; Sandstone till (Devonian); Water	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats; Lake/Reservoir	32.6	46.2
1821	Aghataham	Aghataham	Mayo	3.77	M50534 89096	001571	001571	Basic esker sands and gravels; Sandstone till (Devonian); Water	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Lake/Reservoir	31.6	23.1
1823	Larganboy West	Larganboy West	Mayo	1.46	M44841 83286	-	-	Limestone sands and gravels (Carboniferous); Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	18.9	23.1
1824	Faughil	Bohaun, Faughil, Kincon	Mayo	23.20	M36722 86531	-	002298	Cutover peat; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	21.1	38.5
1825	Garhawnagh	Garhawnagh, Rathduff	Mayo	7.31	M27063 83650	-	-	Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic)	12.6	15.4

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1827	Cogaula	Cogaula, Glasgort	Mayo	13.28	M16584 79993	-	-	Cutover peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	45.3	30.8
1829	Owenwee	Owenwee	Mayo	5.49	L96017 79118	-	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Peaty Gleys (Shallow); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	25.3	46.2
1830	Glenbaun	Cuilleen, Glenbaun, Glencally	Mayo	15.72	L88288 79339	000483	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	28.4	23.1
1831	Kilgeever	Fallduff, Kilgeever, Kinknock	Mayo	2.57	L84660 80565	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	25.3	7.7
1833	Roonah	Roonah	Mayo	2.24	L75383 76992	001529	001529	Blanket peat; Estuarine sediments (silts/clays); Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Blanket peats; Marine/Estuarine sediments	24.2	53.8
1834	Killadoon	Cross, Killadoon	Mayo	15.12	L74465 74789	000484	000484	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (Shallow); Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	28.4	38.5
1835	Aillemore	Aillemore	Mayo	19.60	L75826 74684	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (Shallow); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	28.4	30.8
1836	Kinnewry	Ardery, Bohaun North, Kinnewry	Mayo	17.25	M06807 76206	-	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	32.6	15.4
1837	Derrassa	Derrassa, Derrassa Commons, Derrindaffderg, Derrindaffderg Commons, Gortbunacullin, Shangort	Mayo	59.97	M09752 73768	-	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Peaty Gleys (Shallow); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	28.4	38.5
1838	Ballycally	Ballycally, Lough Carra	Mayo	1.79	M17899 72221	001774	001774	Limestone till (Carboniferous); Water	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Lake/Reservoir	20.0	23.1
1839	Annies	Annies, Brownstown or Donnageaga, Cloondaver, Lough Carra	Mayo	5.71	M20086 72224	001774	001774	Cutover peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous); Water	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats; Lake/Reservoir	38.9	38.5
1840	Coolylaughnan	Coolylaughnan, Lough Carra	Mayo	1.03	M18969 70357	001774	001774	Limestone till (Carboniferous); Water	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Lake/Reservoir	26.3	23.1
1842	Ballyglass (ED Caraun)	Ballyglass (ED Caraun), Garryredmond	Mayo	5.21	M37984 75438	-	-	Cutover peat; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	18.9	38.5
1843	Crumlin (Mayo)	Crumlin, Cuillaun, Cuilmore	Mayo	7.86	M40500 72986	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic)	22.1	30.8
1845	Curries	Aderg, Curries, Lecarrow (ED Ballyhaunis)	Mayo	17.25	M51198 77013	-	-	Cutover peat; Limestone sands and gravels (Carboniferous); Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	33.7	38.5
1846	Derrintogher	Ballyglass Lower, Bargarriff, Derrintogher, Tullaghaun	Mayo	23.19	M52292 75909	-	-	Cutover peat; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	34.7	61.5
1847	Esker South	Esker South	Mayo	6.54	M35407 68875	-	-	Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic)	22.1	38.5
1848	Corracrow	Corracrow, Curraghadooey	Mayo	23.72	M31359 68538	-	-	Cutover peat; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	24.2	38.5
1849	Killeenrevagh	Ballyhankeen, Killeenrevagh	Mayo	13.75	M33056 67462	-	-	Basic esker sands and gravels; Limestone sands and gravels (Carboniferous); Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	27.4	23.1
1850	Skealaghan	Cahernacreevy, Carrowmore (ED Kilmaine), Cregmore (Browne), Skealaghan	Mayo	5.17	M23846 63797	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	31.6	30.8
1851	Cloonkerry	Cloonkerry, Lough Carra	Mayo	9.67	M17143 67881	001774	001774	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous); Water	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Lake/Reservoir	31.6	23.1



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1852	Aghinish	Aghinish	Mayo	4.39	M15625 68534	001774	001774	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	26.3	15.4
1853	Lissanisky	Bunnadober, Carn (ED Ballinrobe), Lissanisky	Mayo	6.43	M17048 62547	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	34.7	38.5
1854	Inishmaine	Inishmaine	Mayo	26.11	M13159 60399	001774	001774	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	37.9	7.7
1855	Churchfield Upper	Cappaghduff West, Churchfield Lower, Churchfield Upper	Mayo	27.69	M07802 66077	001774	001774	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic); Water	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Lithosols/Regosols; Lake/Reservoir	32.6	38.5
1856	Cappanacreha	Cappanacreha, Lettereeneen	Mayo	6.76	M02988 63585	-	-	Alluvium-Gravelly; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (Shallow); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	24.2	15.4
1857	Maumtrasna	Derry, Maumtrasna	Mayo	5.68	M01149 61290	-	-	Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	26.3	23.1
1859	Finny	Finny	Mayo	7.47	M01982 59018	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	29.5	7.7
1861	Drumsheel Lower	Drumsheel Lower	Mayo	0.73	M14645 57952	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	14.7	23.1
1862	Kildun More	Kildun More	Mayo	5.39	M18346 57034	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	14.7	38.5
1863	Carheens	Carheens	Mayo	1.58	M18766 52800	-	000297	Cutover peat; Limestone till (Carboniferous); Water	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats; Lake/Reservoir	25.3	30.8
1864	Knocknageeha	Knocknageeha	Mayo	10.96	M22833 55222	001536	001536	Cutover peat; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	48.4	46.2
1865	Ballisnahyny	Ballisnahyny, Cloghmoyne	Mayo	28.16	M22094 49651	000479	000479	Fen peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats	37.9	30.8
1866	Derrykill East	Derrykill East	Mayo	1.03	M01611 95777	-	-	Cutover peat; Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	22.1	23.1
1867	Portroyal	Lough Carra, Portroyal	Mayo	13.36	M16014 74046	001774	001774	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous); Water	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Lake/Reservoir	36.8	30.8
1868	Derry	Derry	Mayo	6.22	M17112 53443	000297	000297	Cutover peat; Limestone till (Carboniferous); Water	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats; Lake/Reservoir	28.4	15.4
1869	Partry House Estate	Cloonlagheen, Lough Carra	Mayo	21.95	M16574 69696	001774	001774	Cutover peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous); Water	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats; Lake/Reservoir	40.0	46.2
1874	Rosmore	Milcum, Rosmore, Teevmore	Mayo	2.28	L96647 94274	-	001482	Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic)	25.3	23.1
1875	Rosbarnagh Island	-	Mayo	7.88	L95437 92558	001482	001482	Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic)	21.1	7.7
1877	Dooghbeg	Dooghbeg	Mayo	13.80	L80757 93855	000485	000485	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian/Carboniferous)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	36.8	23.1
1878	Ballytoohy Beg	Ballytoohy Beg, Ballytoohy More	Mayo	2.53	L69842 86929	000477	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Lithosols/Regosols	26.3	23.1
1879	Inishnakillew & Inishcottle	-	Mayo	2.70	L93273 90243	001482	001482	Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic)	15.8	7.7
2200	Omey Island	Cloon (Omey Ph)	Galway	3.25	L57145 55260	001309	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Granite till; Water	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Lithosols/Regosols; Lake/Reservoir	18.9	15.4
2201	Tonadooravaun	Cashleen, Tonadooravaun	Galway	9.58	L65314 63264	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Metamorphic till	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	12.6	23.1
2203	Bunowen	Bunowen	Galway	2.92	L80995 62573	002031	002031	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Scree; Metamorphic till	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats; Scree	14.7	23.1
2204	Knockbrack (Ballynahinch By)	Knockbrack (Ballynahinch By), Mooreeneen, Rossadillisk	Galway	23.02	L59148 58728	-	-	Blanket peat; Beach sand; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Granite till; Metamorphic till	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats; Beach sand and gravels	35.8	15.4

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2205	Letterfrack	Baunoge (Ballynahinch By), Keelkyle, Letterfrack	Galway	17.29	L71298 57660	002031	002031	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	38.9	30.8
2206	Addergoole (Ballynahinch By)	Addergoole (Ballynahinch By), Pollacappul (Ballynahinch By)	Galway	8.55	L73879 58443	-	002031	Blanket peat; Metamorphic sands and gravels	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	15.8	15.4
2209	Drin	Drin, Finny	Galway	10.33	M01599 58127	001774	001774	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Water	Mineral alluvium; Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats; Lake/Reservoir	13.7	7.7
2210	Cloghbrack Lower	Cappaghmagapple or Peter Burgh, Cloghbrack Lower	Galway	2.73	M05336 57704	001774	001774	Sandstone and shale sands and gravels (Lower Palaeozoic); Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic); Water	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Lake/Reservoir	17.9	15.4
2211	Kill (Ballindoon Ph)	Drimmeen, Kill (Ballindoon Ph)	Galway	10.51	L62276 49781	-	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	33.7	15.4
2212	Emlagharan	Emlagharan	Galway	2.99	L58165 43961	002074	002074	Made ground; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Granite till	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Made/Built land	33.7	15.4
2215	Errisbeg West	Errisbeg West	Galway	5.30	L69426 39341	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	27.4	15.4
2216	Ervallagh	Ervallagh	Galway	8.63	L71476 38726	001251	001251	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	26.3	23.1
2221	Ardmore (Moyrus Ph)	Ardmore (Moyrus Ph)	Galway	1.52	L81855 28574	001126	002111	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	24.2	15.4
2222	Kilkieran	Kilkieran	Galway	2.29	L85146 32257	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	23.2	15.4
2223	Camus Oughter	Camus Oughter	Galway	3.51	L95672 37378	-	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	25.3	30.8
2224	Bealadangan	Bealadangan	Galway	0.88	L94265 31442	-	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	21.1	15.4
2225	Carrowroe South (Moycullen By)	Carrowroe South (Moycullen By)	Galway	6.38	L92214 21719	-	002111	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	30.5	15.4
2226	Lettercallow	Lettercallow	Galway	1.94	L86884 29636	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	27.4	23.1
2228	Lettermullan	Lettermullan	Galway	3.76	L82817 21253	-	002111	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Water	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Lake/Reservoir	23.2	15.4
2229	Inishmore Island Middle	Oghil	Galway	5.55	L86407 10948	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous); Water	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Lake/Reservoir	23.2	30.8
2230	Inishmaan Island Middle	Carrowlisheen, Carrowntemple (Aran By)	Galway	3.06	L93339 04525	000212	000212	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	28.4	15.4
2231	Inisheer Island	Inisheer	Galway	5.50	L97233 01865	001275	001275	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	21.1	23.1
2235	Lettershea	Lettershea	Galway	5.56	L73128 49627	002031	002031	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	26.3	23.1
2237	Lettery	Lettery	Galway	2.23	L77191 48427	002031	002031	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	29.5	15.4
2238	Derrynavglau	Derrynavglau	Galway	3.76	L79320 47947	-	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	23.2	30.8
2239	Lissoughter	Lissoughter	Galway	3.33	L85680 48798	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	29.5	23.1
2240	Derryvoreada	Derryvoreada	Galway	1.79	L88016 51489	002008	002008	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Metamorphic till	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	33.7	15.4
2241	Maumeen	Maumeen	Galway	0.47	L87227 21012	-	002111	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	21.1	15.4
2243	Tonacrick	Rossaveel, Tonacrick	Galway	0.67	L96480 24315	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Granite till	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	21.1	15.4
2249	Carrowmoreknock	Carrowmoreknock	Galway	3.14	M21411 41652	000297	000297	Cutover peat; Lake sediments undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Water	Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats; Lacustrine; Lake/Reservoir	32.6	23.1
2252	Pollagh (E.D. Wormhole)	Pollagh (ED Wormhole)	Galway	5.88	M19960 38436	-	-	Cutover peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	25.3	23.1
2253	Ballydotia	Ballydotia	Galway	1.37	M21327 35636	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	30.5	53.8
2254	Leagaun (Moycullen By)	Ballynahallia, Leagaun (Moycullen By)	Galway	18.58	M23327 34426	-	000297	Cutover peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	31.6	38.5
2255	Addragool	Addragool, Clydagh (Moycullen By)	Galway	5.62	M23118 30835	-	000297	Cutover peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Granite till; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	28.4	53.8

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2256	Furboghgarve	Furboghgarve	Galway	1.97	M20456 23104	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	22.1	23.1
2259	Garraun North	Garraun North (Clare By)	Galway	1.99	M37586 46146	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	31.6	30.8
2260	Kilcurriv Eighter	Kilcurriv Eighter	Galway	6.29	M37168 44758	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	35.8	38.5
2261	Lecarrowmore	Gortadooey, Lecarrowmore	Galway	7.82	M37356 34785	-	-	Lake sediments undifferentiated; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Lacustrine	34.7	46.2
2263	Kilrogther	-	Galway	2.69	M30494 29364	-	000297	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	29.5	23.1
2264	Coolagh	-	Galway	1.23	M35063 26609	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	23.2	15.4
2265	Tawin East	Tawin East, Tawin West	Galway	15.69	M30349 19305	000268	000268	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous); Blown sand	Aeolian undifferentiated; Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	21.1	38.5
2266	Ringeelaun	Ringeelaun	Galway	3.28	M37020 16133	000268	000268	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	12.6	15.4
2267	Tarrea	Pollagh (Dunkellin By), Tarrea	Galway	10.66	M37712 13438	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	37.9	23.1
2268	Tooreen East	Tooreen East	Galway	1.56	M38862 12853	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	20.0	7.7
2269	Ballybranagan	Ballybranagan, Crossooha, Kinvarra (Kiltartan By)	Galway	8.38	M36655 10882	000268	000268	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	32.6	23.1
2270	Inishroo	Inishroo	Galway	1.99	M33091 11221	000268	000268	Estuarine sediments (silts/clays); Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Marine/Estuarine sediments	28.4	38.5
2271	Leagh South	Funshin More, Leagh South	Galway	4.08	M31932 08610	001926	001926	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	32.6	15.4
2273	Ballybuck South	Ballybuck South, Killinny West	Galway	9.16	M37741 05557	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	38.9	15.4
2275	Merlin Park	-	Galway	7.88	M34147 25440	-	-	Made ground; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Made/Built land	9.5	15.4
2276	Doughiska	-	Galway	12.81	M34055 26788	-	-	Made ground; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Made/Built land	23.2	46.2
2277	Terryland	-	Galway	4.04	M29418 26427	-	000297	Alluvium undifferentiated; Made ground; Granite till; Water	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Made/Built land; Lake/Reservoir	21.1	15.4
2278	Roscam	-	Galway	2.48	M35219 24936	-	-	Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths	14.7	30.8
2280	Pollkeen	Carrowbrowne, Pollkeen	Galway	9.05	M32825 29749	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	17.9	30.8
2282	Frenchfort	Cammore West, Frenchfort	Galway	16.47	M40808 27264	-	-	Cutover peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	34.7	15.4
2298	Inishmore Island East	Killeany	Galway	9.19	L89106 09739	000213	000213	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	22.1	23.1
2299	Inishmore Island West	Kilmurvy	Galway	11.23	L82607 10383	000213	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic)	32.6	15.4
2301	Grange (Galway)	Grange (ED Doonbally), Killeenan Beg, Lenamore (Dunmore By)	Galway	2.52	M44938 58780	-	-	Basic esker sands and gravels; Cutover peat; Limestone sands and gravels (Carboniferous)	Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	29.5	23.1
2302	Grange East	Grange East	Galway	1.98	M44581 32768	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	22.1	38.5
2303	Rathmorrissy	Ballygarraun West, Pollnagroagh, Rathmorrissy	Galway	19.26	M47305 27412	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	35.8	38.5
2304	Castleturvin	Castleturvin, Turloughalanger	Galway	13.67	M48665 24613	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	28.4	23.1
2307	Cartron (Galway)	Carrownacreggaun, Cartron (ED Drumacoo), Cuildoosh	Galway	4.37	M40289 15585	000606	000606	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	43.2	23.1
2310	Ardrahan Grasslands	Caherateige, Kiltiernan West, Parkatleva, Rooaunmore (Dunkellin By), Tonroe (ED Castletaylor)	Galway	49.48	M44592 12874	-	002244	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous); Water	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Lake/Reservoir	45.3	23.1
2313	Derrycallan North	Ballynakill (Kiltartan By), Derrycallan North	Galway	8.26	R46458 95235	-	-	Lake sediments undifferentiated; Sandstone till (Devonian); Water	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Lacustrine; Lake/Reservoir	20.0	15.4

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2314	Knocktoby	Cregg Demesne, Knocktoby, Scarriff	Galway	9.93	R42023 93120	-	-	Fen peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats	28.4	38.5
2315	Cartron East	Brierfort, Cartron East, Kildaree (Ballymoe By), Pollremon	Galway	4.23	M58887 70523	000218	000218	Basic esker sands and gravels; Limestone sands and gravels (Carboniferous); Lake sediments undifferentiated; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Lacustrine	21.1	30.8
2316	Flashkagh Beg	Flaskagh Beg, Flaskagh More	Galway	6.61	M54970 69013	-	-	Basic esker sands and gravels; Cutover peat; Limestone sands and gravels (Carboniferous); Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	28.4	23.1
2317	Dunblaney	Boyleaan, Drumbulcaun, Dunblaney, Lomaunaghbaun, Shanvally (Dunmore By)	Galway	3.90	M51916 56039	-	-	Basic esker sands and gravels; Cutover peat; Limestone sands and gravels (Carboniferous); Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Peaty Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	31.6	23.1
2318	Cooldorragha	Barnaderg North, Cooldorragha (Clare By), Knock (Clare By)	Galway	19.65	M52379 48328	-	-	Basic esker sands and gravels; Lake sediments undifferentiated; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Lacustrine	29.5	23.1
2319	Sonnagh Old	Ballynacurragh, Gorteananillaun, Sonnagh Old	Galway	14.02	M58374 10545	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic)	23.2	30.8
2320	Cloonshivna (Kelly)	Cloonshivna (Kelly)	Galway	4.37	M69035 56456	000240	002347	Cutover peat; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	29.5	30.8
2321	Shankill East	Shankill East, Shankill West	Galway	9.92	M63396 52672	000326	000326	Cutover peat; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	20.0	30.8
2322	Rahins	Ballynasooragh Eighter, Lehanagh, Rahins	Galway	6.37	M65514 43304	-	-	Lake sediments undifferentiated; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Lacustrine	20.0	23.1
2324	Newgrove	Lecarrowmagappoge, Newgrove (Leitrim By)	Galway	4.63	M70006 20596	-	-	Basic esker sands and gravels; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	14.7	23.1
2325	Annaghbride	Annaghbride, Lissaphuca, Rafarn (ED Kilmeen)	Galway	9.93	M68994 14995	-	-	Lake sediments undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Lacustrine	25.3	23.1
2326	Carrowkeel	Carrowkeel (Leitrim By)	Galway	6.39	M68600 12865	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	28.4	23.1
2327	Boleybeg	Boleybeg, Coppanagh (Loughrea By), Drummin (ED Kilteskil), Drummin (ED Mountain)	Galway	13.44	M63975 07366	-	-	Blanket peat; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Blanket peats	16.8	30.8
2328	Cloonnabricka	Cloonnabricka	Galway	2.54	M74943 48577	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Peaty Gleys (mainly basic)	21.1	30.8
2329	Killure More	Cloonigny, Kilgerrill, Killure More, Kilmalaw	Galway	21.96	M77538 33189	000254	-	Basic esker sands and gravels; Cutover peat; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	50.5	38.5
2332	Cloonruff	Cloonruff (Killian By), Mount Talbot, Srahaunnagort or Thornfield	Galway	22.95	M80575 53890	000222	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Cutover peat; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	17.9	30.8
2333	Killeroran	Drinaun (Killian By), Killeroran, Muckanagh North, Muckanagh South	Galway	14.20	M79870 50495	000222	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Cutover peat; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	23.2	30.8
2337	Cloonascragh	Cloonascragh (Longford By)	Galway	14.60	M87428 25863	001247	-	Basic esker sands and gravels; Cutover peat; Limestone sands and gravels (Carboniferous)	Peaty Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	33.7	46.2
2338	Bishops Islands	Bishops Islands, Clonfert (Butson)	Galway	18.59	M97529 23628	000216	000216	Alluvium undifferentiated	Mineral alluvium	23.2	23.1
2339	Reask (Galway)	Reask (Longford By)	Galway	29.44	N01601 19793	000216	000216	Alluvium undifferentiated; Cutover peat; Limestone till (Carboniferous); Water	Mineral alluvium; Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats; Lake/Reservoir	23.2	15.4
2340	Esker	Esker (Longford By)	Galway	16.35	N00669 16260	000216	000216	Alluvium undifferentiated; Cutover peat; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	36.8	7.7
2341	Cromwell's Island	Cromwell's Island, Illaunagoughal, Murragh	Galway	2.34	M94437 13474	000216	000216	Alluvium undifferentiated; Water	Mineral alluvium; Lake/Reservoir	24.2	23.1
2342	Bigisland	Bigisland, Callow More, Coorinch	Galway	66.00	M93376 12852	000216	000216	Alluvium undifferentiated; Water	Mineral alluvium; Lake/Reservoir	28.4	46.2
2343	Cappasallagh	Cappasallagh, Derryhiveny South, Gortaha	Galway	10.72	M87969 06444	000216	000216	Alluvium undifferentiated; Water	Mineral alluvium; Lake/Reservoir	16.8	23.1
2344	Portumna	Fairyhill, Portumna, Portumna Demesne	Galway	49.77	M86313 04265	000216	000216	Alluvium undifferentiated; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths	33.7	23.1
2345	Portumna Demesne	Portumna Demesne	Galway	9.17	M82690 02778	000011	002241	Lake sediments undifferentiated; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Lacustrine	36.8	15.4
2380	Inisheer Island East	Inisheer	Galway	2.80	L98325 01615	001275	001275	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	36.8	30.8
2381	Inishmaan Island East	Carrownlisheen	Galway	0.87	L94279 04271	000212	000212	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous	Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic)	24.2	38.5
2401	Ballinloghig	Ballinloghig	Kerry	57.87	Q46398 08835	000375	000375	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	48.4	7.7
2402	Maghanveel	Faha(ED Cloghane), Maghanveel	Kerry	9.48	Q46282 12371	000375	000375	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	29.5	0.0

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2403	Bunrower	Bunrower, Cahernane, Castlelough, Lough Leane, Reen(ED Killarney Rural)	Kerry	55.89	V96248 88783	000365	000365	Alluvium undifferentiated; Made ground; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian); Water	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Made/Built land; Lake/Reservoir	44.2	38.5
2405	Reen	Demesne, Knockreer, Reen(ED Killarney Rural)	Kerry	62.68	V95050 90635	000365	000365	Lake sediments undifferentiated; Sandstone till (Devonian); Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Lacustrine	27.4	30.8
2406	Dromyrouk	Carrigafreaghane, Cloghereen Lower, Dromyrouk, Lough Leane, Muckross	Kerry	26.11	V97490 87244	000365	000365	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	41.1	23.1
2408	Gearhameen	Derrycunihy, Gallavally(Dunkerron South By), Gearhameen(Dunkerron North By), Gearhameen(Dunkerron South By), Gortroe(ED Muckross), Lough Leane	Kerry	13.04	V88693 82261	000365	000365	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Water	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats; Lake/Reservoir	27.4	30.8
2410	Moularostig	Maulagallane, Moularostig	Kerry	6.36	V68525 67568	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Lithosols/Regosols	25.3	23.1
2411	Leamnaguila	Coolbaun(Kilcummin), Leamnaguila	Kerry	14.29	V94160 99129	-	000343	Alluvium undifferentiated; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	21.1	30.8
2412	Garrane	Boheeshil, Garrane(ED Cloon), Keeas	Kerry	21.31	V72167 81358	000365	000365	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Mineral alluvium; Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	29.5	30.8
2413	Ballyhearny East	Ballyhearny East	Kerry	0.82	V40434 75001	-	-	Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	12.6	23.1
2414	Killelton	Killelton(ED Knockglass)	Kerry	11.28	Q71729 09929	-	002185	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	20.0	15.4
2415	Derrynafeana	Coss, Derrynafeana(Killorglin), Derrynafeana(Knockane)	Kerry	24.01	V76235 83744	000365	000365	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols; Blanket peats	42.1	46.2
2416	Roscullen Island	Fybagh, Roscullen Island, Shanakeal	Kerry	18.18	Q76008 02301	000343	000343	Alluvium undifferentiated; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	18.9	38.5
2418	Maghanlawoun	Cloghfune(ED Cloon), Dromdarragh, Dromteewakeen, Maghanlawoun, Magherasrahan	Kerry	21.65	V76790 81210	000365	000365	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	34.7	15.4
2423	Bray (Kerry)	Bray	Kerry	10.23	V33105 72859	001382	002262	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	14.7	7.7
2424	Coarha Beg	Bray, Coarha Beg, Coarha More	Kerry	14.66	V35204 76082	001382	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	18.9	23.1
2425	Bolus	Bolus	Kerry	9.11	V39523 62698	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	28.4	23.1
2426	Aghanboy	Aghagadda, Aghanboy	Kerry	7.77	V41456 73701	-	-	Blanket peat; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Blanket peats	17.9	38.5
2429	Canagullen	Canagullen	Kerry	22.63	V76302 54261	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	15.8	15.4
2432	Ballyduff	Ballyduff(ED Knocknagashel), Knockeenreen	Kerry	6.82	R07257 17875	-	002165	Alluvium undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic)	18.9	30.8
2434	Coumduff	Coumduff	Kerry	21.37	Q57840 05358	000375	000375	Alluvium undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Scree; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Mineral alluvium; Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Scree	40.0	7.7
2436	Letter (Kerry)	Carrigane, Letter(ED Astee)	Kerry	3.87	Q92587 48083	-	002165	Beach sand; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Beach sand and gravels	17.9	30.8
2437	Derryco	Derryco	Kerry	7.94	Q88832 36832	001340	002165	Alluvium undifferentiated; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	15.8	46.2
2439	Tiduff	Tiduff	Kerry	13.96	Q67775 30480	-	002165	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	22.1	30.8
2440	Fenit Without	Fenit Without	Kerry	0.79	Q72595 15938	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	14.7	15.4
2441	Doonties Commons	Doonties Commons, Doonties West	Kerry	6.71	V49582 97423	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	22.1	30.8
2442	Leaha	Cordal East, Knockdown, Leaha	Kerry	6.70	R08087 05551	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic)	11.6	30.8

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2444	Istalea Lower	Gortnaboul Lower, Istalea Lower, Istalea Upper	Kerry	10.32	V92181 75266	-	-	Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic)	21.1	30.8
2446	Kineigh	Farrannahow, Kineigh, Scariff	Kerry	18.41	V50860 69744	000335	000335	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Estuarine sediments (silts/clays); Sandstone till (Devonian)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Blanket peats; Marine/Estuarine sediments	24.2	53.8
2447	Gortnaskeagh	Gortnaskeagh	Kerry	11.96	W02530 68271	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	22.1	46.2
2448	Gortalee	Crohane(ED Flesk), Derreenacullig, Freaghanagh, Gortalee	Kerry	24.09	W06927 79995	000365	000365	Alluvium undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	27.4	53.8
2452	Great Blasket North	Great-Blasket(Island)	Kerry	36.96	V27684 97656	-	002172	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous	Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats	17.9	15.4
2701	Barrigone	Glenbane East, Hazelfield, Morgans South	Limerick	20.11	R29208 50531	000432	000432	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	57.9	38.5
2702	Barna	Ballygeana, Barna, Baunteen, Carrigeen Mountain	Limerick	103.02	R84850 24237	000646	000646	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Scree; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats; Scree	31.6	15.4
2703	Toryhill	Toryhill	Limerick	4.24	R53085 43031	000439	000439	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	30.5	30.8
2704	Aughinish	Aughinish East, Aughinish West, Fawnamore, Glenbane West, Island Mac Teige	Limerick	31.83	R27176 52660	000435	002165	Made ground; Estuarine sediments (silts/clays); Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Made/Built land; Marine/Estuarine sediments	70.5	23.1
2706	Court	Court (ED Kildimo)	Limerick	12.37	R46609 52633	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	18.9	61.5
2708	Lacka (World's End)	Lacka (ED Castleconnell), Portcrusha	Limerick	28.36	R66507 64536	-	002165	Estuarine sediments (silts/clays); Water	Marine/Estuarine sediments; Lake/Reservoir	43.2	38.5
2710	Ballynort	Ballyengland Lower, Ballynort	Limerick	8.52	R35985 51897	-	-	Marl (Shell); Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Marl-type soils; Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	30.5	61.5
2713	Curraghafail	Curraghafail	Limerick	18.47	R85427 57457	-	002165	Alluvium undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Lithosols/Regosols	22.1	38.5
2714	Cloncrew	Cloncrew, Highmount (ED Dromcolliher)	Limerick	22.93	R41290 22959	-	-	Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	14.7	7.7
2715	Cush	Balline (ED Emylgrennan), Cush	Limerick	13.88	R69347 27108	-	-	Lake sediments undifferentiated; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Lacustrine	12.6	30.8
2717	Rathanny	Rathanny	Limerick	25.94	R68427 34148	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic)	18.9	15.4
2719	Cahirguillamore	Cahirguillamore (Smallcounty By)	Limerick	35.10	R60614 40960	-	-	Lake sediments undifferentiated; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Lacustrine	28.4	38.5
2721	Carrigparson	Carrigparson, Rossard, Srahane	Limerick	21.60	R63732 51464	-	-	Cutover peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Basic igneous till; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	26.3	53.8
2722	Mohernagh	Mohernagh, Moneymohill	Limerick	36.06	R20388 44482	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Blanket peat; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Mineral alluvium; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Blanket peats	29.5	23.1
2725	Carrigkerry	Carrigkerry	Limerick	15.61	R21166 38092	-	-	Blanket peat; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (Shallow); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Blanket peats	17.9	53.8

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2901	Galtees (Drumleagh)	Drumleagh, Moneynaboola	Tipperary	34.33	R87006 25383	000646	000646	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Scree; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Scree	21.1	7.7
2902	Curryquinn	Curryquinn, Logg, Mucklin	Tipperary	7.85	R87667 68909	-	002124	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Lithosols/Regosols	24.2	30.8
2903	Graystown	Ballintogher, Graystown, Manserghshill	Tipperary	6.65	S19500 46525	000965	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous); Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	29.5	30.8
2904	Moneypark	Moneypark	Tipperary	1.03	S21277 34804	000966	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	16.8	38.5
2907	Templetney Quarry	Cooloran, Killumey	Tipperary	0.28	S26383 27198	001982	-	Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	16.8	38.5
2908	Reafadda	Boolanunane, Reafadda, Reagoulane	Tipperary	16.80	R93293 55884	-	002125	Alluvium undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly acidic); Lithosols/Regosols	46.3	23.1
2912	Clonmakilladuff	Clonmakilladuff	Tipperary	0.81	R84073 93687	001995	-	Cutover peat; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Lithosols/Peats (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	23.2	30.8
2914	Carrow	Carrow, Newtown (ED Youghalarra)	Tipperary	6.75	R80422 82700	000011	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic)	21.1	46.2
2915	Ballymoheen	Ballymoheen, Montore, Oldcastle	Tipperary	7.74	S09569 82420	-	-	Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	18.9	30.8
2916	Behaghglass	Behaghglass, Corriga	Tipperary	17.14	S12888 82242	-	-	Lake sediments undifferentiated; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Lacustrine	24.2	23.1
2917	Cloncannon	Cloncannon	Tipperary	37.76	S04803 77603	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone and shale till (Lower Palaeozoic)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	35.8	53.8
2918	Graffin	Clonmore, Graffin	Tipperary	14.83	S16125 76234	-	-	Basic esker sands and gravels; Cutover peat; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	40.0	23.1
2919	Clon beg	Clon Beg	Tipperary	16.96	S04756 60478	-	002137	Alluvium undifferentiated; Limestone sands and gravels (Carboniferous); Sandstone till (Lower Palaeozoic/Devonian)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	14.7	23.1
2920	Kilcommon	Grange Beg, Kilcommon (North)	Tipperary	4.61	S05524 22309	-	002137	Alluvium undifferentiated; Bedrock at surface-Calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian); Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Renzinas/Lithosols (mainly basic)	13.7	30.8
2921	Skeheenaranky	Skeheenaranky	Tipperary	3.45	R88223 19793	-	-	Bedrock at surface-Non calcareous; Sandstone till (Devonian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic); Peaty Gleys (mainly acidic); Podzols (Peaty)/Lithosols/Peats; Lithosols/Regosols	20.0	15.4
2922	Cooleagh	Cooleagh	Tipperary	1.73	S14049 47293	-	-	Cutover peat; Limestone sands and gravels (Carboniferous)	Surface water Gleys (Shallow)/Ground water Gleys (Shallow) (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	30.5	30.8
2923	Ballyquirk Callows	Ballyquirk	Tipperary	4.12	M89446 02684	000011	002241	Cutover peat; Limestone till (Carboniferous); Water	Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Basin Peats/Blanket Peats; Lake/Reservoir	20.0	23.1
2924	Birdhill Callows	Birdhill, Coolnadornory, Pollagh (ED Birdhill)	Tipperary	51.04	R69853 68976	-	002165	Alluvium undifferentiated	Mineral alluvium	31.6	46.2
2925	Kilcurkree	Coogulla, Kilcurkree	Tipperary	5.11	S13845 69180	-	-	Cutover peat	Basin Peats/Blanket Peats	29.5	23.1
2926	Belleville	Belleville, Manna North, Priory Demesne, Templemore Demesne	Tipperary	9.22	S10668 71708	-	-	Alluvium undifferentiated; Made ground; Limestone till (Carboniferous)	Mineral alluvium; Grey Brown Podzolics/Brown Earths; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly basic); Peaty Gleys (mainly basic); Made/Built land	13.7	23.1
2927	Cappagh (Tipperary)	Ballintaggart, Cappagh (ED Modeshil), Jessfield	Tipperary	15.76	S34953 48514	-	-	Shales and sandstones till (Namurian)	Acid Brown Earths/Brown Podzolics; Surface water Gleys/Ground water Gleys (mainly acidic)	12.6	23.1

### ***Appendix 3: Field sheets***

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- General site survey sheet
- Site species sheet
- Relevé sheet
- EU Annex I habitat assessment field sheet for semi-natural grassland
- Negative and positive impacts on EU Annex I habitats



Site ID:	Adjacent Habitats (✓)		Fossitt Grassland within Site	✓	No. relevés:	
Ecologist ID:	FL	WN	GM1	Freshwater marsh	No. assessments:	
Date:	FW	WD	GS1	Dry calcareous & neutral	General Site Notes	
	FP	WS	GS2	Dry meadows & grass verges		
Site Geography	✓	FS	WL	GS3		Dry-humid grassland
Seasonal flooding		GA	BC	GS4		Wet grassland
Esker		GS	BL	GSi:		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4
Drumlin		GM	ER			
Hill		HH	ED	EU Annex I Habitats		✓
Valley		HD	Limestone pavement	6130		Calaminarian grasslands
Lakeside		PB	Other	<sup>l</sup> *6210		<i>Festuco-Brometalia</i>
Bogland		PF		*6230		Species-rich <i>Nardus</i> grassland
Lowland plain				6410		<i>Molinia</i> meadows
Floodplain		Site Management	✓	6430		Hydrophilous tall herb comm.
Coastal		Cattle pasture		6510		Lowland hay meadows
Island		Sheep pasture		None		
Other:		Horse pasture				
		Spring grazing: May-Jun		Other Fossitt Habitats in site		✓
Notable features:	✓	Summer grazing: Jul-Aug		FW2		Lowland river
Fauna		Autumn grazing: Sep-Nov		FW4		Drainage ditches
Frogs		Winter grazing: Dec- Apr		HD1		Dense bracken
Badgers		Mown: May-Jun		PB4		Cutover bog
Deer		Mown: Jul-Oct		WL1		Hedgerows
Foxes		Cut once or <1 per year		WL2	Treelines	
Hares		Cut >1 per year		WS1	Scrub	
Otters		Topping		ED3	Recolonising bare ground	
Rabbits		Liming		BL1	Stone walls	
Buzzard		Org. fertilizer application		BL2	Earth banks	
Chough		Non-org fertilizer app.		BL3	Buildings & artificial surfaces	
Corncrake		Unknown fertilizer app.		Other:		
Kestrel		Supplementary feeding				
Anthills		Burning		None		
Marsh fritillary		Other:				
Other:						
None		None				
Archaeological Features		Damaging Operations				
Earthworks		Drainage				
Lazy beds		Dumping				
Ringforts		Adjacent afforestation				
Ruined buildings		Other:				
Prehistoric tomb						
None		None				

Woody	Herbs	Herbs	Herbs	Sedges	Grasses	Mosses	Mosses		
Acer pseu	Crep ves	Odon vern	Succ prat	Care acui	Fest giga	Ambly serp	Spha cusp		<b>Site ID:</b>
Betu pube	Dact fuch	Orch masc	Tara agg.	Care bine	Fest ovin	Atri undu	Spha palu		<b>Date:</b>
Betu pend	Dact macu	Orch mori	Teuc scor	Care cary	Fest prat	Brac riv	Tham alop		<b>Ecologist ID:</b>
Call vulg	Dauc caro	Orig vulg	Thal flav	Care dist	Fest rubr	Brac rut	Thui tama		<b>Additional species notes:</b>
Crat mono	Digi purp	Pedi sylv	Thym poly	Care echi	Glyc flui	Call cord	Tort tort		
Eric cine	Epil hirs	Pers amph	Tori japo	Care elat	Heli pube	Call cusp			
Eric tetr	Epil obsc	Pers macu	Trif camp	Care flac	Holc lana	Cirr pili	<b>Liverworts</b>		
Fall japo	Epil palu	Peta hybr	Trif dubi	Care hirt	Holc moll	Clim den	Cono coni		
Frax exce	Epil parv	Pilo offi	Trif prat	Care laev	Koel macr	Cryp hete	Loph bide		
Hede heli	Euph offi	Pimp saxi	Trif repe	Care nigr	Loli pere	Cten moll	Marc mach		
Loni peri	Fili ulma	Plan lanc	Trig palu	Care oval	Meli unif	Dicr maju	Metz frut		
Myri gale	Gali apar	Plan majo	Tuss farf	Care pane	Moli caer	Dicr scop	Metz furc		
Prun spin	Gali palu	Poly vulg	Urti dioi	Care pnlt	Nard stri	Eurh stri	Pell endi		
Rosa arve	Gali saxa	Pote angl	Vale offi	Care pend	Phal arun	Fiss adia	Pell epip		
Rosa cani	Gali ulig	Pote anse	Vero becc	Care puli	Phle prat	Fiss bryo	Plag aspl		
Rubu frut	Gali veru	Pote erc	Vero cham	Care remo	Phra aust	Fiss taxi	Plag pore		
Sola dulc	Gent amar	Pote palu	Vero mont	Care rost	Poa annu	Font anti	Scap grac		
Ulex euro	Gera robe	Pote rept	Vero offi	Care stri	Poa nemo	Homa lute	Scap nemo		
Ulex gali	Gymn cono	Pote ster	Vero serp	Care sylv	Poa prat	Homa seri	Scap undu		
Vacc myrt	Hydr vulg	Prim veri	Vici crac	Care ves	Poa triv	Hook luce			
	Hera spho	Prim vulg	Vici sepi	Care viri	Sesl caer	Hylo brev	<b>Other sp. (write names in full)</b>	<b>Other sp.</b>	
	Hype perf	Prun vulg	Viol palu	Eleo palu	Tris flav	Hylo sple			
<b>Herbs</b>	Hype pulc	Ranu acris	Viol reic	Scho nigr		Hyoc armo			
Achi mill	Hype tetr	Ranu bulb	Viol rivi			Hypn cupr			
Achi ptar	Hypo radi	Ranu flam	Viol sp.			Hypn jutl			
Ajug rept	Iris pseu	Ranu repe		<b>Grasses</b>	<b>Horsetails</b>	Hypn lacu			
Anac pyra	Knau arve	Rhin mino		Agro cani	Equi arve	Isop eleg			
Anag arve	Laps comm	R. acetosa	<b>Rushes</b>	Agro capi	Equi fluv	Isot alop			
Ange sylv	Lath lini	R. acetose	Junc acut	Agro stol	Equi palu	Kind prae			
Anth sylv	Lath prat	Rume cris	Junc arti	Alop geni	Equi sylv	Leuc glau			
Anth vuln	Leon autu	Rume cong	Junc bufo	Alop prat	Equi telm	Mniu horn			
Bell pere	Leuc vulg	Rume obtu	Junc bulb	Anis ster		Oxyl hian			
Blac perf	Linu cath	Sagi proc	Junc cong	Anth odor		Pleu schr			
Calt palu	List ovat	Sang mino	Junc effu	Arrh elat	<b>Ferns</b>	Plth dent			
Camp rotu	Lotu corn	Scut gale	Junc infl	Brac pinn	Aspl tric	Plth undu			
Card flex	Lotu pedu	Sene aqua	Junc squa	Brac sylv	Athy fili	Pmni affi			
Card prat	Lych flos	Sene jaco	Luzu camp	Briz medi	Blec spic	Pmni elli			
Carl vulg	Lysi nemo	Sile dioi	Luzu pilo	Brom erc	Dryo aem	Pmni undu			
Cent nigr	Lysi numm	Sonc aspe	Luzu mult	Brom hord	Dryo affi	Poly comm			
Cera font	Lysi vulg	Sonc oler	Luzu sylv	Brom ramo	Dryo cart	Poly form			
Cirs arve	Lyth sali	Stac palu		Cyno cris	Dryo dila	Pseu puru			
Cirs diss	Medi lupu	Stac sylv		Dact glom	Dryo fili	Rhiz punc			
Cirs palu	Ment aqua	Stel gram		Dant decu	Ophi vulg	Rhyn ripa			
Cirs vulg	Meny trif	Stel holo		Desc cesp	Osmu rega	Rhyt lore			
Cono maju	Myos disc	Stel medi		Desc flex	Phly scol	Rhyt squa			
Crep capi	Myos laxa	Stel palu		Fest alti	Poly seti	Rhyt triq			
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Woody	Herbs	Herbs	Herbs	Sedges	Grasses	Mosses	Mosses	Site ID:
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Betu pend	Dact macu	Orch mori	Teuc scor	Care cary	Fest prat	Brac riv	Tham alop	Date:
Call vulg	Dauc caro	Orig vulg	Thal flav	Care dist	Fest rubr	Brac rut	Thui tama	Grid Ref: ±
Crat mono	Digi purp	Pedi sylv	Thym poly	Care echi	Glyc flui	Call cord	Tort tort	Fossitt habitat:
Eric cine	Epil hirs	Pers amph	Tori japo	Care elat	Heli pube	Call cusp		EU Annex I habitat:
Eric tetr	Epil obsc	Pers macu	Trif camp	Care flac	Holc lana	Cirr pili	Liverworts	Annex I assessment stop no:
Fall japo	Epil palu	Peta hybr	Trif dubi	Care hirt	Holc moll	Clim den	Cono con	
Frax exce	Epil parv	Pilo offi	Trif prat	Care laev	Koel macr	Cryp hete	Loph bide	Topography:
Hede heli	Euph offi	Pimp saxi	Trif repe	Care nigr	Loli pere	Cten moll	Marc mach	Aspect:
Loni peri	Fili ulma	Plan lanc	Trig palu	Care oval	Meli unif	Dicr maju	Metz frut	Slope:
Myri gale	Gali apar	Plan majo	Tuss farf	Care pane	Moli caer	Dicr scop	Metz furc	Soil ID:
Prun spin	Gali palu	Poly vulg	Urti dioi	Care pnlt	Nard stri	Eurh stri	Pell endi	Additional relevé notes:
Rosa arve	Gali saxa	Pote angl	Vale offi	Care pend	Phal arun	Fiss adia	Pell epip	
Rosa cani	Gali ulig	Pote anse	Vero becc	Care puli	Phle prat	Fiss bryo	Plag aspl	
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Vacc myrt	Hydr vulg	Prim veri	Vici crac	Care vesi	Poa triv	Hook luce		
	Hera spho	Prim vulg	Vici sepi	Care viri	Sesl caer	Hylo brev		Other spp. (write names in full)
	Hype perf	Prun vulg	Viol palu	Eleo palu	Tris flav	Hylo sple		Other relevé data
<b>Herbs</b>	Hype pulc	Ranu acris	Viol reic	Scho nigr		Hyoc armo		Cover score (DOMIN)
Achi mill	Hype tetr	Ranu bulb	Viol rivi			Hypn cupr		Bare soil
Achi ptar	Hypo radi	Ranu flam	Viol sp.			Hypn jutl		Bare rock
Ajug rept	Iris pseu	Ranu repe		<b>Grasses</b>	<b>Horsetails</b>	Hypn lacu		Surface water
Anac pyra	Knau arve	Rhin mino		Agro cani	Equi arve	Isop eleg		Litter: incl. dead grass stems
Anag arve	Laps comm	R. acetosa	<b>Rushes</b>	Agro capi	Equi fluv	Isot alop		Bryophyte layer
Ange sylv	Lath lini	R. acetose	Junc acut	Agro stol	Equi palu	Kind prae		Field layer
Anth sylv	Lath prat	Rume cris	Junc arti	Alop geni	Equi sylv	Leuc glau		Broadleaf herbs
Anth vuln	Leon autu	Rume cong	Junc bufo	Alop prat	Equi telm	Mniu horn		Broadleaf herb:grass etc (%)
Bell pere	Leuc vulg	Rume obtu	Junc bulb	Anis ster		Oxyl hian		Median grass height (cm)
Blac perf	Linu cath	Sagi proc	Junc cong	Anth odor		Pleu schr		Median herb height (cm)
Calt palu	List ovat	Sang mino	Junc effu	Arrh elat	<b>Ferns</b>	Plth dent		
Camp rotu	Lotu corn	Scut gale	Junc infl	Brac pinn	Aspl tric	Plth undu		
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**EU Annex I habitat assessment field sheet for semi-natural grassland**

Relevé ID	Date	Recorder ID	EU Annex I habitat

Each stop (2m x 2m)	<b>STOP</b>	
<b>STOP NUMBER</b>		
	<b>PASS</b>	<b>FAIL</b>
HQ +ve indicator species (record numbers)		
Non-HQ +ve indicator species (record numbers)		
Overall +ve indicator species (record numbers)		
-ve indicator species (record total cover)		
Broadleaf herb : grass etc ratio (%)		
Scrub/bracken encroachment (%)		
Median sward height (cm)		
Litter cover (%)		
Extent of bare ground (%)		
Grazing and disturbance levels		
Note presence of distinctive features e.g. orchid-rich areas or rare plants		
General stop notes (include habitat loss)		

**NB:** Rather than ticking the correct box record the figure for each category e.g. 6 Non-HQ +ve indicator species or 15% litter cover, in either the pass or fail box  
**HQ:** High Quality positive indicator species as defined in the Annex I grassland habitats assessment information sheets (Appendix 5).



## **Appendix 4: Summary grassland habitat information for each of the 337 sites surveyed in the six western counties in 2011-2012**

This appendix contains the following information on each site:

- 1) Site Number
- 2) Site Name
- 3) County
- 4) SAC code
- 5) The % of each site occupied by semi-natural grassland / marsh Fossitt (2000) habitat types:
  - Dry calcareous and neutral grassland (GS1).
  - Dry meadows and grassy verges (GS2).
  - Dry-humid acid grassland (GS3).
  - Wet grassland (GS4).
  - Freshwater marsh (GM1).
  - Swamp – unclassifiable, but not reed swamp (FS).
  - Tall-herb swamp (FS2).
  - Rich fen and flush (PF1) – only included if surveyed and mapped as 6410 habitat.
  - Poor fen and flush (PF2) – only included if surveyed and mapped as 6410 habitat.
  - Semi-improved grassland: When semi-improved grassland habitats of potential conservation value were recorded, an 'i' was inserted into the Fossitt category of the habitat type that was deemed to have occurred prior to improvement.
- 6) The % of each site occupied by EU Annex I grassland habitats:
  - Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (\*6210).
  - Species-rich *Nardus* grasslands, on siliceous substrates in mountain areas (and sub-mountain areas, in Continental Europe) (\*6230).
  - *Molinia* meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt laden soils (*Molinion caeruleae*) (6410).
  - Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains and of the montane to alpine levels (6430).
  - Lowland hay meadows (*Alopecurus pratensis*, *Sanguisorba officinalis*) (6510).

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Site No.	Site Name	County	SAC	GS1	GS2	GS3	GS4	GM1	FS	FS2	PF1	PF2	GSi	[*]6210	*6230	6410	6430	6510
1602	Shessiv	Clare	-				80%	1%					19% (GSi2, GSi4)					
1603	Ballyteige	Clare	000994				100%									61%		
1604	Magherabaun	Clare	-				96%						4% (GSi4)					
1605	Caheraghacullin	Clare	-	14%			60%						26% (GSi4)					
1608	Ballyelly	Clare	-	85%									15% (GSi1)	34%				
1609	Pollaghanumera	Clare	-			7%	62%						31% (GSi4)			9%		
1610	Lough O'Grady	Clare	-				67%		20%			5%	8% (GSi2)			15%		
1611	Glenomra	Clare	001013		3%		87%						10% (GSi4)					
1612	Cahermaclanchy	Clare	000020	94%									6% (GSi1)	16%				
1613	Doolin	Clare	000020	41%									59% (GSi1)					
1614	Crumlin (Clare)	Clare	000020	44%	12%								44% (GSi1)	29%				12%
1615	Lislarheenmore	Clare	000020	78%			22%							32%				
1616	Keelhilla	Clare	001926	55%	23%		21%							46%				
1617	Murrooghkilly	Clare	000020	76%			22%						2% (GSi4)	26%				
1618	Fanore More	Clare	000020	41%									59% (GSi1)					
1619	Noughaval	Clare	000054	100%														
1620	Carran	Clare	-	100%														
1621	Magheraweeleen	Clare	000054	100%														
1622	Cahergrillaun	Clare	000054	39%	28%		30%						3% (GSi2)	10%				
1623	Rannagh West	Clare	000054	62%									38% (GSi4)	62%				
1624	Cragballyconal	Clare	000054	100%										100%				
1625	Bishopsquarter	Clare	000054	100%										25%				
1626	Ballyteige Lough	Clare	000032	48%			52%											
1627	Dromore Lough	Clare	000032				66%	34%										25%
1628	Addergoole	Clare	000057	3%			68%			0%			29% (GSi1)					0%
1629	Ballard	Clare	002264	75%									25% (GSi1)					
1630	Loop Head	Clare	002165	47%			18%						35% (GSi1)					
1634	Kilcasheen	Clare	-				86%						14% (GSi4)			20%		
1635	Farrihy	Clare	-				53%						47% (GSi1, GSi4)					
1637	Ballyduneen	Clare	-				92%						8% (GSi4)					
1638	Lanna	Clare	-				80%						20% (GSi4)					
1639	Cloongowna	Clare	-				100%											
1643	Lough Cleggan	Clare	-				100%											
1645	Luogh South	Clare	-	4%			69%						28% (GSi4)					
1646	Carrownahooan	Clare	-				100%									9%		
1647	Ballyconnoe South	Clare	-	56%									44% (GSi1)					
1648	Tooreen	Clare	-		24%		64%						12% (GSi4)					
1649	Clab	Clare	001926	92%									8% (GSi1)	17%				
1651	Killourney	Clare	001926				83%						17% (GSi4)					
1653	Monanaleen	Clare	001926	1%	47%								51% (GSi2)	0%				
1654	Gortlecka	Clare	001926	100%										72%				
1655	Ballyfaudeen	Clare	-				100%									18%		
1656	Cappahard	Clare	002165	13%			87%											
1657	Moys	Clare	002165	23%			61%						16% (GSi4)					
1659	Knockalisheen Marsh	Clare	002165		21%		79%											
1661	Clarefield	Clare	002165		12%		67%						21% (GSi4)					
1663	Cloontra West	Clare	-				100%									7%		
1664	Carrownerribul	Clare	-				76%						24% (GSi4)					

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1666	Knockaphort	Clare	-	5%			93%						1% (GSi1)			9%		
1668	Mogouhy Lead Mines	Clare	000054	100%										81%				
1669	Ballyallia Lake	Clare	000014	1%			86%						13% (GSi1)					
1670	Garryeighter	Clare	-				100%									91%		
1671	Derreen West	Clare	000020	44%			11%						44% (GSi1)	39%				
1672	Deelin More	Clare	000054	83%	17%									12%				
1673	Moneenagliggin North	Clare	-				83%						17% (GSi4)					
1675	Eagle's Rock	Clare	001926	100%										2%				
1676	Poulaphuca	Clare	001926	100%										97%				
1678	Ballyvullagan	Clare	-		46%		54%											
1695	Murrooghtoohy	Clare	000020		85%								15% (GSi2)					
1696	Glencolumbkille South	Clare	001926	13%	55%								31% (GSi1)					42%
1697	Cream Point	Clare	-	56%	9%		26%	9%								28%		9%
1698	Cloghaun More (East)	Clare	-				42%						58% (GSi1, GSi2, GSi4)					
1699	Rinneen	Clare	-		100%													100%
1702	Drumreagh	Mayo	-				100%											
1703	Termoncarragh	Mayo	001501	28%	5%		36%						30% (GSi2, GSi4)			1%		
1704	Dooncarton or Glengad	Mayo	-	9%		28%							63% (GSi2, GSi3)					
1705	Glencalry Upper	Mayo	000500				83%						17% (GSi4)					
1706	Ummerantarry	Mayo	-			2%	98%											
1707	Glenglassera	Mayo	000500	27%		33%	22%						18% (GSi1, GSi3, GSi4)			1%		
1708	Glenulra	Mayo	-	42%			58%											
1710	Knockaun	Mayo	-	75%									25% (GSi1, GSi4)					
1711	Kilcummin	Mayo	000516	48%			6%						46% (GSi1)					
1713	Tullaghanbaun	Mayo	-	39%			61%											
1714	Cloontakilla	Mayo	000476				85%						15% (GSi4)					
1715	Largan Beg	Mayo	-				100%											
1716	Doobehy	Mayo	001922	23%			68%						9% (GSi1, GSi4)					
1718	Carrownaglogh	Mayo	-		22%		61%				18%					41%		
1719	Bunnyconnellan East	Mayo	-			76%	23%						1% (GSi4)		1%			
1720	Ballymore	Mayo	-	4%	25%		56%						15% (GSi1, GSi2)					
1722	Grange	Mayo	002298	12%			79%						9% (GSi4)					
1723	Pontoon Bridge	Mayo	002298	32%			68%											
1724	Drumgollagh	Mayo	-			38%	58%						4% (GSi1)					
1725	Goulaun	Mayo	000534			83%	17%											
1726	Treanbeg	Mayo	-				25%						75% (GSi3, GSi4)					
1727	Boggy	Mayo	002144	12%			88%											
1728	Beltra	Mayo	002144		25%		35%						40% (GSi3, GSi4)					
1729	Cuilmullagh	Mayo	-			100%									82%			
1730	Sraheen	Mayo	002298		88%					1%			10% (GSi2)				1%	
1731	Moorbrook	Mayo	002298		41%		21%						38% (GSi2, GSi4)					29%
1732	Foxford	Mayo	-				82%						18% (GSi3)					
1733	Derrygaury	Mayo	002298		66%		12%						22% (GSi4)					33%
1734	Shanwar	Mayo	-	76%		8%							16% (GSi1)					
1735	Cloongee	Mayo	002298		51%		9%						40% (GSi2, GSi4)					15%
1736	Pollagh (Mayo)	Mayo	002298	6%	23%		40%						32% (GSi2, GSi4)					
1737	Cloonlumney	Mayo	002298				86%						14% (GSi1, GSi4)					
1738	Drumalooaun	Mayo	002298	0%	10%		83%						7% (GSi4)					



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1740	Sonnagh	Mayo	002298	9%			70%						21% (GSi4)					
1742	Botinny	Mayo	002298				96%						4% (GSi4)					
1743	Srah Upper	Mayo	002298	8%			90%						2% (GSi4)					
1744	Cloonakillina	Mayo	001899		1%		72%	3%					24% (GSi4)			20%		
1745	Gowel	Mayo	-	7%			92%			0%								
1747	Fauleens	Mayo	-				100%											
1748	Srahduggaun	Mayo	000534			35%	65%											
1749	Tarsaghaun More	Mayo	000534			53%	47%								13%			
1750	Belderg Beg	Mayo	-	14%			13%						73% (GSi1, GSi4)					
1751	Annagh (Mayo)	Mayo	-	38%			62%											
1752	Glenlara	Mayo	001501	15%		14%	28%						43% (GSi3)		0%			
1753	Aghaglasheen	Mayo	-	53%	2%	0%	45%											
1755	Portacloy	Mayo	000500	47%		42%	4%						8% (GSi1)					
1756	Porturlin	Mayo	000500	26%			74%											
1757	Muingelly	Mayo	-	47%		14%	2%						38% (GSi1, GSi4)					
1758	Creevagh	Mayo	-	29%			68%						3% (GSi1)					
1761	Dookineely (Calvy)	Mayo	001513				50%						50% (GSi4)					
1764	Laghtmurragha	Mayo	000500	71%		29%												
1765	Portnahally or Ashleam Bay	Mayo	-	71%		18%	11%											
1766	Aughernagalliagh	Mayo	001501	67%									33% (GSi1)					
1769	Kilgalligan	Mayo	000500	82%		18%									17%			
1801	Ballytoohy More	Mayo	002243	66%		34%												
1804	Bleachyard	Mayo	002144				98%						2% (GSi4)			2%		
1805	Graffy	Mayo	002144				100%											
1806	Rosdooaun	Mayo	-				55%						45% (GSi4)					
1807	Kilmeenna	Mayo	-			2%	67%						30% (GSi4)			2%		
1808	Derrartan	Mayo	-	9%		1%	90%											
1809	Derrycreeve	Mayo	-				100%											
1810	Burren (ED Burren)	Mayo	002298			40%	50%						9% (GSi4)		2%			
1811	Ballinvilla	Mayo	002298	36%	15%		49%											
1814	Derryvulcaun	Mayo	002298	30%			70%											
1816	Barleyhill	Mayo	-	21%			62%						17% (GSi1, GSi4)					
1817	Carrownaculla	Mayo	-			24%	76%											
1818	Barcull	Mayo	-	18%			39%						43% (GSi4)					
1819	Carrowbeg	Mayo	-	16%			84%											
1820	Scardaun	Mayo	-		11%		30%						59% (GSi1, GSi4)					2%
1821	Aghataharn	Mayo	001571	29%		25%	45%	1%										
1823	Larganboy West	Mayo	-	11%	77%								12% (GSi2)					
1824	Faughil	Mayo	002298				78%						22% (GSi4)					
1825	Garhawnagh	Mayo	-		42%		58%											
1827	Cogaula	Mayo	-	37%			44%						19% (GSi4)	5%		17%		
1829	Owenwee	Mayo	-			41%	34%						25% (GSi3, GSi4)					
1830	Glenbaun	Mayo	-			82%	18%											
1831	Kilgeever	Mayo	-			100%									98%			
1833	Roonah	Mayo	001529				100%											
1834	Killadoon	Mayo	000484	40%			60%											
1835	Aillemore	Mayo	-			33%	50%						17% (GSi3)					
1836	Kinnewry	Mayo	-			42%	45%						13% (GSi4)		3%			

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1837	Derrassa	Mayo	-			27%	71%						1% (GSi1, GSi3)					
1838	Ballycally	Mayo	001774	18%			26%						56% (GSi1)					
1839	Annies	Mayo	001774	69%			31%							30%				
1840	Coolylaughnan	Mayo	001774	67%			33%											
1842	Ballyglass (ED Caraun)	Mayo	-				100%											
1843	Crumlin (Mayo)	Mayo	-				78%						22% (GSi4)					
1845	Curries	Mayo	-	2%		11%	47%						40% (GSi1, GSi3, GSi4)					
1846	Derrintogher	Mayo	-	12%			50%						38% (GSi1, GSi4)			2%		
1847	Esker South	Mayo	-				57%						43% (GSi2, GSi4)					
1848	Corracrow	Mayo	-		23%		64%						12% (GSi4)					
1849	Killeenrevagh	Mayo	-	56%			15%						29% (GSi1)					
1850	Skealaghan	Mayo	-	54%	15%		7%	3%					20% (GSi1, GSi2)					
1851	Cloonkerry	Mayo	001774	5%			67%						28% (GSi1, GSi4)	5%				
1852	Aghinish	Mayo	001774	94%		6%												
1853	Lissanisky	Mayo	-	57%	33%								10% (GSi2)	50%				
1854	Inishmaine	Mayo	001774	16%		81%	0%			3%				4%				
1855	Churchfield Upper	Mayo	001774	18%			73%	5%					4% (GSi4)					
1856	Cappanacreha	Mayo	-			38%	62%											
1857	Maumtrasna	Mayo	-	5%			52%						43% (GSi4)					
1859	Finny	Mayo	-			100%									87%			
1861	Drumsheel Lower	Mayo	-		100%													
1862	Kildun More	Mayo	-		100%													
1863	Carheens	Mayo	000297	19%		10%	10%						61% (GSi1, GSi2)					
1864	Knocknageehea	Mayo	001536	57%	43%									33%				12%
1865	Ballisnahyny	Mayo	000479	100%										20%				
1866	Derrykill East	Mayo	-		24%		76%											
1867	Portroyal	Mayo	001774	3%	43%		53%							3%				
1868	Derry	Mayo	000297	1%		8%	72%						19% (GSi1, GSi4)					
1869	Partry House Estate	Mayo	001774	11%	4%		8%						77% (GSi1, GSi2, GSi4)	1%				
1874	Rosmore	Mayo	001482	43%	57%													15%
1875	Rosbarnagh Island	Mayo	001482			9%	91%											
1877	Dooghbeg	Mayo	000485	1%		3%	86%						10% (GSi4)		1%			
1878	Ballytoohy Beg	Mayo	-	66%		5%	12%						17% (GSi1)					
1879	Inishnakillew & Inishcottle	Mayo	001482	27%									73% (GSi1)					
2200	Omey Island	Galway	-	37%									63% (GSi1)					
2201	Tonadoravaun	Galway	-				82%						18% (GSi4)					
2203	Bunowen	Galway	002031			100%												
2204	Knockbrack (Ballynahinch By)	Galway	-	22%	7%	30%	36%						5% (GSi1, GSi4)					
2205	Letterfrack	Galway	002031	3%		39%	52%						6% (GSi4)		13%			
2206	Addergoole (Ballynahinch By)	Galway	002031				100%											
2209	Drin	Galway	001774			100%												
2210	Cloghbrack Lower	Galway	001774				46%						54% (GSi4)					
2211	Kill (Ballindoon Ph)	Galway	-	17%	2%	23%							59% (GSi1)					
2212	Emlagharan	Galway	002074	20%	77%		2%							10%				
2215	Errisbeg West	Galway	-	57%	4%								39% (GSi1, GSi3)					
2216	Ervallagh	Galway	001251	51%			10%						39% (GSi1)					
2221	Ardmore (Moyrus Ph)	Galway	002111	100%														
2222	Kilkieran	Galway	-	5%			72%						23% (GSi4)					

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2223	Camus Oughter	Galway	-	20%		3%	49%						28% (GSi1)					
2224	Bealadangan	Galway	-				100%											
2225	Carrowroe South (Moycullen By)	Galway	002111	51%			49%											
2226	Lettercallow	Galway	-	48%			52%											
2228	Lettermullan	Galway	002111	80%			20%											
2229	Inishmore Island Middle	Galway	-	94%	1%								5% (GSi1)					
2230	Inishmaan Island Middle	Galway	000212	97%									3% (GSi1)	14%				
2231	Inisheer Island	Galway	001275	99%									1% (GSi1)					
2235	Lettershea	Galway	002031			68%	23%						9% (GSi4)					
2237	Lettery	Galway	002031			61%	39%								25%			
2238	Derrynavglau	Galway	-			12%	74%						14% (GSi4)					
2239	Lissoughter	Galway	-			100%									1%			
2240	Derryvoreada	Galway	002008	9%		55%	12%						24% (GSi1)		20%			
2241	Maumeen	Galway	002111	100%										100%				
2243	Tonacrick	Galway	-	100%														
2249	Carrowmoreknock	Galway	000297	90%			10%								13%			
2252	Pollagh (E.D. Wormhole)	Galway	-				21%						79% (GSi1, GSi4)					
2253	Ballydotia	Galway	-	95%			5%							28%				
2254	Leagaun (Moycullen By)	Galway	000297	7%			93%											
2255	Addragool	Galway	000297	20%	22%		31%						27% (GSi1, GSi2)					
2256	Furboghgarve	Galway	-	27%			62%						11% (GSi1)					
2259	Garraun North	Galway	-	100%										58%				
2260	Kilcurriv Eighter	Galway	-	80%									20% (GSi1)	29%				
2261	Lecarrowmore	Galway	-				100%									22%		
2263	Kilrogther	Galway	000297	13%			42%						46% (GSi1)			37%		
2264	Coolagh	Galway	-	100%														
2265	Tawin East	Galway	000268	100%														
2266	Ringelaun	Galway	000268	100%														
2267	Tarrea	Galway	-	100%										98%				
2268	Tooreen East	Galway	-	100%														
2269	Ballybranagan	Galway	000268	55%	18%								28% (GSi1)	6%				
2270	Inishroo	Galway	000268	57%									43% (GSi1)	26%				
2271	Leagh South	Galway	001926	100%										33%				
2273	Ballybuck South	Galway	-	100%										55%				
2275	Merlin Park	Galway	-		100%													
2276	Doughiska	Galway	-	100%														
2277	Terryland	Galway	000297		58%		8%						33% (GSi2)					
2278	Roscam	Galway	-		100%													
2280	Pollkeen	Galway	-	94%									6% (GSi1)					
2282	Frenchfort	Galway	-	100%										99%				
2298	Inishmore Island East	Galway	000213	100%														
2299	Inishmore Island West	Galway	-	100%										3%				
2301	Grange (Galway)	Galway	-	100%										52%				
2302	Grange East	Galway	-	74%									26% (GSi1)					
2303	Rathmorrisy	Galway	-	100%										40%				
2304	Castleturvin	Galway	-	62%			14%						24% (GSi1)					
2307	Cartron (Galway)	Galway	000606	66%							24%		9% (GSi1)	60%		24%		
2310	Ardrahan Grasslands	Galway	002244	99%			1%							42%				

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2313	Derrycallan North	Galway	-				100%											
2314	Knocktoby	Galway	-	73%			27%											
2315	Cartron East	Galway	000218	33%	21%		18%						27% (GSi1)					
2316	Flashkagh Beg	Galway	-	70%	10%								20% (GSi1, GSi4)					
2317	Dunblaney	Galway	-	86%			14%							3%				
2318	Cooldorragha	Galway	-				100%											
2319	Sonnagh Old	Galway	-	0%			100%											
2320	Cloonshivna (Kelly)	Galway	002347	1%			76%						22% (GSi4)	1%				
2321	Shankill East	Galway	000326				51%						49% (GSi4)					
2322	Rahins	Galway	-				72%						28% (GSi4)					
2324	Newgrove	Galway	-				100%											
2325	Annaghbride	Galway	-	37%			63%											
2326	Carrowkeel	Galway	-	100%										3%				
2327	Boleybeg	Galway	-				48%						52% (GSi4)					
2328	Cloonabricka	Galway	-				100%											
2329	Killure More	Galway	-	40%			60%							15%		14%		
2332	Cloonruff	Galway	-				100%											
2333	Killeroran	Galway	-				98%						2% (GSi4)					
2337	Cloonascragh	Galway	-	100%										4%				
2338	Bishops Islands	Galway	000216	1%			94%						5% (GSi2)					
2339	Reask (Galway)	Galway	000216				100%											
2340	Esker	Galway	000216	4%			80%	16%								11%	16%	
2341	Cromwell's Island	Galway	000216				31%						69% (GSi1, GSi4)					
2342	Bigisland	Galway	000216				86%						14% (GSi4)			2%		
2343	Cappasallagh	Galway	000216				93%						7% (GSi2)					
2344	Portumna	Galway	000216				100%									1%		
2345	Portumna Demesne	Galway	002241	24%			76%							22%				
2380	Inisheer Island East	Galway	001275	100%										29%				
2381	Inishmaan Island East	Galway	000212	73%									27% (GSi1, GSi4)					
2401	Ballinloghig	Kerry	000375			100%	0%								23%			
2402	Maghanveel	Kerry	000375			100%									7%			
2403	Bunrower	Kerry	000365				71%						29% (GSi4)			14%		
2405	Reen	Kerry	000365	18%			82%											
2406	Dromyrouk	Kerry	000365		15%		49%	1%					35% (GSi4)				1%	
2408	Gearhameen	Kerry	000365				94%						6% (GSi4)					
2410	Moularostig	Kerry	-	8%			89%						3% (GSi4)					
2411	Leamnaguila	Kerry	000343				94%						6% (GSi4)					
2412	Garrane	Kerry	000365	6%		17%	69%						8% (GSi4)					
2413	Ballyhearny East	Kerry	-				100%											
2414	Killelton	Kerry	002185			3%	85%						13% (GSi4)					
2415	Derrynafeana	Kerry	000365			18%	61%						21% (GSi4)		7%			
2416	Roscullen Island	Kerry	000343				100%											
2418	Maghanlawaun	Kerry	000365			16%	76%						8% (GSi4)					
2423	Bray (Kerry)	Kerry	002262	100%														
2424	Coarha Beg	Kerry	-	75%			25%											
2425	Bolus	Kerry	-	25%		3%	50%						21% (GSi1, GSi4)					
2426	Aghanboy	Kerry	-				81%						19% (GSi4)					
2429	Canagullen	Kerry	-			100%												

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2432	Ballyduff	Kerry	002165				60%						40% (GSi4)					
2434	Coumduff	Kerry	000375	9%		91%									60%			
2436	Letter (Kerry)	Kerry	002165				83%						17% (GSi4)					
2437	Derryco	Kerry	002165				59%						41% (GSi4)					
2439	Tiduff	Kerry	002165	74%			5%						22% (GSi1, GSi4)					
2440	Fenit Without	Kerry	-		100%													
2441	Doonties Commons	Kerry	-	51%			6%						43% (GSi1)					
2442	Leaha	Kerry	-				100%											
2444	Istalea Lower	Kerry	-				72%						28% (GSi4)					
2446	Kineigh	Kerry	000335				83%		6%				12% (GSi4)					
2447	Gortnaskeagh	Kerry	-				94%						6% (GSi4)					
2448	Gortalee	Kerry	000365	1%		1%	80%						18% (GSi1, GSi4)					
2452	Great Blasket North	Kerry	002172	100%														
2701	Barrigone	Limerick	000432	37%	19%								44% (GSi2)	37%				12%
2702	Barna	Limerick	000646			100%												
2703	Toryhill	Limerick	000439	24%									76% (GSi2)	22%				
2704	Aughinish	Limerick	002165	27%	67%		5%						1% (GSi4)	27%				19%
2706	Court	Limerick	-				68%						32% (GSi1, GSi4)					
2708	Lacka (World's End)	Limerick	002165				79%	4%					17% (GSi4)			19%	4%	
2710	Ballynort	Limerick	-		11%		49%						41% (GSi1)					
2713	Curraghafail	Limerick	002165				85%						15% (GSi4)					
2714	Cloncrew	Limerick	-				100%											
2715	Cush	Limerick	-				16%						84% (GSi4)					
2717	Rathanny	Limerick	-				75%						25% (GSi2, GSi4)					
2719	Cahirguillamore	Limerick	-				96%						4% (GSi4)			46%		
2721	Carrigparson	Limerick	-	4%			90%						6% (GSi1)					
2722	Mohernagh	Limerick	-				100%									52%		
2725	Carrigkerry	Limerick	-				82%						18% (GSi4)					
2901	Galtees (Drumleagh)	Tipperary	000646			100%									1%			
2902	Curryquinn	Tipperary	002124	97%		3%									3%			
2903	Graystown	Tipperary	-	100%										10%				
2904	Moneypark	Tipperary	-	100%														
2907	Templetney Quarry	Tipperary	-	100%														
2908	Reafadda	Tipperary	002125	2%	50%	5%	28%						15% (GSi2, GSi4)		4%			20%
2912	Clonmakilladuff	Tipperary	-	100%										23%				
2914	Carrow	Tipperary	-				97%	3%										2%
2915	Ballymoheen	Tipperary	-				100%											
2916	Behaghglass	Tipperary	-				86%						14% (GSi4)					
2917	Cloncannon	Tipperary	-	5%	1%	68%	10%						17% (GSi4)					
2918	Graffin	Tipperary	-	10%			90%							2%		3%		
2919	Clon beg	Tipperary	002137				100%											
2920	Kilcommon	Tipperary	002137		15%		1%						84% (GSi2, GSi4)					
2921	Skeheenaranky	Tipperary	-			51%	49%											
2922	Cooleagh	Tipperary	-	12%			88%							12%				
2923	Ballyquirk Callows	Tipperary	002241				100%											
2924	Birdhill Callows	Tipperary	002165				80%						20% (GSi4)			2%		
2925	Kilcurkree	Tipperary	-				100%									22%		
2926	Belleville	Tipperary	-				78%						22% (GSi4)					

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Site No.	Site Name	County	SAC	GS1	GS2	GS3	GS4	GM1	FS	FS2	PF1	PF2	GSi	*6210	*6230	6410	6430	6510
2927	Cappagh (Tipperary)	Tipperary	-				87%						13% (GSi4)					

## **Appendix 5: Annex I assessment indicator species and criteria**

- 6210 Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrub facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (\*important orchid sites)
- \*6230 Species-rich *Nardus* grasslands on siliceous substrates in mountain areas (and sub-mountain areas, in Continental Europe)
- 6410 *Molinia* meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt laden soils (Molinion caeruleae)
- 6430 Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains and of the montane to alpine levels
- 6510 Lowland hay meadows (*Alopecurus pratensis*, *Sanguisorba officinalis*)

**6210 Semi-natural dry grasslands & scrub facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (\*important orchid sites)**

Criteria	Scale of assessment
<b>Vegetation composition</b>	
1 Total number of positive indicator species present $\geq 7$	Relevé
2 Number of high quality species present $\geq 2$	Relevé
3 Cover of non-native species $\leq 1\%$	Relevé
4 Cover of the following negative indicator species: <i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i> , <i>Cirsium arvense</i> , <i>Cirsium vulgare</i> , <i>Dactylis glomerata</i> , <i>Lolium perenne</i> , <i>Rumex crispus</i> , <i>Rumex obtusifolius</i> , <i>Senecio jacobaea</i> , <i>Trifolium repens</i> , <i>Urtica dioica</i> , individually $\leq 10\%$	Relevé
5 Cover of the above negative indicator species collectively $\leq 20\%$	Relevé
6 Cover of scrub, bracken, heath (woody species <u>except</u> <i>Juniperus communis</i> , <i>Rosa spinosissima</i> , <i>Dryas octopetala</i> and <i>Helianthemum oelandicum</i> ) <sup>†</sup> $\leq 5\%$	Relevé
<b>Vegetation structure</b>	
7 Forb component of forb : graminoid ratio 40-90%	Relevé
8 Proportion of the sward between 5-40 cm tall $\geq 30\%$	Relevé
9 Litter cover $\leq 25\%$	Relevé
<b>Physical structure</b>	
10 Cover of bare soil $\leq 10\%$	Relevé
11 Area of the habitat showing signs of <u>grazing</u> or <u>disturbance</u> $< 20 \text{ m}^2$	Local vicinity

High Quality Positive Indicator Species	Positive Indicator Species
<i>Antennaria dioica</i>	<i>Arabis hirsuta</i>
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>	<i>Brachypodium pinnatum</i>
<i>Asperula cynanchica</i>	<i>Bromopsis erecta</i>
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	<i>Carex flacca</i>
<i>Briza media</i>	<i>Ctenidium molluscum</i>
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	<i>Daucus carota</i>
<i>Carex caryophylla</i>	<i>Galium verum</i>
<i>Carlina vulgaris</i>	<i>Helictotrichon pubescens</i>
<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i>	<i>Homalothecium lutescens</i>
<i>Filipendula vulgaris</i>	<i>Leontodon hispidus</i> / <i>Leontodon saxatilis</i>
<i>Gentiana verna</i>	(count <i>Leontodon</i> spp. as one)
<i>Gentianella amarella/campestris</i>	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	<i>Origanum vulgare</i>
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>
<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>
<i>Linum catharticum</i>	<i>Sesleria caerulea</i>
<i>Primula veris</i>	<i>Thymus polytrichus</i>
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	<i>Trisetum flavescens</i>
Orchid species (count individual orchid species separately)	

<sup>†</sup> If *J. communis*, *R. spinosissima* or *D. octopetala* exceed 25% cover, transition to another Annex I community should be considered, e.g., 5130 *Juniperus communis* formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands, 4030 European dry heaths, 4060 Alpine and Boreal heaths.

If the 6210 grassland has a population of any orchid species other than the relatively common *Dactylorhiza fuchsii* and *Dactylorhiza maculata* it should be considered for the orchid-rich priority habitat \*6210. The following uncommon orchid species have been recorded in this Annex I habitat: *Anacamptis pyramidalis*, *Coeloglossum viride*, *Dactylorhiza fuchsii* v. *okellyi*, *Epipactis palustris*, *Gymnadenia conopsea*, *Listera ovata*, *Neotinea maculata*, *Ophrys apifera*, *Ophrys insectifera*, *Orchis mascula*, *Orchis morio*, *Platanthera bifolia*, *Platanthera chlorantha*. An assessment of the number of individuals within orchid populations should be made.



**\*6230 Species-rich *Nardus* grasslands, on siliceous substrates in mountain areas (and sub-mountain areas, in Continental Europe)**

Criteria	Scale of assessment
<b>Vegetation composition</b>	
1 <sup>†</sup> Number of high quality and general positive indicator species present $\geq 7$	Relevé
2a Calcareous sub-community: Number of high quality species present $\geq 2$	Relevé
<u>OR</u>	
2b Non-calcareous sub-community: Number of high quality species present $\geq 1$	Relevé
3 Species richness $\geq 25$	Relevé
4 Cover of non-native species $\leq 1\%$	Relevé
5 Cover of the following negative indicator species: <i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i> , <i>Bellis perennis</i> , <i>Cirsium arvense</i> , <i>Cirsium vulgare</i> , <i>Dactylis glomerata</i> , <i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i> , <i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i> , <i>Holcus lanatus</i> , <i>Juncus effusus</i> , <i>Lolium perenne</i> , <i>Narthecium ossifragum</i> , <i>Ranunculus repens</i> , <i>Rumex crispus</i> , <i>Rumex obtusifolius</i> , <i>Senecio jacobaea</i> , <i>Trifolium repens</i> , <i>Urtica dioica</i> , individually $\leq 10\%$	Relevé
6 Cover of the above negative indicator species collectively $\leq 20\%$	Relevé
7 Cover of <i>Sphagnum</i> species $\leq 10\%$	Relevé
8 Cover of <i>Polytrichum</i> species $\leq 25\%$	Relevé
9 Cover of scrub, bracken and heath (woody species) $\leq 5\%$	Relevé
<b>Vegetation structure</b>	
10 Forb component of forb : graminoid ratio 20-90%	Relevé
11 Proportion of the sward between 5-50 cm tall $\geq 25\%$	Relevé
12 Litter cover $\leq 20\%$	Relevé
<b>Physical structure</b>	
13 Cover of bare soil $\leq 10\%$	Relevé
14 Area of the habitat showing signs of serious <u>grazing</u> or <u>disturbance</u> $< 20 \text{ m}^2$	Local vicinity

a. Calcareous sub-community High Quality Species	b. Non-calcareous sub-community High Quality Species	General Indicator Species
<i>Alchemilla glabra</i>	<i>Breutelia chrysocoma</i>	<i>Agrostis capillaris</i>
<i>Antennaria dioica</i>	<i>Carex caryophyllea</i>	<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	<i>Carex pilulifera</i>	<i>Carex binervis</i>
<i>Conopodium majus</i>	<i>Danthonia decumbens</i>	<i>Festuca ovina</i>
<i>Ctenidium molluscum</i>	<i>Lathyrus linifolius</i>	<i>Galium saxatile</i>
<i>Linum catharticum</i>	<i>Pseudorchis albida</i>	<i>Hylocomium splendens</i>
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	<i>Viola canina</i>	<i>Luzula multiflora</i> / <i>Luzula campestris</i>
<i>Lysimachia nemorum</i>	<i>Viola riviniana</i>	(count <i>Luzula</i> spp. as one)
<i>Primula vulgaris</i>		<i>Nardus stricta</i>
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>		<i>Polygala serpyllifolia</i>
<i>Thymus polytrichus</i>		<i>Potentilla erecta</i>
		<i>Rhynchospora alba</i>
		<i>Rhynchospora squarrosa</i>
		<i>Veronica officinalis</i>

<sup>†</sup>Total number of positive species = "a" & general indicator species OR "b" & general indicator species. NOT "a" & "b" & general indicator species.

**6410 *Molinia* meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt laden soils (*Molinion caeruleae*)**

NOTE: This Annex I habitat can occur in both grasslands and fens. This fen meadow community often contains some *Molinia caerulea* and *Cirsium dissectum* within it.

Criteria	Scale of assessment
<b>Vegetation composition</b>	
1 Total number of positive indicator species present $\geq 7$	Relevé
2 Number of high quality species present $\geq 1$	Relevé
3 Cover of non-native species $\leq 1\%$	Relevé
4 Cover of the following negative indicator species: <i>Cirsium arvense</i> , <i>Cirsium vulgare</i> , <i>Glyceria maxima</i> , <i>Lolium perenne</i> , <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> , <i>Phragmites australis</i> , <i>Rumex crispus</i> , <i>Rumex obtusifolius</i> , <i>Senecio jacobaea</i> , <i>Trifolium repens</i> , <i>Urtica dioica</i> , individually $\leq 10\%$	Relevé
5 Cover of the above negative indicator species collectively $\leq 20\%$	Relevé
6 Cover of <i>Polytrichum</i> species $\leq 25\%$	Relevé
7 Cover of scrub, bracken and heath (woody species) $\leq 5\%$	Relevé
<b>Vegetation structure</b>	
8 Forb component of forb : graminoid ratio 40-90%	Relevé
9 Proportion of the sward between 10-80 cm tall $\geq 30\%$	Relevé
10 Litter cover $\leq 25\%$	Relevé
<b>Physical structure</b>	
11 Cover of bare soil $\leq 10\%$	Relevé
12 Area of the habitat showing signs of serious <u>grazing</u> or <u>disturbance</u> $< 20 \text{ m}^2$	Local vicinity

High Quality Positive Indicator Species	Positive Indicator Species
<i>Carex pulicaris</i>	<i>Achillea ptarmica</i>
<i>Carum verticillatum</i>	<i>Carex echinata</i>
<i>Cirsium dissectum</i>	<i>Carex flacca</i>
<i>Crepis paludosa</i>	<i>Carex nigra</i>
<i>Galium uliginosum</i>	<i>Carex panicea</i>
<i>Juncus conglomeratus</i>	<i>Carex viridula</i>
<i>Lathyrus palustris</i>	<i>Equisetum palustre</i>
<i>Ophioglossum vulgatum</i>	<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>
<i>Viola persicifolia</i>	<i>Galium palustre</i>
Orchid species (count individual orchid species separately)	<i>Juncus acutiflorus</i> / <i>Juncus articulatus</i> (count one or the other <i>Juncus</i> species, <u>not</u> both)
	<i>Lotus pedunculatus</i>
	<i>Luzula multiflora</i>
	<i>Mentha aquatica</i>
	† <i>Molinia caerulea</i>
	<i>Potentilla anglica</i>
	<i>Potentilla erecta</i>
	<i>Ranunculus flammula</i>
	<i>Succisa pratensis</i>
	<i>Viola palustris</i>

† Note the late leaf emergence for the indicator species *Molinia caerulea* (June onwards).

**6430 Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains and of the montane to alpine levels**

NOTE: These criteria refer to the lowland type adjacent to lakes and rivers; neither the upland community nor the nitrophilous saum community is dealt with here. Tall reed and sedge-dominated swamps should not be included within this Annex I habitat.

Criteria	Scale of assessment
<b>Vegetation composition</b>	
1 Total number of positive indicator species present $\geq 3$	Relevé
2 Cover of non-native species $\leq 1\%$	Relevé
3 Cover of the following negative indicator species: <i>Glyceria maxima</i> , <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> , <i>Phragmites australis</i> , collective cover $\leq 33\%$	Relevé
4 Cover of scrub, bracken and heath (woody species) $\leq 5\%$	Relevé
<b>Vegetation structure</b>	
5 Indicator species cover $\geq 40\%$	Relevé
6 Mode herb height $\geq 50$ cm	Relevé
<b>Physical structure</b>	
7 Cover of bare soil $\leq 10\%$	Relevé
8 Area of the habitat showing signs of <u>grazing</u> or <u>disturbance</u> $< 20$ m <sup>2</sup>	Local vicinity

Positive indicator species (HQ species not differentiated)	
<i>Alisma lanceolatum</i>	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>
<i>Angelica sylvestris</i>	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	<i>Mentha aquatica</i>
<i>Cicuta virosa</i>	<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>
<i>Crepis paludosa</i>	<i>Persicaria amphibia</i>
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	<i>Rumex hydrolapathum</i>
<i>Epilobium palustre</i>	<i>Sium latifolium</i>
<i>Epilobium parviflorum</i>	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>
<i>Equisetum fluviatile</i>	<i>Stachys palustris</i>
<i>Equisetum palustre</i>	<i>Symphytum officinale</i>
<i>Eupatorium cannabinum</i>	<i>Trollius europaeus</i>
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>
<i>Galium palustre</i>	
<i>Hypericum tetrapterum</i>	

**6510 Lowland hay meadows (*Alopecurus pratensis*, *Sanguisorba officinalis*)**

NOTE: Lowland hay meadows are almost always maintained by annual mowing, or at the very least were historically managed in this way.

Criteria	Scale of assessment
<b>Vegetation composition</b>	
1 Total number of positive indicator species present $\geq 7$	Relevé
2 Number of high quality species present $\geq 1$	Relevé
3 Cover of non-native species $\leq 1\%$	Relevé
4 Cover of the following negative indicator species: <i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i> , <i>Cirsium arvense</i> , <i>Cirsium vulgare</i> , <i>Dactylis glomerata</i> , <i>Lolium perenne</i> , <i>Rumex crispus</i> , <i>Rumex obtusifolius</i> , <i>Senecio jacobaea</i> , <i>Trifolium repens</i> , <i>Urtica dioica</i> , individually $\leq 10\%$	Relevé
5 Cover of the above negative indicator species collectively $\leq 20\%$	Relevé
6 Cover of scrub, bracken and heath (woody species) $\leq 5\%$	Relevé
<b>Vegetation structure</b>	
7 Forb component of forb : graminoid ratio 40-90%	Relevé
8 Proportion of the sward between 10-50 cm tall $\geq 50\%$	Relevé
9 Litter cover $\leq 25\%$	Relevé
<b>Physical structure</b>	
10 Cover of bare soil $\leq 5\%$	Relevé
11 Area of the habitat showing signs of serious <u>grazing</u> or <u>disturbance</u> $< 20 \text{ m}^2$	Local vicinity

High Quality Positive Indicator Species	Positive Indicator Species
<i>Bromus racemosus</i>	<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>
<i>Hordeum secalinum</i>	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	<i>Crepis capillaris</i>
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	<i>Daucus carota</i>
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>
<i>Pimpinella major</i>	<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>
<i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i>	<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>
<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i>	<i>Leontodon autumnalis</i>
Orchid species	<i>Leontodon hispidus</i>
(count individual orchid species separately)	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>
	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>
	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>
	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>
	<i>Trisetum flavescens</i>
	<i>Vicia cracca</i>

## ***Appendix 6: Structure and functions assessment scores for areas of Annex I grassland habitat surveyed in the six western counties in 2011-2012***

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This lists the results of the structure and functions assessments for each of the monitoring stops recorded in Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary during ISGS in 2011-2012.

**Note:** An asterisk \* beside the overall assessment score signifies that expert judgement has been used to override a minor failure of one or more criteria.

### ***Abbreviations:***

H.Q. = High Quality.

M.S. = Monitoring stop.

X = Not recorded.

N.A. = Not applicable.

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Abbreviations - HQ = High Quality; M.S. = Monitoring stop; N.A. = Not applicable; X = Not recorded.

Note: An asterisk \* beside the overall assessment score signifies that expert judgement has been used to override a minor failure of one or more criteria.

Site ID	Releve	M.S.	Annex	County	HQ +ve species	Overall +ve indicator species	Overall -ve indicator species	Non-native species	Forb component	Species richness	Encroachment	Sward height	Litter cover	Bare ground cover	Grazing disturbance	Overall assessment
1603	1	1	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1603	2	2	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1603	3	3	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1603	4	4	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1608	1	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1608	3	2	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1608	4	3	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1609	5	1	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1610	4	1	6410	Clare	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1610	5	2	6410	Clare	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	<b>Fail</b>
1610	6	3	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1610	7	4	6410	Clare	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1612	1	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1612	3	2	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1612	4	3	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1612	6	4	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1614	1	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1614	2	2	6210	Clare	Fail	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1614	7	3	6210	Clare	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1614	8	4	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1614	3	1	6510	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1614	4	2	6510	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1614	5	3	6510	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1614	6	4	6510	Clare	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1615	1	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1615	2	2	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1615	4	3	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1615	5	4	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>

Site ID	Releve	M.S.	Annex	County	HQ +ve species	Overall +ve indicator species	Overall -ve indicator species	Non-native species	Forb component	Species richness	Encroachment	Sward height	Litter cover	Bare ground cover	Grazing disturbance	Overall assessment
1616	2	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1616	3	2	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1616	5	3	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1616	6	4	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1616	7	5	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1617	1	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1617	2	2	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1617	3	3	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1617	4	4	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1617	5	5	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1617	6	6	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1617	7	7	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1617	8	8	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1617	10	9	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1617	11	10	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1622	2	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1622	3	2	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1622	4	3	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1622	5	4	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1623	1	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1623	3	2	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1623	4	3	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1624	1	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	X	<b>Fail</b>
1625	1	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1625	2	2	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1625	3	3	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1627	2	1	6430	Clare	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	X	<b>Fail</b>
1628	5	1	6430	Clare	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1634	1	1	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1634	2	2	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>

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1634	3	3	6410	Clare	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1634	4	4	6410	Clare	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1634	5	5	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1634	6	6	6410	Clare	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1646	1	1	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1646	2	2	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1646	3	3	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1649	1	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1649	3	2	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1649	4	3	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1649	6	4	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1653	2	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1654	1	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1654	2	2	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1654	3	3	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1654	4	4	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1654	5	5	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1654	6	6	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1654	7	7	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1655	2	1	6410	Clare	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1655	3	2	6410	Clare	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1655	5	3	6410	Clare	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1655	6	4	6410	Clare	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1663	1	1	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	X	<b>Fail</b>
1666	1	1	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1666	2	2	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1666	5	3	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1666	6	4	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1668	1	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1668	2	2	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>



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1668	3	3	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1670	1	1	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1670	2	2	6410	Clare	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1670	3	3	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1670	4	4	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1671	2	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1671	3	2	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1671	4	3	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1671	6	4	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1671	7	5	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1671	8	6	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1671	9	7	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1671	10	8	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1671	11	9	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1672	2	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1672	5	2	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1672	6	3	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1672	7	4	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1675	1	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	X	<b>Pass</b>
1676	1	1	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1676	2	2	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1676	3	3	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1676	4	4	6210	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1696	1	1	6510	Clare	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1696	2	2	6510	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1696	3	3	6510	Clare	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1696	4	4	6510	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1696	6	5	6510	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1697	3	1	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1697	8	2	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>

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1697	9	3	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1697	10	4	6410	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1697	13	5	6410	Clare	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1697	1	1	6510	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1697	4	2	6510	Clare	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1697	5	3	6510	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1697	6	4	6510	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1697	7	5	6510	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1699	1	1	6510	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1699	2	2	6510	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1699	3	3	6510	Clare	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1699	4	4	6510	Clare	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1703	2	1	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1703	3	2	6410	Mayo	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1707	6	1	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1707	7	2	6410	Mayo	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1707	8	3	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1718	1	1	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1718	2	2	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1718	3	3	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1718	4	4	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1719	1	1	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1729	1	1	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1729	2	2	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1729	3	3	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1730	2	1	6430	Mayo	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1731	1	1	6510	Mayo	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1731	2	2	6510	Mayo	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1731	3	3	6510	Mayo	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1731	4	4	6510	Mayo	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>

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1731	7	5	6510	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1731	8	6	6510	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1733	1	1	6510	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1733	2	2	6510	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1733	5	3	6510	Mayo	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1733	6	4	6510	Mayo	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1733	10	5	6510	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1733	11	6	6510	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1735	2	1	6510	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1735	3	2	6510	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1735	4	3	6510	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1735	5	4	6510	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1735	6	5	6510	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1735	7	6	6510	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1744	1	1	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	<b>Fail</b>
1744	2	2	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	<b>Fail</b>
1744	3	3	6410	Mayo	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	<b>Fail</b>
1744	4	4	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1744	8	5	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1744	9	6	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1749	1	1	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1749	2	2	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1749	4	3	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1749	5	4	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1752	2	1	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1769	1	1	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1769	2	2	6230	Mayo	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1769	3	3	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1769	4	4	6230	Mayo	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1804	5	1	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>

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1804	6	2	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1804	7	3	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1804	8	4	6410	Mayo	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1807	4	1	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1807	5	2	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1810	2	1	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1810	3	2	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1819	1	1	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1819	3	2	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1819	6	1	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	X	<b>Pass*</b>
1820	3	1	6510	Mayo	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1820	4	2	6510	Mayo	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1827	8	1	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1827	9	2	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1827	11	3	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1827	12	4	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1827	1	1	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	<b>Fail</b>
1827	2	2	6410	Mayo	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1827	3	3	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1827	5	4	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1831	1	1	6230	Mayo	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1831	2	2	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1831	3	3	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1831	4	4	6230	Mayo	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1831	5	5	6230	Mayo	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1831	6	6	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1836	1	1	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1836	2	2	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1836	3	3	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1836	5	4	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>

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1839	4	1	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1839	5	2	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1839	6	3	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1839	7	4	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1846	3	1	6410	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1851	1	1	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1851	2	2	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1853	1	1	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1853	3	2	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1853	4	3	6210	Mayo	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1853	5	4	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1854	5	1	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	X	<b>Pass*</b>
1859	1	1	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1859	2	2	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1859	3	3	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1859	4	4	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
1859	5	5	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1859	6	6	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1864	1	1	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1864	2	2	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1864	3	3	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1864	4	4	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1864	6	5	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1864	7	6	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	<b>Fail</b>
1864	9	1	6510	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1864	10	2	6510	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1864	11	3	6510	Mayo	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1864	12	4	6510	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1865	3	1	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1865	4	2	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>

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1865	5	3	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1865	6	4	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1865	7	5	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1865	11	6	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1867	6	1	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	X	<b>Pass</b>
1869	1	1	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1869	2	2	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1869	4	3	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1869	5	4	6210	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1874	3	1	6510	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
1874	4	2	6510	Mayo	Fail	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1877	1	1	6230	Mayo	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
1877	5	2	6230	Mayo	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2205	4	1	6230	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2205	5	2	6230	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2205	6	3	6230	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2212	2	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2212	3	2	6210	Galway	Fail	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2212	4	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2230	1	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2230	2	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2237	1	1	6230	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2237	2	2	6230	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2239	1	1	6230	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	X	<b>Pass</b>
2240	1	1	6230	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2240	3	2	6230	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2241	1	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	X	<b>Pass</b>
2249	1	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2249	2	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2249	4	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>

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2249	5	4	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2253	1	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2253	3	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2253	5	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	<b>Fail</b>
2253	6	4	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2259	2	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2259	3	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2259	4	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2259	5	4	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2260	1	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2260	2	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2260	3	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2260	4	4	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2260	5	5	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2261	1	1	6410	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2261	3	2	6410	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2261	4	3	6410	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2261	5	4	6410	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2263	1	1	6410	Galway	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2263	2	2	6410	Galway	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2263	3	3	6410	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2263	4	4	6410	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2267	1	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2267	2	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2267	3	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2267	4	4	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2267	5	5	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2267	6	6	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2267	7	7	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2267	8	8	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>

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2269	2	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2269	3	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2269	4	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2269	5	4	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2270	2	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2270	3	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2270	4	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2270	5	4	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2271	2	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2271	3	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2271	4	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2271	5	4	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2273	1	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2273	2	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2273	3	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2273	4	4	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2282	1	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2282	2	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2282	3	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2282	4	4	6210	Galway	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2299	3	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2299	4	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2301	1	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2301	2	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2301	3	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2301	4	4	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2303	1	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2303	2	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2303	3	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2303	4	4	6210	Galway	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>



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2303	5	5	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2303	7	6	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2303	8	7	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2307	2	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2307	3	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2307	4	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	X	<b>Fail</b>
2307	5	4	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	X	<b>Pass</b>
2307	1	1	6410	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2310	1	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2310	2	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2310	3	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2310	5	4	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2310	7	5	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2310	8	6	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2310	9	7	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2310	10	8	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2310	11	9	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2317	2	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2317	3	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2320	2	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2326	2	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	X	<b>Pass</b>
2329	2	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2329	5	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2329	6	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2329	7	4	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2329	8	1	6410	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2329	9	2	6410	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2329	10	3	6410	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2329	11	4	6410	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2337	1	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>

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2337	2	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2337	3	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2337	4	4	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2340	3	1	6410	Galway	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2340	2	1	6430	Galway	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2341	1	1	6430	Galway	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2342	3	1	6410	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2344	1	1	6410	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2344	3	2	6410	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2345	1	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2345	3	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2345	4	3	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2345	5	4	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2380	1	1	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2380	2	2	6210	Galway	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2401	1	1	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2401	3	2	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2401	4	3	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2401	8	4	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2401	9	5	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2401	10	6	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2401	11	7	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2401	12	8	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2402	3	1	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2402	4	2	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2402	5	3	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2402	6	4	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2403	3	1	6410	Kerry	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2403	4	2	6410	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2403	5	3	6410	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>

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2403	8	4	6410	Kerry	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2403	9	5	6410	Kerry	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2403	10	6	6410	Kerry	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2406	2	1	6430	Kerry	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	X	<b>Pass</b>
2415	3	1	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	X	<b>Pass</b>
2415	4	2	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	X	<b>Pass</b>
2434	1	1	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2434	3	2	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2434	4	3	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2434	6	4	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2434	7	5	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2434	8	6	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2434	9	7	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2434	10	8	6230	Kerry	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2701	1	1	6210	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2701	2	2	6210	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2701	3	3	6210	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2701	7	4	6210	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2701	8	5	6210	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2701	9	6	6210	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2701	4	1	6510	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2701	5	2	6510	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2701	6	3	6510	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2701	10	4	6510	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2703	2	1	6210	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2703	3	2	6210	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2703	4	3	6210	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2703	5	4	6210	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2704	12	1	6210	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2704	13	2	6210	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>

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2704	14	3	6210	Limerick	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2704	15	4	6210	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2704	16	5	6210	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2704	17	6	6210	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2704	1	1	6510	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2704	3	2	6510	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2704	4	3	6510	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2704	5	4	6510	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2704	6	5	6510	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2704	8	6	6510	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2704	18	7	6510	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2704	19	8	6510	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2708	1	1	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2708	2	2	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2708	5	3	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2708	6	4	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2708	4	1	6430	Limerick	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	X	<b>Pass*</b>
2719	1	1	6410	Limerick	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2719	2	2	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2719	3	3	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2719	4	4	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2719	5	5	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2719	6	6	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2719	8	7	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2719	9	8	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2722	1	1	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2722	2	2	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2722	3	3	6410	Limerick	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2722	4	4	6410	Limerick	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2722	5	5	6410	Limerick	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>

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2722	6	6	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2722	7	7	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2722	8	8	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2722	9	9	6410	Limerick	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2722	10	10	6410	Limerick	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2901	3	1	6230	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2901	4	2	6230	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2902	2	1	6230	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	X	<b>Pass</b>
2903	2	1	6210	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2903	3	2	6210	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2903	4	3	6210	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2903	5	4	6210	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2908	1	1	6230	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	X	<b>Fail</b>
2908	2	1	6510	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2908	3	2	6510	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2908	4	3	6510	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2908	5	4	6510	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2912	1	1	6210	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2912	3	2	6210	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2914	2	1	6430	Tipperary	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Fail	Fail	<b>Fail</b>
2918	3	1	6210	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2918	4	2	6210	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass</b>
2918	5	3	6210	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2918	6	4	6210	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2918	1	1	6410	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2918	7	2	6410	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2918	8	3	6410	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Pass*</b>
2918	9	4	6410	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2922	1	1	6210	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2922	2	2	6210	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>

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2924	1	1	6410	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	X	<b>Pass*</b>
2925	2	1	6410	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2925	3	2	6410	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2925	4	3	6410	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>
2925	5	4	6410	Tipperary	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	N.A.	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	<b>Fail</b>

## ***Appendix 7: Impacts and codes for future prospects assessment used in 2011-2012 (Ssymank 2010)***

<b>Code</b>	<b>Impact</b>
<b>A</b>	<b><i>Agriculture</i></b>
A01	Cultivation
A02	Modification of cultivation practices
A02.01	Agricultural intensification
A02.02	Crop change
A02.03	Grassland removal for arable land
A03	Mowing / cutting of grassland
A03.01	Intensive mowing or intensification
A03.02	Non intensive mowing
A03.03	Abandonment / lack of mowing
A04	Grazing
A04.01	Intensive grazing
A04.01.01	Intensive cattle grazing
A04.01.02	Intensive sheep grazing
A04.01.03	Intensive horse grazing
A04.01.04	Intensive goat grazing
A04.01.05	Intensive mixed animal grazing
A04.02	Non-intensive grazing
A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing
A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing
A04.02.03	Non-intensive horse grazing
A04.02.04	Non-intensive goat grazing
A04.02.05	Non-intensive mixed animal grazing
A04.03	Abandonment of pastoral systems, lack of grazing
A05	Livestock farming and animal breeding (without grazing)
A05.01	Animal breeding
A05.02	Stock feeding
A05.03	Lack of animal breeding
A06	Annual and perennial non-timber crops
A06.01	Annual crops for food production
A06.01.01	Intensive annual crops for food production/ intensification
A06.01.02	Non-intensive annual crops for food production
A06.02	Perennial non-timber crops
A06.02.01	Intensive perennial non-timber crops/intensification
A06.02.02	Non-intensive perennial non-timber crops
A06.03	Biofuel-production
A06.04	Abandonment of crop production
A07	Use of biocides, hormones and chemicals
A08	Fertilisation
A09	Irrigation
A10	Restructuring agricultural land holding
A10.01	Removal of hedges and copses or scrub

<b>Code</b>	<b>Impact</b>
A10.02	Removal of stone walls and embankments
A11	Agriculture activities not referred to above
<b>B</b>	<b><i>Sylviculture, forestry</i></b>
B01	Forest planting on open ground
B01.01	Forest planting on open ground (native trees)
B01.02	Artificial planting on open ground (non-native trees)
B02	Forest and Plantation management & use
B02.01	Forest replanting
B02.01.01	Forest replanting (native trees)
B02.01.02	Forest replanting (non native trees)
B02.02	Forestry clearance
B02.03	Removal of forest undergrowth
B02.04	Removal of dead and dying trees
B02.05	Non- intensive timber production (leaving dead wood/ old trees untouched)
B02.06	Thinning of tree layer
B03	Forest exploitation without replanting or natural regrowth
B04	Use of biocides, hormones and chemicals (forestry)
B05	Use of fertilizers (forestry)
B06	Grazing in forests/ woodland
B07	Forestry activities not referred to above
<b>C</b>	<b><i>Mining, extraction of materials and energy production</i></b>
C01	Mining and quarrying
C01.01	Sand and gravel extraction
C01.01.01	Sand and gravel quarries
C01.01.02	Removal of beach materials
C01.02	Loam and clay pits
C01.03	Peat extraction
C01.03.01	Hand cutting of peat
C01.03.02	Mechanical removal of peat
C01.04	Mines
C01.04.01	Open cast mining
C01.04.01	Underground mining
C01.05	Salt works
C01.05.01	Abandonment of saltpans (salinas)
C01.05.02	Conversion of saltpans
C01.06	Geotechnical survey
C01.07	Mining and extraction activities not referred to above
C02	Exploration and extraction of oil or gas
C02.01	Exploration drilling
C02.02	Production drilling
C02.03	Jack-up drilling rig
C02.04	Semi-submersible rig
C02.05	Drill ship
C03	Renewable abiotic energy use
C03.01	Geothermal power production



<b>Code</b>	<b>Impact</b>
C03.02	Solar energy production
C03.04	Tidal energy production
C03.03	Wind energy production
<b>D</b>	<b><i>Transportation and service corridors</i></b>
D01	Roads, paths and railroads
D01.01	Paths, tracks, cycling tracks
D01.02	Roads, motorways
D01.03	Car parks and parking areas
D01.04	Railway lines, TGV
D01.05	Bridge, viaduct
D01.06	Tunnel
D02	Utility and service lines
D02.01	Electricity and phone lines
D02.01.01	Suspended electricity and phone lines
D02.01.02	Underground electricity and phone lines
D02.02	Pipe lines
D02.03	Communication masts and antennas
D02.09	Other forms of energy transport
D03	Shipping lanes, ports, marine constructions
D03.01	Port areas
D03.01.01	Slipways
D03.01.02	Piers
D03.01.03	Fishing harbours
D03.01.04	Industrial ports
D03.02	Shipping
D03.03	Marine constructions
D04	Airports, flightpaths
D04.01	Airport
D04.02	Aerodrome, heliport
D04.03	Flight paths
D05	Improved access to site
D06	Other forms of transportation and communication
<b>E</b>	<b><i>Urbanisation, residential and commercial development</i></b>
E01	Urbanised areas, human habitation
E01.01	Continuous urbanisation
E01.02	Discontinuous urbanisation
E01.03	Dispersed habitation
E01.04	Other patterns of habitation
E02	Industrial or commercial areas
E02.01	Factory
E02.02	Industrial stockage
E02.03	Other industrial / commercial area
E03	Discharges
E03.01	Disposal of household waste
E03.02	Disposal of industrial waste

<b>Code</b>	<b>Impact</b>
E03.03	Disposal of inert materials
E03.04	Other discharges
E03.04.01	Costal sand suppletion/ beach nourishment
E04	Structures, buildings in the landscape
E04.01	Agricultural structures, buildings in the landscape
E04.02	Military constructions and buildings in the landscape
E05	Storage of materials
E06	Other urbanisation, industrial and similar activities
E06.01	Demolishment of buildings & human structures
E06.02	Reconstruction, renovation of buildings
<b>F</b>	<b><i>Biological resource use other than agriculture &amp; forestry</i></b>
F01	Marine and freshwater aquaculture
F01.01	Intensive fish farming, intensification
F01.02	Suspension culture
F01.03	Bottom culture
F02	Fishing and harvesting aquatic resources
F02.01	Professional passive fishing
F02.01.01	Potting
F02.01.02	Netting
F02.01.03	Demersal longlining
F02.01.04	Pelagic longlining
F02.02	Professional active fishing
F02.02.01	Benthic or demersal trawling
F02.02.02	Pelagic trawling
F02.02.03	Demersal seining
F02.02.04	Purse seining
F02.02.05	Benthic dredging
F02.03	Leisure fishing
F02.03.01	Bait digging
F03	Hunting and collection of wild animals (terrestrial)
F03.01	Hunting
F03.01.01	Damage caused by game (excess population density)
F03.02	Taking and removal of animals (terrestrial)
F03.02.01	Collection of animals (insects, reptiles, amphibians.....)
F03.02.02	Taking from nest (e.g. Falcons)
F03.02.03	Trapping, poisoning, poaching
F03.02.04	Predator control
F03.02.05	Accidental capture
F03.02.09	Other forms of taking animals
F04	Taking / Removal of terrestrial plants, general
F04.01	Pillaging of floristic stations
F04.02	Collection (fungi, lichen, berries etc.)
F04.02.01	Hand raking
F04.02.02	Hand collection
F05	Hunting, fishing or collecting activities not referred to above
F05.01	Game/ bird breeding station

<b>Code</b>	<b>Impact</b>
<b>G</b>	<b><i>Human intrusions and disturbances</i></b>
G01	Outdoor sports and leisure activities, recreational activities
G01.01	Nautical sports
G01.01.01	Motorized nautical sports
G01.01.02	Non-motorized nautical sports
G01.02	Walking, horse-riding and non-motorised vehicles
G01.03	Motorised vehicles
G01.03.01	Regular motorized driving
G01.03.02	Off-road motorized driving
G01.04	Mountaineering, rock climbing, speleology
G01.04.01	Mountaineering & rock climbing
G01.04.02	Speleology
G01.05	Gliding, delta plane, paragliding, ballooning
G01.06	Skiing, off-piste
G01.07	Other outdoor sports and leisure activities
G02	Sport and leisure structures
G02.01	Golf course
G02.02	Skiing complex
G02.03	Stadium
G02.04	Circuit, track
G02.05	Hippodrome
G02.06	Attraction park
G02.06	Sports pitch
G02.07	Camping and caravans
G02.08	Wildlife watching
G02.09	Other sport / leisure complexes
G03	Interpretative centres
G04	Military use and civil unrest
G04.01	Military manoeuvres
G04.02	Abandonment of military use
G05	Other human intrusions and disturbances
G05.01	Trampling, overuse
G05.02	Vandalism
G05.03	Intensive maintenance of public parks
G05.04	Tree surgery, felling for public safety, removal of roadside trees
G05.05	Missing or wrongly directed conservation measures
G05.06	Closures of caves or galleries
G05.07	Fences, fencing
G05.08	Overflying with aircrafts (agricultural)
<b>H</b>	<b><i>Pollution</i></b>
H01	Pollution to surface waters (limnic & terrestrial)
H01.01	Pollution to surface waters by industrial plants
H01.02	Pollution to surface waters by storm overflows
H01.03	Other point source pollution to surface water
H01.04	Diffuse pollution to surface waters via storm overflows or urban run-off
H01.05	Diffuse pollution to surface waters due to agricultural and forestry activities

<b>Code</b>	<b>Impact</b>
H01.06	Diffuse pollution to surface waters due to transport and infrastructure without connection to canalization/sweepers
H01.07	Diffuse pollution to surface waters due to abandoned industrial sites
H01.08	Diffuse pollution to surface waters due to household sewage and waste waters
H01.09	Diffuse pollution to surface waters due to other sources not listed
H02	Pollution to groundwater (point sources and diffuse sources)
H02.01	Groundwater pollution by leakages from contaminated sites
H02.02	Groundwater pollution by leakages from waste disposal sites
H02.03	Groundwater pollution associated with oil industry infrastructure
H02.04	Groundwater pollution by mine water discharges
H02.05	Groundwater pollution by discharge to ground such as disposal of contaminated water to soakaways
H02.06	Diffuse groundwater pollution due to agricultural and forestry activities
H02.07	Diffuse groundwater pollution due to non-sewered population
H02.08	Diffuse groundwater pollution due to urban land use
H03	Marine water pollution
H03.01	Oil spills in the sea
H04	Air pollution, air-borne pollutants
H04.01	Acid rain
H04.02	Nitrogen-input
H04.03	Other air pollution
H05	Soil pollution and solid waste (excluding discharges)
H05.01	Garbage and solid waste
H06	Excess energy
H06.01	Noise nuisance, noise pollution
H06.01.01	Point source or irregular noise pollution
H06.01.02	Diffuse or permanent noise pollution
H06.02	Light pollution
H06.03	Thermal heating of water bodies
H07	Other forms of pollution
<b>I</b>	<b><i>Invasive, other problematic species and genes</i></b>
I01	Invasive non-native species
I02	Problematic native species
I03	Introduced genetic material, GMO
I03.01	Genetic pollution (animals)
I03.02	Genetic pollution (plants)
<b>J</b>	<b><i>Natural System modifications</i></b>
J01	Fire and fire suppression
J01.01	Burning down
J01.02	Suppression of natural fires
J01.03	Lack of fires
J02	Human induced changes in hydraulic conditions
J02.01	Landfill, land reclamation and drying out, general
J02.01.01	Polderisation
J02.01.02	Reclamation of land from sea, estuary or marsh
J02.01.03	Infilling of ditches, dykes, ponds, pools, marshes or pits

<b>Code</b>	<b>Impact</b>
J02.01.04	Recultivation of mining areas
J02.02	Removal of sediments (mud...)
J02.02.01	Dredging/ removal of limnic sediments
J02.02.02	Estuarine and coastal dredging
J02.03	Canalisation & water deviation
J02.03.01	Large scale water deviation
J02.03.02	Canalisation
J02.04	Flooding modifications
J02.04.01	Flooding
J02.04.02	Lack of flooding
J02.05	Modification of hydrographic functioning, general
J02.05.01	Modification of marine currents
J02.05.02	Modifying structures of inland water courses
J02.05.03	Modification of standing water bodies
J02.05.04	Reservoirs
J02.05.05	Small hydropower projects, weirs
J02.06	Water abstractions from surface waters
J02.06.01	Surface water abstractions for agriculture
J02.06.02	Surface water abstractions for public water supply
J02.06.03	Surface water abstractions by manufacturing industry
J02.06.04	Surface water abstractions for the production of electricity (cooling)
J02.06.05	Surface water abstractions by fish farms
J02.06.06	Surface water abstractions by hydro-energy
J02.06.07	Surface water abstractions by quarries/ open cast (coal) sites
J02.06.08	Surface water abstractions for navigation
J02.06.09	Surface water abstractions for water transfer
J02.06.10	Other major surface water abstractions
J02.07	Water abstractions from groundwater
J02.07.01	Groundwater abstractions for agriculture
J02.07.02	Groundwater abstractions for public water supply
J02.07.03	Groundwater abstractions by industry
J02.07.04	Groundwater abstractions by quarries/open cast (coal)sites
J02.07.05	Other major groundwater abstractions from groundwater for agriculture
J02.08	Raising the groundwater table /artificial recharge of groundwater
J02.08.01	Discharges to groundwater for artificial recharge purposes
J02.08.02	Returns of groundwater to GWB from which it was abstracted
J02.08.03	Mine water rebound
J02.08.04	Other major groundwater recharge
J02.09.	Saltwater intrusion of groundwater
J02.09.01	Saltwater intrusion
J02.09.02	Other intrusion
J02.10	Management of aquatic and bank vegetation for drainage purposes
J02.11	Dumping, depositing of dredged deposits
J02.11	Dykes, embankments, artificial beaches, general
J02.11.01	Sea defence or coast protection works, tidal barrages
J02.11.02	Dykes and flooding defence in inland water systems
J02.12	Abandonment of management of water bodies

<b>Code</b>	<b>Impact</b>
J02.13	Other human induced changes in hydraulic conditions
J03	Other ecosystem modifications
J03.01	Reduction or loss of specific habitat features
J03.01.01	Reduction of prey availability (including carcasses)
J03.02	Anthropogenic reduction of habitat connectivity
J03.02.01	Reduction in migration/ migration barriers
J03.02.02	Reduction in dispersal
J03.02.03	Reduction in genetic exchange
J03.03	Reduction, lack or prevention of erosion
J03.04	Applied (industrial) destructive research
<b>K</b>	<b><i>Natural biotic and abiotic processes (without catastrophes)</i></b>
K01	Abiotic (slow) natural processes
K01.01	Erosion
K01.02	Silting up
K01.03	Drying out
K01.04	Submersion
K01.05	Soil salinization
K02	Biocenotic evolution, succession
K02.01	Species composition change (succession)
K02.02	Accumulation of organic material
K02.03	Eutrophication (natural)
K02.04	Acidification (natural)
K03	Interspecific faunal relations
K03.01	Competition (fauna)
K03.02	Parasitism (fauna)
K03.03	Introduction of disease
K03.04	Predation
K03.05	Antagonism arising from introduction of species
K03.06	Antagonism with domestic animals
K03.07	Other forms of interspecific faunal competition
K04	Interspecific floral relations
K04.01	Competition (flora)
K04.02	Parasitism (flora)
K04.03	Introduction of disease
K04.04	Lack of pollinating agents
K04.05	Damage by herbivores (including game species)
K05	Reduced fecundity/ genetic depression
K05.01	Reduced fecundity/ genetic depression in animals (inbreeding)
K05.02	Reduced fecundity/ genetic depression in plants (incl. Endogamy)
K06	Other forms or mixed forms of interspecific floral competition
<b>L</b>	<b><i>Geological events, natural catastrophes</i></b>
L01	Volcanic activity
L02	Tidal wave, tsunamis
L03	Earthquake
L04	Avalanche

<b>Code</b>	<b>Impact</b>
L05	Collapse of terrain, landslide
L06	Underground collapses
L07	Storm, cyclone
L08	Inundation (natural processes)
L09	Fire (natural)
L10	Other natural catastrophes
<b>M</b>	<b><i>Climate change</i></b>
M01	Changes in abiotic conditions
M01.01	Rise of temperature and extremes
M01.02	Droughts and less precipitations
M01.03	Flooding and rising precipitations
M02	Changes in biotic conditions
M02.01	Habitat shifting and alteration
M02.02	Desynchronisation of processes
M02.03	Decline or extinction of species
M02.04	Migration of species (natural newcomers)
<b>X</b>	<b><i>No threats or pressures</i></b>
<b>XO</b>	Threats and pressures from outside the Member State
<b>XE</b>	Threats and pressures from outside the EU territory

## ***Appendix 8: Future prospects assessment scores for areas of Annex I grassland habitat surveyed in the six western counties in 2011-2012***

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This appendix contains the EU impacts/pressures scored as affecting the future prospects of the areas of Annex I grassland habitats surveyed in Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary in 2011-2012. See section 2.4 (Future prospects assessment) for method of score calculation.

The scores equate to future prospects assessments as follows:

≥0 = Favourable; <0 to -3 = Unfavourable – Inadequate; <-3 = Unfavourable – Bad

### ***Abbreviations:***

N/A = Not applicable.

N/R = Not recorded.



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Site ID	County	Annex I	Impact Code	Impact Description	Intensity	Effect	% Area Affected	Source	Score
1603	Clare	6410	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
1603	Clare	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
1603	Clare	6410	B02	Forest and Plantation management & use	L	0	1-25	Outside	0
1603	Clare	6410	K02.02	Accumulation of organic material	H	-	100	Inside	-4.5
1608	Clare	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1609	Clare	6410	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	H	+	76-99	Inside	3.75
1610	Clare	6410	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	H	+	51-75	Inside	3
1610	Clare	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	M	+	1-25	Inside	1
1612	Clare	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	0	51-75	Inside	0
1612	Clare	6210	A04.02.04	Non-intensive goat grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1612	Clare	6210	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	26-50	Outside	-1.5
1612	Clare	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	51-75	Inside	-2
1614	Clare	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	M	0	51-75	Inside	0
1614	Clare	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	1-25	Outside	-0.5
1614	Clare	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Outside	-0.5
1614	Clare	6510	A03.03	Abandonment / lack of mowing	M	-	100	Inside	-3
1614	Clare	6510	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	1-25	Outside	-0.5
1614	Clare	6510	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Outside	-0.5
1615	Clare	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	0	100	Inside	0
1615	Clare	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	51-75	Outside	-1
1615	Clare	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Outside	-0.5
1616	Clare	6210	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	26-50	Inside	-1.5
1616	Clare	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	26-50	Outside	-0.75
1617	Clare	6210	A04.02.05	Non-intensive mixed animal grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1617	Clare	6210	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	1-25	Outside	-1
1617	Clare	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Outside	-1
1622	Clare	6210	A04.02.05	Non-intensive mixed animal grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1622	Clare	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
1622	Clare	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
1623	Clare	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1623	Clare	6210	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	51-75	Inside	-2
1623	Clare	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	51-75	Inside	-2

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Site ID	County	Annex I	Impact Code	Impact Description	Intensity	Effect	% Area Affected	Source	Score
1624	Clare	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1625	Clare	6210	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1625	Clare	6210	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	1-25	Inside	-1
1625	Clare	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Outside	-1
1627	Clare	6430	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1627	Clare	6430	J02.04.01	Flooding	3	+	100	Outside	9
1628	Clare	6430	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1634	Clare	6410	A03.03	Abandonment / lack of mowing	M	-	100	Inside	-3
1634	Clare	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	0	100	Inside	0
1646	Clare	6410	A04.03	Abandonment of pastoral systems, lack of grazing	H	-	100	Inside	-4.5
1646	Clare	6410	B01	Forest planting on open ground	L	0	1-25	Outside	0
1649	Clare	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	51-75	Inside	1
1649	Clare	6210	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	26-50	Outside	-1.5
1649	Clare	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	26-50	Outside	-1.5
1653	Clare	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
1653	Clare	6210	G01.03.02	Off-road motorised driving	M	0	26-50	Inside	0
1654	Clare	6210	A04.01.03	Intensive horse grazing	H	-	1-25	Inside	-1.5
1654	Clare	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
1654	Clare	6210	A04.02.04	Non-intensive goat grazing	L	+	26-50	Inside	0.75
1654	Clare	6210	A10.01	Removal of hedges and copses or scrub	M	+	26-50	Inside	1.5
1654	Clare	6210	D01.02	Roads, motorways	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
1654	Clare	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
1654	Clare	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
1655	Clare	6410	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	H	+	51-75	Inside	3
1655	Clare	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	H	+	26-50	Inside	2.25
1663	Clare	6410	A04.03	Abandonment of pastoral systems, lack of grazing	M	-	100	Inside	-3
1666	Clare	6410	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
1666	Clare	6410	I01	Invasive non-native species	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
1668	Clare	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1668	Clare	6210	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	100	Inside	-3
1668	Clare	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	100	Inside	-1.5
1670	Clare	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	0	51-75	Inside	0

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Site ID	County	Annex I	Impact Code	Impact Description	Intensity	Effect	% Area Affected	Source	Score
1671	Clare	6210	A02.01	Agricultural intensification	L	-	1-25	Outside	-0.5
1671	Clare	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
1671	Clare	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
1671	Clare	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	26-50	Inside	-0.75
1672	Clare	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	76-99	Inside	1.25
1672	Clare	6210	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	1-25	Outside	-1
1672	Clare	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	26-50	Outside	-1.5
1675	Clare	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1675	Clare	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
1676	Clare	6210	A04.02.05	Non-intensive mixed animal grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1676	Clare	6210	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	51-75	Inside	-2
1676	Clare	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	51-75	Inside	-2
1696	Clare	6510	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	M	+	100	Inside	3
1697	Clare	6410	A04.02.05	Non-intensive mixed animal grazing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
1697	Clare	6410	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Inside	-1
1697	Clare	6510	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
1697	Clare	6510	G01.02	Walking, horse-riding and non-motorised vehicles	H	-	1-25	Inside	-1.5
1699	Clare	6510	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	M	+	100	Inside	3
1699	Clare	6510	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
1699	Clare	6510	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
1703	Mayo	6410	A03.03	Abandonment / lack of mowing	L	-	100	Inside	-1.5
1703	Mayo	6410	J02.07.01	Groundwater abstractions for agriculture	L	0	1-25	Inside	0
1707	Mayo	6410	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1707	Mayo	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1718	Mayo	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
1718	Mayo	6410	B02	Forest and Plantation management & use	L	0	1-25	Outside	0
1718	Mayo	6410	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
1719	Mayo	6230	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1719	Mayo	6230	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
1729	Mayo	6230	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	L	0	100	Inside	0
1730	Mayo	6430	X	No threats or pressures	0	0	100	N/A	0
1731	Mayo	6510	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5

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1731	Mayo	6510	G01.02	Walking, horse-riding and non-motorised vehicles	L	0	<1	Inside	0
1733	Mayo	6510	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
1733	Mayo	6510	J02.04.01	Flooding	M	+	26-50	Outside	1.5
1735	Mayo	6510	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
1744	Mayo	6410	A03.03	Abandonment / lack of mowing	M	-	51-75	Inside	-2
1744	Mayo	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	-	26-50	Inside	-0.75
1744	Mayo	6410	K02.02	Accumulation of organic material	L	-	26-50	Inside	-0.75
1749	Mayo	6230	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1749	Mayo	6230	A04.02.05	Non-intensive mixed animal grazing	L	0	100	Inside	0
1749	Mayo	6230	B02	Forest and Plantation management & use	L	0	1-25	Outside	0
1749	Mayo	6230	G01.02	Walking, horse-riding and non-motorised vehicles	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
1749	Mayo	6230	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Outside	-1
1752	Mayo	6230	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
1769	Mayo	6230	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1769	Mayo	6230	G01.02	Walking, horse-riding and non-motorised vehicles	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
1769	Mayo	6230	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Outside	-1
1804	Mayo	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	M	0	1-25	Inside	0
1804	Mayo	6410	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Inside	-1
1807	Mayo	6410	A04.01.03	Intensive horse grazing	H	-	26-50	Inside	-2.25
1807	Mayo	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	M	+	26-50	Inside	1.5
1807	Mayo	6410	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
1810	Mayo	6230	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1810	Mayo	6230	G01.02	Walking, horse-riding and non-motorised vehicles	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
1810	Mayo	6230	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Outside	-0.5
1819	Mayo	6210	A04.01.05	Intensive mixed animal grazing	H	-	1-25	Inside	-1.5
1819	Mayo	6210	A04.02.03	Non-intensive horse grazing	M	+	51-75	Inside	2
1819	Mayo	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
1819	Mayo	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Inside	-1
1819	Mayo	6410	A04.02.05	Non-intensive mixed animal grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
1820	Mayo	6510	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
1827	Mayo	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1827	Mayo	6210	I02	Problematic native species	H	-	1-25	Outside	-1.5

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1827	Mayo	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
1827	Mayo	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1827	Mayo	6410	B02	Forest and Plantation management & use	L	0	1-25	Outside	0
1831	Mayo	6230	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1831	Mayo	6230	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	1-25	Outside	-1
1831	Mayo	6230	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	H	-	<1	Outside	-0.75
1836	Mayo	6230	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1836	Mayo	6230	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
1839	Mayo	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
1839	Mayo	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
1839	Mayo	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
1846	Mayo	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1846	Mayo	6410	B02	Forest and Plantation management & use	L	0	1-25	Outside	0
1846	Mayo	6410	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
1851	Mayo	6210	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
1851	Mayo	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
1853	Mayo	6210	A04.02.05	Non-intensive mixed animal grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1853	Mayo	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Inside	-1
1854	Mayo	6210	A04.02.05	Non-intensive mixed animal grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1854	Mayo	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
1859	Mayo	6230	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
1859	Mayo	6230	I02	Problematic native species	H	-	1-25	Outside	-1.5
1859	Mayo	6230	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
1864	Mayo	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	26-50	Inside	0.75
1864	Mayo	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
1864	Mayo	6510	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	M	+	51-75	Inside	2
1865	Mayo	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	H	+	76-99	Inside	3.75
1865	Mayo	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
1865	Mayo	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
1867	Mayo	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
1867	Mayo	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	H	-	100	Inside	-4.5
1869	Mayo	6210	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	L	0	1-25	Inside	0

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1869	Mayo	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Outside	-1
1874	Mayo	6510	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
1874	Mayo	6510	A04.02.03	Non-intensive horse grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
1874	Mayo	6510	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
1877	Mayo	6230	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	M	0	100	Inside	0
1877	Mayo	6230	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
2205	Galway	6230	A04.02	Non-intensive grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
2205	Galway	6230	A04.02.03	Non-intensive horse grazing	L	+	26-50	Inside	0.75
2212	Galway	6210	A04.02.03	Non-intensive horse grazing	M	+	76-99	Inside	2.5
2212	Galway	6210	K01	Abiotic (slow) natural processes	L	0	100	Outside	0
2230	Galway	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
2230	Galway	6210	A07	Use of biocides, hormones and chemicals	L	+	1-25	Inside	0.5
2230	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
2230	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
2237	Galway	6230	A04.02.05	Non-intensive mixed animal grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
2237	Galway	6230	I02	Problematic native species	H	-	1-25	Outside	-1.5
2239	Galway	6230	A04.03	Abandonment of pastoral systems, lack of grazing	L	0	100	Inside	0
2239	Galway	6230	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	26-50	Inside	-1.5
2240	Galway	6230	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
2240	Galway	6230	I01	Invasive non-native species	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
2241	Galway	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
2241	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
2249	Galway	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	26-50	Inside	0.75
2249	Galway	6210	A04.02.03	Non-intensive horse grazing	L	+	26-50	Inside	0.75
2249	Galway	6210	A04.03	Abandonment of pastoral systems, lack of grazing	L	0	26-50	Inside	0
2249	Galway	6210	K01.04	Submersion	H	+	76-99	Outside	3.75
2249	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Outside	-1
2253	Galway	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	0	100	Inside	0
2253	Galway	6210	H05.01	Garbage and solid waste	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
2253	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	H	-	51-75	Inside	-3
2253	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Outside	-1
2259	Galway	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	76-99	Inside	1.25

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2259	Galway	6210	A04.02.03	Non-intensive horse grazing	L	+	76-99	Inside	1.25
2259	Galway	6210	A11	Agriculture activities not referred to above	L	-	1-25	Outside	-0.5
2259	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	1-25	Inside	-1
2259	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	26-50	Inside	-1.5
2260	Galway	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
2260	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	51-75	Inside	-1
2260	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	51-75	Inside	-2
2261	Galway	6410	A04.02.03	Non-intensive horse grazing	L	+	26-50	Inside	0.75
2261	Galway	6410	A04.03	Abandonment of pastoral systems, lack of grazing	L	-	26-50	Inside	-0.75
2261	Galway	6410	J02.07.01	Groundwater abstractions for agriculture	L	0	100	Inside	0
2263	Galway	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	M	+	76-99	Inside	2.5
2263	Galway	6410	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Outside	-1
2267	Galway	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
2267	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	1-25	Inside	-1
2267	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Inside	-1
2269	Galway	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
2269	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	51-75	Inside	-1
2269	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	76-99	Inside	-2.5
2270	Galway	6210	A04.02.05	Non-intensive mixed animal grazing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
2270	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
2270	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
2271	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	1-25	N/R	-0.5
2271	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	H	-	1-25	N/R	-1.5
2273	Galway	6210	A04.02.03	Non-intensive horse grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
2273	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	1-25	N/R	-0.5
2273	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	H	-	1-25	Outside	-1.5
2282	Galway	6210	A04.02.05	Non-intensive mixed animal grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
2282	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
2282	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	0	1-25	Outside	0
2299	Galway	6210	A04.02.05	Non-intensive mixed animal grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
2299	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
2299	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Inside	-1



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2301	Galway	6210	A04.01.01	Intensive cattle grazing	H	-	100	Inside	-4.5
2301	Galway	6210	C01.01.01	Sand and gravel quarries	0	0	0	Outside	0
2301	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
2303	Galway	6210	A04.02.05	Non-intensive mixed animal grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
2303	Galway	6210	A10.01	Removal of hedges and copses or scrub	M	+	1-25	Inside	1
2303	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
2303	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	26-50	Outside	-1.5
2307	Galway	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
2307	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	0	1-25	Inside	0
2307	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	0	1-25	Outside	0
2307	Galway	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
2310	Galway	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	76-99	Inside	1.25
2310	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	H	-	76-99	Outside	-3.75
2310	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Outside	-1
2317	Galway	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
2317	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
2317	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	26-50	Inside	-1.5
2320	Galway	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	76-99	Inside	1.25
2326	Galway	6210	A04.02	Non-intensive grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
2329	Galway	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
2329	Galway	6210	A10.01	Removal of hedges and copses or scrub	L	+	<1	Inside	0.25
2329	Galway	6210	D01.01	Paths, tracks, cycling tracks	L	0	0	Inside	0
2329	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
2329	Galway	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
2329	Galway	6410	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Outside	-0.5
2337	Galway	6210	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	M	+	26-50	Inside	1.5
2337	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
2340	Galway	6410	A03.03	Abandonment / lack of mowing	L	-	100	Inside	-1.5
2340	Galway	6430	X	No threats or pressures	0	0	100	N/A	0
2341	Galway	6430	X	No threats or pressures	0	0	100	N/A	0
2342	Galway	6410	A04.03	Abandonment of pastoral systems, lack of grazing	L	-	100	Inside	-1.5
2344	Galway	6410	A04.02.05	Non-intensive mixed animal grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5



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2344	Galway	6410	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	0	1-25	Outside	0
2345	Galway	6210	A04.02.05	Non-intensive mixed animal grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
2345	Galway	6210	B02	Forest and Plantation management & use	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
2345	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
2345	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
2380	Galway	6210	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	L	+	76-99	Inside	1.25
2380	Galway	6210	A04.02.03	Non-intensive horse grazing	L	+	1-25	Inside	0.5
2380	Galway	6210	A07	Use of biocides, hormones and chemicals	M	+	1-25	Inside	1
2380	Galway	6210	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	1-25	Inside	-1
2380	Galway	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Inside	-1
2401	Kerry	6230	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
2401	Kerry	6230	G01.02	Walking, horse-riding and non-motorised vehicles	L	0	1-25	Inside	0
2401	Kerry	6230	I01	Invasive non-native species	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
2401	Kerry	6230	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	<1	Outside	-0.5
2402	Kerry	6230	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
2402	Kerry	6230	G01.02	Walking, horse-riding and non-motorised vehicles	L	0	1-25	Inside	0
2402	Kerry	6230	I01	Invasive non-native species	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
2402	Kerry	6230	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
2403	Kerry	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	76-99	Inside	1.25
2403	Kerry	6410	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	L	+	1-25	Inside	0.5
2403	Kerry	6410	A04.02.03	Non-intensive horse grazing	L	+	76-99	Inside	1.25
2403	Kerry	6410	A04.03	Abandonment of pastoral systems, lack of grazing	L	-	26-50	Inside	-0.75
2403	Kerry	6410	J02.04.01	Flooding	M	+	100	Outside	3
2403	Kerry	6410	J02.07.01	Groundwater abstractions for agriculture	L	0	1-25	Outside	0.5
2403	Kerry	6410	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
2406	Kerry	6430	D01.01	Paths, tracks, cycling tracks	L	0	26-50	Outside	0
2406	Kerry	6430	G01.02	Walking, horse-riding and non-motorised vehicles	L	0	1-25	Inside	0
2406	Kerry	6430	J02.04.01	Flooding	M	+	100	Inside	3
2406	Kerry	6430	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	26-50	Inside	-0.75
2415	Kerry	6230	A04.02	Non-intensive grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
2415	Kerry	6230	I01	Invasive non-native species	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
2415	Kerry	6230	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	26-50	Inside	-0.75

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2434	Kerry	6230	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
2434	Kerry	6230	D01.01	Paths, tracks, cycling tracks	L	0	1-25	Outside	0
2434	Kerry	6230	G01.02	Walking, horse-riding and non-motorised vehicles	L	0	100	Inside	0
2434	Kerry	6230	I01	Invasive non-native species	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
2434	Kerry	6230	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Outside	-1
2701	Limerick	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	76-99	Inside	1.25
2701	Limerick	6210	A04.03	Abandonment of pastoral systems, lack of grazing	H	-	1-25	Inside	-1.5
2701	Limerick	6210	C01	Mining and quarrying	0	0	0	Outside	0
2701	Limerick	6210	I02	Problematic native species	H	-	1-25	Inside	-1.5
2701	Limerick	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	H	-	26-50	Inside	-2.25
2701	Limerick	6510	A03.03	Abandonment / lack of mowing	H	-	100	Inside	-4.5
2701	Limerick	6510	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
2701	Limerick	6510	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	1-25	Inside	-1
2701	Limerick	6510	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	H	-	1-25	Inside	-1.5
2703	Limerick	6210	D01.01	Paths, tracks, cycling tracks	L	0	1-25	Inside	0
2703	Limerick	6210	G02.08	Camping and caravans	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
2703	Limerick	6210	I01	Invasive non-native species	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
2703	Limerick	6210	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	<1	Outside	-0.5
2703	Limerick	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	100	Inside	-3
2704	Limerick	6210	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	H	+	76-99	Inside	3.75
2704	Limerick	6210	C01	Mining and quarrying	L	0	1-25	Inside	0
2704	Limerick	6210	I01	Invasive non-native species	M	-	<1	Outside	-0.5
2704	Limerick	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	<1	Outside	-0.5
2704	Limerick	6510	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
2704	Limerick	6510	H04.03	Other air pollution	L	0	100	Outside	0
2704	Limerick	6510	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	<1	Outside	-0.5
2704	Limerick	6510	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
2708	Limerick	6410	A03.02	Non intensive mowing	M	+	100	Inside	3
2708	Limerick	6410	A04.02.03	Non-intensive horse grazing	M	+	100	Inside	3
2708	Limerick	6410	G01.02	Walking, horse-riding and non-motorised vehicles	L	0	<1	Inside	0
2708	Limerick	6430	A04.02.03	Non-intensive horse grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
2708	Limerick	6430	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	100	Inside	-1.5

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2719	Limerick	6410	A04.03	Abandonment of pastoral systems, lack of grazing	L	-	100	Inside	-1.5
2722	Limerick	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
2722	Limerick	6410	A10.01	Removal of hedges and copses or scrub	L	+	1-25	Inside	0.5
2722	Limerick	6410	B01.02	Artificial planting on open ground (non-native trees)	H	-	1-25	Outside	-1.5
2722	Limerick	6410	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
2901	Tipperary	6230	A04.02.02	Non-intensive sheep grazing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
2901	Tipperary	6230	D01.01	Paths, tracks, cycling tracks	H	-	1-25	Inside	-1.5
2901	Tipperary	6230	G01.02	Walking, horse-riding and non-motorised vehicles	H	-	1-25	Inside	-1.5
2901	Tipperary	6230	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	Outside	-1
2902	Tipperary	6230	A04.02	Non-intensive grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
2903	Tipperary	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	H	0	100	Inside	0
2903	Tipperary	6210	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	1-25	Outside	-1
2908	Tipperary	6230	I02	Problematic native species	M	-	1-25	N/R	-1
2908	Tipperary	6230	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	M	-	1-25	N/R	-1
2908	Tipperary	6510	A03	Mowing / cutting of grassland	M	+	100	Inside	3
2912	Tipperary	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	H	+	100	Inside	4.5
2912	Tipperary	6210	A08	Fertilisation	0	0	0	Outside	0
2912	Tipperary	6210	I01	Invasive non-native species	M	-	<1	Outside	-0.5
2912	Tipperary	6210	I02	Problematic native species	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
2914	Tipperary	6430	A04.02.03	Non-intensive horse grazing	H	-	100	Inside	-4.5
2914	Tipperary	6430	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25
2918	Tipperary	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	0	100	Inside	0
2918	Tipperary	6410	A03	Mowing / cutting of grassland	L	+	26-50	Inside	0.75
2918	Tipperary	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	+	100	Inside	1.5
2922	Tipperary	6210	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	M	0	100	Inside	0
2922	Tipperary	6210	A05.02	Stock feeding	L	-	1-25	Inside	-0.5
2922	Tipperary	6210	B01.02	Artificial planting on open ground (non-native trees)	M	-	1-25	Outside	-1
2922	Tipperary	6210	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Inside	-0.25
2924	Tipperary	6410	A03.03	Abandonment / lack of mowing	H	-	100	Inside	-4.5
2924	Tipperary	6410	B01.02	Artificial planting on open ground (non-native trees)	L	-	1-25	Outside	-0.5
2925	Tipperary	6410	A03.03	Abandonment / lack of mowing	M	-	100	Inside	-3
2925	Tipperary	6410	A04.02.01	Non-intensive cattle grazing	L	0	100	Inside	0

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Site ID	County	Annex I	Impact Code	Impact Description	Intensity	Effect	% Area Affected	Source	Score
2925	Tipperary	6410	K02.01	Species composition change (succession)	L	-	<1	Outside	-0.25

## ***Appendix 9: Condition assessment results for areas of Annex I grassland habitat surveyed in the six western counties in 2011-2012***

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This lists all sites in Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary that had an area of Annex I grassland habitat assessed in 2011-2012. Assessment results are included for each of the three criteria – area, structure and functions, and future prospects – as well as the overall condition assessment for the area(s) of Annex I grassland habitat at the site.

Site ID	Annex I habitat	Area Assessment	Structure & Functions Assessment	Future Prospects Assessment	Overall Condition Assessment
1603	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1608	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1609	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1610	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1612	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1614	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
1614	6510	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad
1615	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1616	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1617	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1622	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1623	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
1624	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1625	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
1627	6430	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1628	6430	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
1634	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
1646	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad
1649	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1653	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
1654	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1655	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1663	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
1666	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1668	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
1670	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1671	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1672	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1675	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
1676	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1696	6510	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad

Site ID	Annex I habitat	Area Assessment	Structure & Functions Assessment	Future Prospects Assessment	Overall Condition Assessment
1697	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1697	6510	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1699	6510	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1703	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
1707	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1718	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1719	6230	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
1729	6230	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1730	6430	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
1731	6510	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1733	6510	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1735	6510	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
1744	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad
1749	6230	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1752	6230	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
1769	6230	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1804	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
1807	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
1810	6230	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
1819	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1819	6410	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
1820	6510	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1827	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1827	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1831	6230	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
1836	6230	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
1839	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1846	6410	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
1851	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
1853	6210	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1854	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
1859	6230	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
1864	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad

Site ID	Annex I habitat	Area Assessment	Structure & Functions Assessment	Future Prospects Assessment	Overall Condition Assessment
1864	6510	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1865	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1867	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
1869	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate
1874	6510	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
1877	6230	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
2205	6230	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2212	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2230	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2237	6230	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2239	6230	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate
2240	6230	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2241	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2249	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2253	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad
2259	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate
2260	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2261	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate
2263	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2267	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2269	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate
2270	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate
2271	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate
2273	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate
2282	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2299	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2301	6210	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad
2303	6210	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2307	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate
2307	6410	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2310	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad
2317	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2320	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2326	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable



Site ID	Annex I habitat	Area Assessment	Structure & Functions Assessment	Future Prospects Assessment	Overall Condition Assessment
2329	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2329	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2337	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2340	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
2340	6430	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2341	6430	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2342	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
2344	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2345	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate
2380	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2401	6230	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2402	6230	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2403	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2406	6430	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2415	6230	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2434	6230	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate
2701	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad
2701	6510	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad
2703	6210	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad
2704	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2704	6510	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2708	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2708	6430	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2719	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
2722	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2901	6230	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2902	6230	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2903	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
2908	6230	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
2908	6510	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable	Favourable
2912	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2914	6430	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad
2918	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Favourable	Unfavourable - Inadequate

<b>Site ID</b>	<b>Annex I habitat</b>	<b>Area Assessment</b>	<b>Structure &amp; Functions Assessment</b>	<b>Future Prospects Assessment</b>	<b>Overall Condition Assessment</b>
2918	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad
2922	6210	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Inadequate	Unfavourable - Bad
2924	6410	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad
2925	6410	Favourable	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad	Unfavourable - Bad

## ***Appendix 10: Conservation scores for the 337 sites surveyed in the six western counties in 2011-2012***

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See Table 2.9 (p. 28) for explanation of scoring criteria.

Conservation score is expressed as a percentage of the maximum possible score.

Ranking is the overall conservation ranking within the 337 sites surveyed in Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary in 2011-2012.

'=' indicates a ranking is shared by two or more sites.

Site ID	Site name	County	SAC	(p)NHA	5	12	2.5	12	4	8	4	47.5	100.00				
					Semi-natural Grassland Habitats		Annex I grassland habitats		Adjacent semi-natural habitats		Area	Species richness	Notable species	High quality indicator species	Total	Conservation Score %	Conservation Ranking
1602	Shessiv	Clare			2.5	0	1.5	3	3	0	2	12	25.3	=164			
1603	Ballyteige	Clare	994	994	1	4	2	2	2	0	3	14	29.5	=103			
1604	Magherabaun	Clare			1	0	2	6	2	0	4	15	31.6	=81			
1605	Caheraghacullin	Clare			2	0	2	2	3	0	3	12	25.3	=164			
1608	Ballyelly	Clare			1	4	1	3	3	0	4	16	33.7	=64			
1609	Pollaghanumera	Clare			2	2	2	6	3	0	4	19	40.0	=22			
1610	Lough O'Grady	Clare		1019	1.5	2	2	4	4	0	4	17.5	36.8	=36			
1611	Glenomra	Clare	1013	1013	2	0	1.5	4	2	0	3	12.5	26.3	152			
1612	Cahermaclanchy	Clare	20	20	1	4	1.5	3	4	0	4	17.5	36.8	=36			
1613	Doolin	Clare	20	20	1	0	1	6	2	0	4	14	29.5	=103			
1614	Crumlin (Clare)	Clare	20	20	2	6	2	2	4	0	4	20	42.1	=15			
1615	Lislarheenmore	Clare	20	20	2	4	1.5	3	3	0	4	17.5	36.8	=36			
1616	Keelhilla	Clare	1926	1926	3	4	1	2	4	2	4	20	42.1	=15			
1617	Murrooghkilly	Clare	20	20	2	4	2.5	4	4	0	4	20.5	43.2	=11			
1618	Fanore More	Clare	20	20	1	0	1	2	3	0	3	10	21.1	=229			
1619	Noughaval	Clare	54	54	1	0	1	3	2	0	2	9	18.9	=267			
1620	Carran	Clare			1	0	1.5	2	3	0	2	9.5	20.0	=256			
1621	Magheraweeleen	Clare	54	54	1	0	1	2	4	0	3	11	23.2	=197			
1622	Cahergrillaun	Clare	54	54	3	4	1.5	3	4	0	4	19.5	41.1	=19			
1623	Rannagh West	Clare	54	54	1.5	4	2	3	4	0	4	18.5	38.9	=26			
1624	Cragballyconal	Clare	54	54	1	2	2	4	2	0	3	14	29.5	=103			
1625	Bishopsquarter	Clare	54	54	1	2	1.5	1	4	0	4	13.5	28.4	=121			
1626	Ballyteige Lough	Clare	32	32	2	0	1	2	2	0	1	8	16.8	=295			
1627	Dromore Lough	Clare	32	32	2	2	1.5	2	1	0	0	8.5	17.9	=281			
1628	Addergoole	Clare	57	57	2	2	2.5	4	3	0	4	17.5	36.8	=36			
1629	Ballard	Clare	2264		1	0	1	3	1	0	0	6	12.6	=322			
1630	Loop Head	Clare	2165	45	2	0	1	4	1	0	1	9	18.9	=267			
1634	Kilcasheen	Clare			1	4	1	4	1	0	2	13	27.4	=141			
1635	Farrihy	Clare		200	1.5	0	0.5	6	1	0	2	11	23.2	=197			
1637	Ballyduneen	Clare			1	0	2	3	3	0	1	10	21.1	=229			
1638	Lanna	Clare			1	0	1.5	1	3	0	2	8.5	17.9	=281			

Site ID	Site name	County	SAC	(p)NHA	Semi-natural Grassland Habitats											Total	Conservation Score %	Conservation Ranking
					5	12	2.5	12	4	8	4	47.5	100.00					
1639	Cloongowna	Clare			1	0	1.5	4	2	2	2	12.5	26.3	152				
1643	Lough Cleggan	Clare		1331	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	5	10.5	=333				
1645	Luogh South	Clare		26	2	0	1.5	6	1	0	3	13.5	28.4	=121				
1646	Carrownahooan	Clare			1	2	2	3	3	0	4	15	31.6	=81				
1647	Ballyconnoe South	Clare			1	0	1.5	4	1	0	2	9.5	20.0	=256				
1648	Tooreen	Clare			2	0	1.5	2	3	0	3	11.5	24.2	=181				
1649	Clab	Clare	1926	1926	1	4	1	3	4	0	4	17	35.8	=45				
1651	Killourney	Clare	1926	1926	1	0	2	1	4	0	1	9	18.9	=267				
1653	Monanaleen	Clare	1926	1926	2	2	1	4	3	0	4	16	33.7	=64				
1654	Gortlecka	Clare	1926	1926	1	4	1.5	3	3	0	4	16.5	34.7	=54				
1655	Ballyfaudeen	Clare			1	4	1.5	3	3	0	4	16.5	34.7	=54				
1656	Cappahard	Clare	2165		2	0	1	1	2	0	0	6	12.6	=322				
1657	Moys	Clare	2165		2	0	1	4	1	0	2	10	21.1	=229				
1659	Knockalisheen Marsh	Clare	2165	2001	2	0	1.5	2	2	0	0	7.5	15.8	=304				
1661	Clarefield	Clare	2165		2	0	1.5	3	2	0	1	9.5	20.0	=256				
1663	Cloontra West	Clare			1	2	2	3	1	0	2	11	23.2	=197				
1664	Carrownerribul	Clare			1	0	0.5	1	3	0	0	5.5	11.6	=331				
1666	Knockaphort	Clare		11	2	4	1.5	3	3	0	3	16.5	34.7	=54				
1668	Mogouhy Lead Mines	Clare	54	54	1	2	1.5	1	4	0	4	13.5	28.4	=121				
1669	Ballyallia Lake	Clare	14	14	2	0	2	4	3	0	2	13	27.4	=141				
1670	Garryeighter	Clare		11	1	2	2	1	4	0	4	14	29.5	=103				
1671	Derreen West	Clare	20	20	2	4	1.5	6	3	0	4	20.5	43.2	=11				
1672	Deelin More	Clare	54	54	2	4	1.5	3	4	0	4	18.5	38.9	=26				
1673	Moneenagliggin North	Clare		2402	1	0	2	3	2	0	2	10	21.1	=229				
1675	Eagle's Rock	Clare	1926	1926	1	2	0.5	2	4	0	4	13.5	28.4	=121				
1676	Poulaphuca	Clare	1926	1926	1	4	2	3	3	0	4	17	35.8	=45				
1678	Ballyvullagan	Clare			2	0	1	1	4	0	1	9	18.9	=267				
1695	Murrooghtoohy	Clare	20	20	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	5	10.5	=333				
1696	Glencolumbkille South	Clare	1926	1926	2	4	1	3	1	0	2	13	27.4	=141				
1697	Cream Point	Clare			4	4	2	4	3	0	4	21	44.2	=9				
1698	Cloghaun More (East)	Clare			2	0	1.5	3	2	0	3	11.5	24.2	=181				

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					5	12	2.5	12	4	8	4	47.5	100.00				
1699	Rinneen	Clare			1	2	0.5	1	4	0	0	8.5	17.9	=281			
1702	Drumreagh	Mayo		470	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	4	8.4	337			
1703	Termoncarragh	Mayo	1501	1501	3	2	1.5	6	3	0	4	19.5	41.1	=19			
1704	Dooncarton or Glengad	Mayo			2.5	0	1	1	4	0	2	10.5	22.1	=214			
1705	Glencalry Upper	Mayo	500	500	1	0	2	3	3	0	3	12	25.3	=164			
1706	Ummerantarry	Mayo			2	0	1	2	3	0	2	10	21.1	=229			
1707	Glenglassera	Mayo	500		3	2	2	3	4	0	4	18	37.9	=31			
1708	Glenuira	Mayo		467	2	0	1	1	4	0	2	10	21.1	=229			
1710	Knockaun	Mayo		494	1.5	0	1.5	4	1	0	0	8	16.8	=295			
1711	Kilcummin	Mayo	516	516	2	0	1.5	3	3	0	2	11.5	24.2	=181			
1713	Tullaghanbaun	Mayo		1567	2	0	2.5	1	4	0	1	10.5	22.1	=214			
1714	Cloontakilla	Mayo	476	476	1	0	2	2	3	0	2	10	21.1	=229			
1715	Largan Beg	Mayo			1	0	2	2	3	0	2	10	21.1	=229			
1716	Doobehy	Mayo	1922	1922	2	0	2	4	3	0	4	15	31.6	=81			
1718	Carrownaglogh	Mayo			2	4	1.5	1	4	0	4	16.5	34.7	=54			
1719	Bunnyconnellan East	Mayo			2	2	2	3	1	0	1	11	23.2	=197			
1720	Ballymore	Mayo			3	0	1	2	3	0	2	11	23.2	=197			
1722	Grange	Mayo	2298	519	2	0	2	4	2	0	3	13	27.4	=141			
1723	Pontoon Bridge	Mayo	2298	519	2	0	1.5	2	3	0	2	10.5	22.1	=214			
1724	Drumgollagh	Mayo			2.5	0	2	3	2	0	3	12.5	26.3	152			
1725	Goulaun	Mayo	534	459	2	0	1	1	4	0	0	8	16.8	=295			
1726	Treanbeg	Mayo			1.5	0	2	2	2	0	1	8.5	17.9	=281			
1727	Boggy	Mayo	2144		2	0	1.5	1	4	0	2	10.5	22.1	=214			
1728	Beltra	Mayo	2144		2.5	0	1.5	3	3	0	2	12	25.3	=164			
1729	Cuilmullagh	Mayo		2383	1	2	1	1	4	0	3	12	25.3	=164			
1730	Sraheen	Mayo	2298	2078	1	2	1.5	3	2	0	2	11.5	24.2	=181			
1731	Moorbrook	Mayo	2298	2078	2	2	2	2	3	4	2	17	35.8	=45			
1732	Foxford	Mayo			1.5	0	2	1	4	0	3	11.5	24.2	=181			
1733	Derrygaury	Mayo	2298	2078	2	4	2	3	3	0	3	17	35.8	=45			
1734	Shanwar	Mayo			2	0	1	1	4	0	2	10	21.1	=229			
1735	Cloongee	Mayo	2298	2078	2	4	1.5	4	2	0	3	16.5	34.7	=54			



Site ID	Site name	County	SAC	(p)NHA	5	12	2.5	12	4	8	4	47.5	100.00	
					Semi-natural Grassland Habitats	Annex I grassland habitats	Adjacent semi-natural habitats	Area	Species richness	Notable species	High quality indicator species	Total	Conservation Score %	Conservation Ranking
1810	Burren (ED Burren)	Mayo	2298		2	2	1.5	2	4	0	3	14.5	30.5	=96
1811	Ballinvilla	Mayo	2298		3	0	2	2	4	0	3	14	29.5	=103
1814	Derryvulcaun	Mayo	2298		2	0	1.5	1	4	0	3	11.5	24.2	=181
1816	Barleyhill	Mayo			2	0	2	6	2	0	3	15	31.6	=81
1817	Carrownaculla	Mayo			2	0	1	2	4	0	4	13	27.4	=141
1818	Barcull	Mayo			2	0	2	1	4	0	3	12	25.3	=164
1819	Carrowbeg	Mayo			2	4	2	2	4	0	4	18	37.9	=31
1820	Scardaun	Mayo		1571	2.5	2	2	3	3	0	3	15.5	32.6	=73
1821	Aghataharn	Mayo	1571	1571	4	0	2	1	4	0	4	15	31.6	=81
1823	Larganboy West	Mayo			2	0	1	1	4	0	1	9	18.9	=267
1824	Faughil	Mayo	2298		1	0	2	4	1	0	2	10	21.1	=229
1825	Garhawnagh	Mayo			2	0	1	2	1	0	0	6	12.6	=322
1827	Cogaula	Mayo			2	6	2.5	3	4	0	4	21.5	45.3	=7
1829	Owenwee	Mayo			2	0	2	2	4	0	2	12	25.3	=164
1830	Glenbaun	Mayo		483	2	0	2.5	3	3	0	3	13.5	28.4	=121
1831	Kilgeever	Mayo			1	2	2	1	4	0	2	12	25.3	=164
1833	Roonah	Mayo	1529	1529	1	0	1.5	1	4	0	4	11.5	24.2	=181
1834	Killadoon	Mayo	484	484	2	0	1.5	3	3	0	4	13.5	28.4	=121
1835	Aillemore	Mayo			2	0	2.5	3	3	0	3	13.5	28.4	=121
1836	Kinnewry	Mayo			2	2	1.5	3	3	0	4	15.5	32.6	=73
1837	Derrassa	Mayo			2.5	0	2	6	1	0	2	13.5	28.4	=121
1838	Ballycally	Mayo	1774	1774	2	0	1.5	1	4	0	1	9.5	20.0	=256
1839	Annies	Mayo	1774	1774	2	4	2.5	2	4	0	4	18.5	38.9	=26
1840	Coolylaughnan	Mayo	1774	1774	2	0	1.5	1	4	0	4	12.5	26.3	152
1842	Ballyglass (ED Caraun)	Mayo			1	0	2	2	3	0	1	9	18.9	=267
1843	Crumlin (Mayo)	Mayo			1	0	1.5	2	3	0	3	10.5	22.1	=214
1845	Curries	Mayo			3	0	2	3	4	0	4	16	33.7	=64
1846	Derrintogher	Mayo			2	2	1.5	4	3	0	4	16.5	34.7	=54
1847	Esker South	Mayo			1.5	0	2	2	3	0	2	10.5	22.1	=214
1848	Corracrow	Mayo			2	0	1.5	4	1	0	3	11.5	24.2	=181
1849	Killeenrevagh	Mayo			2	0	1	3	3	0	4	13	27.4	=141



Site ID	Site name	County	SAC	(p)NHA	5	12	2.5	12	4	8	4	47.5	100.00		
					Semi-natural Grassland Habitats										
					Annex I grassland habitats										
					Adjacent semi-natural habitats										
					Area										
					Species richness										
					Notable species										
					High quality indicator species										
					Total										
					Conservation Score %										
					Conservation Ranking										
1850	Skealaghan	Mayo			4	0	2	2	4	0	3	15	31.6	=81	
1851	Cloonkerry	Mayo	1774	1774	2	2	2	2	3	0	4	15	31.6	=81	
1852	Aghinish	Mayo	1774	1774	2	0	1.5	1	4	0	4	12.5	26.3	152	
1853	Lissanisky	Mayo			2	4	0.5	2	4	0	4	16.5	34.7	=54	
1854	Inishmaine	Mayo	1774	1774	3	2	2	4	3	0	4	18	37.9	=31	
1855	Churchfield Upper	Mayo	1774	1774	3	0	2.5	4	3	0	3	15.5	32.6	=73	
1856	Cappanacreha	Mayo			2	0	1.5	2	3	0	3	11.5	24.2	=181	
1857	Maumtrasna	Mayo			2	0	1.5	2	4	0	3	12.5	26.3	152	
1859	Finny	Mayo			1	2	2	2	4	0	3	14	29.5	=103	
1861	Drumsheel Lower	Mayo			1	0	1	1	4	0	0	7	14.7	=310	
1862	Kildun More	Mayo			1	0	1	2	3	0	0	7	14.7	=310	
1863	Carheens	Mayo	297		3.5	0	1.5	1	4	0	2	12	25.3	=164	
1864	Knocknageeha	Mayo	1536	1536	2	8	2	3	4	0	4	23	48.4	=4	
1865	Ballisnahyny	Mayo	479	479	1	4	2	4	3	0	4	18	37.9	=31	
1866	Derrykill East	Mayo			2	0	1.5	1	4	0	2	10.5	22.1	=214	
1867	Portroyal	Mayo	1774	1774	3	2	1.5	3	4	0	4	17.5	36.8	=36	
1868	Derry	Mayo	297	297	3	0	1.5	2	4	0	3	13.5	28.4	=121	
1869	Partry House Estate	Mayo	1774	1774	3	2	2	4	4	0	4	19	40.0	=22	
1874	Rosmore	Mayo	1482		2	2	1	1	4	0	2	12	25.3	=164	
1875	Rosbarnagh Island	Mayo	1482	1482	2	0	1	2	2	0	3	10	21.1	=229	
1877	Dooghbeg	Mayo	485	485	3	2	1.5	3	4	0	4	17.5	36.8	=36	
1878	Ballytoohy Beg	Mayo		477	3	0	1.5	1	4	0	3	12.5	26.3	152	
1879	Inishnakillew & Inishcottle	Mayo	1482	1482	1	0	0.5	1	3	0	2	7.5	15.8	=304	

## ***Appendix 11: Threat scores for the 337 sites surveyed in the six western counties in 2011-2012***

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See Table 2.10 (p. 29) for scoring criteria.

Threat score is expressed as a percentage of maximum possible score.

Ranking is the overall threat ranking within the 337 sites surveyed in Clare, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Mayo and Tipperary in 2011-2012.

'=' indicates a ranking is shared by two or more sites.

Site ID	Site name	County	Threats				Total	Threat Score %	Threat Ranking
			Adjacent habitats	Agricultural activity	Damaging operation	Agricultural weed species			
			2	3	3	5	13	100.0	
1602	Shessiv	Clare	1	2	1	2	6	46.2	=17
1603	Ballyteige	Clare	1	0	1	1	3	23.1	=170
1604	Magherabaun	Clare	0	3	2	2	7	53.8	=4
1605	Caheraghacullin	Clare	1	1	4	1	7	53.8	=4
1608	Ballyelly	Clare	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1609	Pollaghanumera	Clare	1	1	2	3	7	53.8	=4
1610	Lough O'Grady	Clare	1	2	1	2	6	46.2	=17
1611	Glenomra	Clare	1	1	1	2	5	38.5	=41
1612	Cahermaclanchy	Clare	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1613	Doolin	Clare	1	0	0	3	4	30.8	=91
1614	Crumlin (Clare)	Clare	0	0	0	2	2	15.4	=258
1615	Lislarheenmore	Clare	0	0	0	1	1	7.7	=314
1616	Keelhilla	Clare	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1617	Murrooghkilly	Clare	1	1	0	2	4	30.8	=91
1618	Fanore More	Clare	1	1	1	2	5	38.5	=41
1619	Noughaval	Clare	1	1	0	2	4	30.8	=91
1620	Carran	Clare	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1621	Magheraweeleen	Clare	0	0	0	2	2	15.4	=258
1622	Cahergrillaun	Clare	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1623	Rannagh West	Clare	1	1	0	2	4	30.8	=91
1624	Cragballyconoal	Clare	1	1	0	2	4	30.8	=91
1625	Bishopsquarter	Clare	1	0	0	1	2	15.4	=258
1626	Ballyteige Lough	Clare	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1627	Dromore Lough	Clare	0	0	1	1	2	15.4	=258
1628	Addergoole	Clare	0	1	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1629	Ballard	Clare	1	0	1	1	3	23.1	=170
1630	Loop Head	Clare	0	0	0	2	2	15.4	=258
1634	Kilcasheen	Clare	1	1	0	2	4	30.8	=91
1635	Farrihy	Clare	1	2	1	1	5	38.5	=41
1637	Ballyduneen	Clare	1	0	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1638	Lanna	Clare	1	0	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1639	Cloongowna	Clare	1	0	2	3	6	46.2	=17
1643	Lough Cleggan	Clare	1	0	1	1	3	23.1	=170
1645	Luogh South	Clare	1	1	1	1	4	30.8	=91
1646	Carrownahooan	Clare	0	0	3	1	4	30.8	=91
1647	Ballyconnoe South	Clare	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1648	Tooreen	Clare	0	0	2	1	3	23.1	=170
1649	Clab	Clare	0	1	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1651	Killourney	Clare	0	0	1	2	3	23.1	=170
1653	Monanaleen	Clare	1	0	0	3	4	30.8	=91
1654	Gortlecka	Clare	0	1	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1655	Ballyfaudeen	Clare	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1656	Cappahard	Clare	0	0	0	2	2	15.4	=258
1657	Moys	Clare	1	0	2	2	5	38.5	=41
1659	Knockalisheen Marsh	Clare	1	0	1	1	3	23.1	=170
1661	Clarefield	Clare	1	1	1	2	5	38.5	=41
1663	Cloontra West	Clare	0	0	0	1	1	7.7	=314
1664	Carrownerribul	Clare	1	1	1	1	4	30.8	=91
1666	Knockaphort	Clare	1	1	1	2	5	38.5	=41
1668	Mogouhy Lead Mines	Clare	0	0	0	2	2	15.4	=258
1669	Ballyallia Lake	Clare	1	1	1	3	6	46.2	=17
1670	Garryeighter	Clare	1	0	1	1	3	23.1	=170
1671	Derreen West	Clare	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1672	Deelin More	Clare	1	1	0	2	4	30.8	=91
1673	Moneenagliggin North	Clare	0	1	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1675	Eagle's Rock	Clare	0	0	0	1	1	7.7	=314
1676	Poulaphuca	Clare	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170

Site ID	Site name	County	Threat Category				Total	Threat Score %	Threat Ranking
			Adjacent habitats	Agricultural activity	Damaging operation	Agricultural weed species			
			2	3	3	5	13	100.0	
1678	Ballyvullagan	Clare	1	1	0	2	4	30.8	=91
1695	Murrooghtoohy	Clare	1	2	0	2	5	38.5	=41
1696	Glencolumbkille South	Clare	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1697	Cream Point	Clare	0	0	0	1	1	7.7	=314
1698	Cloghaun More (East)	Clare	1	2	0	2	5	38.5	=41
1699	Rinneen	Clare	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1702	Drumreagh	Mayo	1	0	1	1	3	23.1	=170
1703	Termoncarragh	Mayo	1	0	2	3	6	46.2	=17
1704	Dooncarton or Glengad	Mayo	1	0	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1705	Glencalry Upper	Mayo	1	2	1	2	6	46.2	=17
1706	Ummerantarry	Mayo	1	0	2	2	5	38.5	=41
1707	Glenglassera	Mayo	0	0	0	2	2	15.4	=258
1708	Glenulra	Mayo	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1710	Knockaun	Mayo	1	0	2	2	5	38.5	=41
1711	Kilcummin	Mayo	1	0	1	3	5	38.5	=41
1713	Tullaghanbaun	Mayo	0	0	1	2	3	23.1	=170
1714	Cloontakilla	Mayo	1	1	0	1	3	23.1	=170
1715	Largan Beg	Mayo	1	0	3	2	6	46.2	=17
1716	Doobehy	Mayo	1	0	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1718	Carrownaglogh	Mayo	1	0	2	1	4	30.8	=91
1719	Bunnyconnellan East	Mayo	1	0	2	1	4	30.8	=91
1720	Ballymore	Mayo	1	0	0	1	2	15.4	=258
1722	Grange	Mayo	1	0	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1723	Pontoon Bridge	Mayo	0	0	0	1	1	7.7	=314
1724	Drumgollagh	Mayo	1	1	1	1	4	30.8	=91
1725	Goulaun	Mayo	0	0	1	1	2	15.4	=258
1726	Treanbeg	Mayo	1	0	1	1	3	23.1	=170
1727	Boggy	Mayo	1	0	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1728	Beltra	Mayo	1	0	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1729	Cuilmullagh	Mayo	0	0	0	1	1	7.7	=314
1730	Sraheen	Mayo	1	1	1	2	5	38.5	=41
1731	Moorbrook	Mayo	1	0	1	1	3	23.1	=170
1732	Foxford	Mayo	1	0	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1733	Derrygaury	Mayo	0	1	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1734	Shanwar	Mayo	1	1	2	2	6	46.2	=17
1735	Clongee	Mayo	1	1	1	2	5	38.5	=41
1736	Pollagh (Mayo)	Mayo	1	1	1	3	6	46.2	=17
1737	Cloonlumney	Mayo	1	0	3	2	6	46.2	=17
1738	Drumalooaun	Mayo	1	1	1	2	5	38.5	=41
1740	Sonnagh	Mayo	1	1	2	2	6	46.2	=17
1742	Botinny	Mayo	0	0	2	1	3	23.1	=170
1743	Srah Upper	Mayo	1	0	2	2	5	38.5	=41
1744	Cloonakillina	Mayo	1	2	2	2	7	53.8	=4
1745	Gowel	Mayo	1	1	1	1	4	30.8	=91
1747	Fauleens	Mayo	1	0	2	1	4	30.8	=91
1748	Srahduggaun	Mayo	0	0	1	1	2	15.4	=258
1749	Tarsaghaun More	Mayo	0	1	2	1	4	30.8	=91
1750	Belderg Beg	Mayo	1	0	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1751	Annagh (Mayo)	Mayo	0	0	0	1	1	7.7	=314
1752	Glenlara	Mayo	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1753	Aghaglasheen	Mayo	1	0	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1755	Portacloy	Mayo	1	0	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1756	Porturlin	Mayo	1	0	0	1	2	15.4	=258
1757	Muingelly	Mayo	1	0	0	3	4	30.8	=91
1758	Creevagh	Mayo	1	0	0	1	2	15.4	=258
1761	Dookineely (Calvy)	Mayo	1	0	1	1	3	23.1	=170
1764	Laghtmurragea	Mayo	0	0	0	1	1	7.7	=314

Site ID	Site name	County	Threats				Total	Threat Score %	Threat Ranking
			2	3	3	5			
1765	Portnahally or Ashleam Bay	Mayo	0	0	1	1	2	15.4	=258
1766	Aughernagalliagh	Mayo	0	0	1	2	3	23.1	=170
1769	Kilgalligan	Mayo	0	0	0	1	1	7.7	=314
1801	Ballytoohy More	Mayo	0	0	0	1	1	7.7	=314
1804	Bleachyard	Mayo	1	1	1	2	5	38.5	=41
1805	Graffy	Mayo	0	1	2	1	4	30.8	=91
1806	Rosdooaun	Mayo	1	1	1	2	5	38.5	=41
1807	Kilmeenna	Mayo	1	1	0	2	4	30.8	=91
1808	Derrartan	Mayo	1	0	2	2	5	38.5	=41
1809	Derrycreeve	Mayo	1	0	0	1	2	15.4	=258
1810	Burren (ED Burren)	Mayo	1	1	1	1	4	30.8	=91
1811	Ballinvilla	Mayo	1	1	1	2	5	38.5	=41
1814	Derryvulcaun	Mayo	1	0	2	1	4	30.8	=91
1816	Barleyhill	Mayo	1	0	1	3	5	38.5	=41
1817	Carrownaculla	Mayo	1	0	2	1	4	30.8	=91
1818	Barcull	Mayo	2	1	2	2	7	53.8	=4
1819	Carrowbeg	Mayo	0	1	2	2	5	38.5	=41
1820	Scardaun	Mayo	1	1	2	2	6	46.2	=17
1821	Aghataharn	Mayo	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1823	Larganboy West	Mayo	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1824	Faughil	Mayo	1	0	2	2	5	38.5	=41
1825	Garhawnagh	Mayo	1	0	0	1	2	15.4	=258
1827	Cogaula	Mayo	0	0	2	2	4	30.8	=91
1829	Owenwee	Mayo	1	1	2	2	6	46.2	=17
1830	Glenbaun	Mayo	1	0	1	1	3	23.1	=170
1831	Kilgeever	Mayo	0	0	0	1	1	7.7	=314
1833	Roonah	Mayo	2	1	2	2	7	53.8	=4
1834	Killadoon	Mayo	1	1	1	2	5	38.5	=41
1835	Aillemore	Mayo	1	0	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1836	Kinnewry	Mayo	0	0	1	1	2	15.4	=258
1837	Derrassa	Mayo	1	1	1	2	5	38.5	=41
1838	Ballycally	Mayo	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1839	Annies	Mayo	1	0	2	2	5	38.5	=41
1840	Coolylaughnan	Mayo	1	0	1	1	3	23.1	=170
1842	Ballyglass (ED Caraun)	Mayo	1	0	2	2	5	38.5	=41
1843	Crumlin (Mayo)	Mayo	1	0	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1845	Curries	Mayo	1	0	1	3	5	38.5	=41
1846	Derrintogher	Mayo	2	2	2	2	8	61.5	=1
1847	Esker South	Mayo	1	1	1	2	5	38.5	=41
1848	Corracrow	Mayo	1	0	2	2	5	38.5	=41
1849	Killeenrevagh	Mayo	1	0	1	1	3	23.1	=170
1850	Skealaghan	Mayo	1	1	0	2	4	30.8	=91
1851	Cloonkerry	Mayo	1	0	1	1	3	23.1	=170
1852	Aghinish	Mayo	0	0	0	2	2	15.4	=258
1853	Lissanisky	Mayo	1	0	2	2	5	38.5	=41
1854	Inishmaine	Mayo	0	0	0	1	1	7.7	=314
1855	Churchfield Upper	Mayo	1	1	0	3	5	38.5	=41
1856	Cappanacreha	Mayo	1	0	0	1	2	15.4	=258
1857	Maumtrasna	Mayo	1	0	1	1	3	23.1	=170
1859	Finny	Mayo	0	0	0	1	1	7.7	=314
1861	Drumsheel Lower	Mayo	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
1862	Kildun More	Mayo	2	0	1	2	5	38.5	=41
1863	Carheens	Mayo	1	1	0	2	4	30.8	=91
1864	Knocknageeha	Mayo	1	1	1	3	6	46.2	=17
1865	Ballisnahyny	Mayo	1	0	1	2	4	30.8	=91
1866	Derrykill East	Mayo	1	1	0	1	3	23.1	=170
1867	Portroyal	Mayo	1	0	1	2	4	30.8	=91

Site ID	Site name	County					Total	Threat Score %	Threat Ranking
			Adjacent habitats	Agricultural activity	Damaging operation	Agricultural weed species			
			2	3	3	5	13	100.0	
1868	Derry	Mayo	0	0	0	2	2	15.4	=258
1869	Partry House Estate	Mayo	1	3	0	2	6	46.2	=17
1874	Rosmore	Mayo	0	0	0	3	3	23.1	=170
1875	Rosbarnagh Island	Mayo	0	0	0	1	1	7.7	=314
1877	Dooghbeg	Mayo	0	0	1	2	3	23.1	=170
1878	Ballytoohy Beg	Mayo	0	0	1	2	3	23.1	=170
1879	Inishnakillew & Inishcottle	Mayo	0	0	0	1	1	7.7	=314
2200	Omey Island	Galway	0	0	0	2	2	15.4	=258
2201	Tonadooravaun	Galway	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
2203	Bunowen	Galway	1	0	1	1	3	23.1	=170
2204	Knockbrack (Ballynahinch By)	Galway	1	0	0	1	2	15.4	=258
2205	Letterfrack	Galway	0	2	1	1	4	30.8	=91
2206	Addergoole (Ballynahinch By)	Galway	0	0	1	1	2	15.4	=258
2209	Drin	Galway	0	0	0	1	1	7.7	=314
2210	Cloghbrack Lower	Galway	1	0	0	1	2	15.4	=258
2211	Kill (Ballindoon Ph)	Galway	0	0	0	2	2	15.4	=258
2212	Emlaghan	Galway	0	0	0	2	2	15.4	=258
2215	Errisbeg West	Galway	0	0	0	2	2	15.4	=258
2216	Ervallagh	Galway	0	0	1	2	3	23.1	=170
2221	Ardmore (Moyrus Ph)	Galway	0	0	0	2	2	15.4	=258
2222	Kilkieran	Galway	1	0	0	1	2	15.4	=258
2223	Camus Oughter	Galway	0	1	1	2	4	30.8	=91
2224	Bealadangan	Galway	0	0	0	2	2	15.4	=258
2225	Carrowroe South (Moycullen By)	Galway	0	0	0	2	2	15.4	=258
2226	Lettercallow	Galway	0	1	0	2	3	23.1	=170
2228	Lettermullan	Galway	0	0	1	1	2	15.4	=258
2229	Inishmore Island Middle	Galway	1	1	0	2	4	30.8	=91
2230	Inishmaan Island Middle	Galway	0	0	0	2	2	15.4	=258
2231	Inisheer Island	Galway	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170
2235	Lettershea	Galway	0	1	1	1	3	23.1	=170
2237	Lettery	Galway	0	0	1	1	2	15.4	=258
2238	Derrynavglau	Galway	1	0	1	2	4	30.8	=91
2239	Lissoughter	Galway	1	0	0	2	3	23.1	=170