

Some fast facts about habitats

❖ An **ORGANISM** is any living thing or life form, for example, a Herring.



Figure 1. The Atlantic Herring (Clupea harengus).

(Image source: https://featurefoods.ca/pages/nutrition-health-benefits-feature-foods)

- ❖ A HABITAT is a place where an organism makes its home.
- Herrings live in the sea, so the sea is their habitat.
- Habitats can be as small as a rainwater puddle or as large as an ocean.
- Many habitats are temporary; many change over time.
- There are hundreds of thousands of different habitats worldwide.
- In Ireland, the standard system for classifying habitats is the FOSSITT SCHEME (see page 2).
- ❖ In the European Union, the 1992 HABITATS DIRECTIVE is the legislative act that sets out goals that EU countries must achieve to protect habitats. However, it is up to the individual countries to devise their own laws. ANNEX 1 of the Habitats Directive lists 233 natural habitats that Member States are required to take measures to maintain or restore at a favourable conservation status (pages 3-4).
- ❖ Habitats on the South Wexford Coast are tabulated (pages 5-6), priority habitats are flagged (page 7), domestic wildlife legislation is listed (page 8), and the conservation status of habitats on the South Wexford Coast are assessed (pages 9-11).

Classification of Habitats in Ireland

The scheme devised in 2000 in a book authored by Dr Julie Fossitt for classifying habitats in Ireland is a hierarchical one involving three levels. Using code letters, the scheme identifies 11 broad habitat groups at level one (L1), 30 habitat subgroups at level two (L2), and 117 habitats at level three (L3) (https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/A%20Guide%20to%20Habitats%20in%20Ireland%20-%20Fossitt.pdf and https://heritagemaps.ie/documents/fossittclassification heritagemaps.pdf).

L1	L2	L3	Description
F	Fres	hwater	
	FL	Lakes	and ponds
		FL1	Dystrophic lakes
		FL2	Acid oligotrophic lakes
		FL3	Limestone/marl lakes
		FL4	Mesotrophic lakes
		FL5	Eutrophic lakes
		FL6	Turloughs
		FL7	Reservoirs
		FL8	Other artificial lakes and ponds
	FW	Water	courses
			Eroding/upland rivers
		FW2	Depositing/lowland rivers
		FW3	
			Drainage ditches
	FP	Spring	
		FP1	Calcareous springs
			Non-calcareous springs
	FS	Swam	
			Reed and large sedge swamps
		FS2	Tall-herb swamps
G	Gras		and marsh
_	GA		ved grassland
	٥, ١		Improved agricultural grassland
		GA2	Amenity grassland (improved)
	GS		natural grassland
	00	GS1	Dry calcareous and neutral
		551	grassland
		GS2	Dry meadows and grassy verges
			Dry-humid acid grassland
			Wet grassland
	GM		water marsh
	JIVI		Marsh
Н	Heat		dense bracken
	HH	Heath	
			Dry siliceous heath
		HH2	Dry calcareous heath
			Wet heath
		HH4	Montane heath
	HD		e bracken
	טח		Dense bracken
P	Doot	lands	Delibe Diackell
7	PB		
	PB	Bogs	Pained has
		PB1	Raised bog
		PB2	Upland blanket bog
		PB3	Lowland blanket bog
		PB4	Cutover bog
	D.E.		Eroding blanket bog
	PF		and flushes
		PF1	Rich fen and flush
		PF2	Poor fen and flush
		PF3	Transition mire and quaking bog
W			and scrub

	WN	Semi-	natural woodland
		WN1	Oak-birch-holly woodland
		WN2	Oak-ash-hazel woodland
		WN3	
		WN4	
		****	woodland
	i	WN5	Riparian woodland
	ì	WN6	
	i		Bog woodland
	WD		/ modified/non-native woodland
	VVD	WD1	(Mixed) broadleaved woodland
		WD2	
		VVDZ	woodland
		WD3	
			Conifer plantation
			Scattered trees and parkland
	WS		/transitional woodland
	W		Scrub
		WS2	
		WS3	
			Short rotation coppice
	L		Recently-felled woodland
	WL		r woodland/scrub
		WL1	Hedgerows
		WL2	Treelines
Е	Expo		ock and disturbed ground
	ER	Expos	sed rock
			Exposed siliceous rock
		ER2	Exposed calcareous rock
		ER3	Siliceous scree and loose rock
		ER4	Calcareous scree and loose rock
	EU	Unde	rground rock and caves
		EU1	Non-marine caves
		EU2	Artificial underground habitats
	ED	Distur	bed ground
		ED1	Exposed sand, gravel or till
		ED2	Spoil and bare ground
		ED3	Recolonising bare ground
		ED4	Active quarries and mines
			Refuse and other waste
В	Culti		and built land
_	BC		ated land
		_	Arable crops
		BC2	Horticultural land
		BC3	Tilled land
			Flower beds and borders
	BL	Built la	
	DL	BL1	Stone walls and other stonework
		BL1	
			Earth banks
_	0-	BL3	Buildings and artificial surfaces
С		stland	1.14
	CS		liffs and islets
		CS1	Rocky sea cliffs
		CS2	Sea stacks and islets
		CS2 CS3	Sea stacks and islets Sedimentary sea cliffs ish waters

		CW1	Lagoons and saline lakes
			Tidal rivers
	СМ		narshes
	Oivi		Lower salt marsh
			Upper salt marsh
	СВ		le and gravel banks
	OD		Shingle and gravel banks
	CD		dune systems
	OD		Embryonic dunes
			Marram dunes
			Fixed dunes
			Dune scrub and woodland
		CD5	Dune slacks
			Machair
	CC		al constructions
			Sea walls, piers and jetties
		CC2	Fish cages and rafts
L	Litto	ral (inte	
_	LR	Littora	,
		LR1	Exposed rocky shores
			Moderately exposed rocky shores
		LR3	Sheltered rocky shores
			Mixed substrata shores
			Sea caves
	LS	Littora	l sediment
		LS1	Shingle and gravel shores
		LS2	Sand shores
		LS3	Muddy sand shores
		LS4	Mud shores
		LS5	Mixed sediment shores
S	Subl	ittoral (subtidal)
	SR	Sublit	toral rock
		SR1	Exposed infralittoral rock
		SR2	Moderately exposed infralittoral
			rock
		SR3	Sheltered infralittoral rock
		SR4	Exposed circalittoral rock
		SR5	Moderately exposed circalittoral
		CDC	rock
	SS	SR6	Sheltered circalittoral rock
	33		toral sediment
			Infralittoral gravels and sands
		SS2 SS3	Infralittoral muddy sands Infralittoral muds
		SS4	
		SS5	Infralittoral mixed sediments
		SS6	Circalittoral gravels and sands Circalittoral muddy sands
			Circalittoral muds
		SS8	
М	MW		Circalittoral mixed sediments e water body
IVI	IVIVV		
			Open marine water Sea inlets and bays
			Straits and sounds
			Estuaries
		101004	Lotudiles

Table 1. The Fossitt scheme for habitat classification in Ireland.

EU Habitats Directive: Annex 1

The European Union (EU) Habitats Directive was adopted by the European Commission in 1992, came into force in 1994, and was transposed into Irish legislation in 1997. The main aim of both the Habitats Directive and the resulting Irish legislation is to contribute towards the conservation of biodiversity. The current amended and consolidated version of the Directive is dated 13 May 2013 (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:01992L0043-20130701).

Annex 1 of the Directive lists 233 natural habitats that Member States are required to take measures to maintain or restore at a favourable conservation status; these habitats are tabulated below (Table 2). EU habitats are arranged in nine categories and 32 sub-categories. Some EU habitats are flagged as 'priority habitats' meaning that they are habitats that are considered to be in danger of disappearing within the EU territory and require more significant conservation measures.

In Table 2, the EU official habitat name is followed by the 'short name' used in Ireland by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) in Article 17 reports. Codes used in the table below are as follows: EU = European Union, IE = Ireland, SWC = South Wexford Coast, Sub = Sub-category, Hab = Habitats, and Pri = Priority. There are many habitats on the South Wexford Coast (SWC); those featured in Table 2 are habitats chosen as qualifying interests of the seven SACs on that coastline.

	Category	EU			IE		swc		
No	Official name	Short name	Sub	Hab	Pri	Hab	Pri	Hab	Pri
1	Coastal and halophytic habitats	Coastal	6	28	7	14	1	12	1
2	Coastal sand dunes and inland dunes	Dunes	3	21	7	8	4	4	1
3	Freshwater habitats	Freshwater	2	20	3	8	1	0	0
4	Temperate heath and scrub	Heath	0	12	6	3	0	0	0
5	Sclerophyllous scrub (matorral)	Scrub	4	13	3	1	0	0	0
6	Natural and semi-natural grassland formations	Grassland	5	32	12	6	2	0	0
7	Raised bogs and mires, and fens	Bogs	3	12	6	8	4	0	0
8	Rocky habitats and caves	Rock	3	14	2	7	1	1	0
9	Forests	Forests	6	81	26	4	3	0	0
		32	233	72	59	16	17	2	

Table 2. Numbers of habitats.

Interpretation. Guidance on the interpretation of habitat types is given in the Interpretation Manual of European Union Habitats (https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/3f466d71-92a7-49eb-9c63-6cb0fadf29dc/library/37d9e6d9-b7de-42ce-b789-622e9741b68f/details).

Reporting. Under Article 17 of the Directive, each Member State is obliged to report to the European Commission every six years on the status of habitats in their administrative areas. In April 2019, Ireland submitted its third assessment of conservation status for 59 habitats (https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/NPWS_2019_Vol1_Summary_Article17.pdf).

List of 59 Annex 1 habitats recorded in Ireland.

Code	EU Habitats Directive Annex 1 habitat name	
1110	Sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time	
1130	Estuaries	An asterisk (*)
1140	Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	in front of a
1150	*Coastal lagoons	habitat name
1160	Large shallow inlets and bays	
1170	Reefs	denotes a
1180	Submarine structures made by leaking gases	priority habitat.
1210	Annual vegetation of drift lines	
1220	Perennial vegetation of stony banks	
1230	Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic Coasts	
1310	Salicornia and other annuals colonizing mud and sand	
1330 1410	Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae) Mediterranean salt meadows (Juncetalia maritimi)	
1420	Mediterranean and thermo-Atlantic halophilous scrubs (Sarcocornetea fruticosi)	
2110	Embryonic shifting dunes	
2120	Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> ("white dunes")	
2130	*Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation ("grey dunes")	
2140	*Decalcified fixed dunes with *Empetrum nigrum	
2150	*Atlantic decalcified fixed dunes (Calluno-Ulicetea)	
2170	Dunes with Salix repens ssp argentea (Salicion arenariae)	
2190	Humid dune slacks	
3110	Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae)	
3130	Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletea uniflorae and/or of the Isoëto-Nanc	ojuncetea
3140	Hard oligo-mesotrophic waters with benthic vegetation of Chara spp	
3150	Natural eutrophic lakes with Magnopotamion or Hydrocharition-type vegetation	
3160	Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds	
3180	*Turloughs	
3260	Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitricho-Batrachion vegetation	
3270	Rivers with muddy banks with Chenopodion rubri pp and Bidention pp vegetation	
4010	Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix	
4030	European dry heaths Alpine and Boreal heaths	
4060 5130	Juniperus communis formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands	
6130	Calaminarian grasslands of the Violetalia calaminariae	
6210	*Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (* important or	chid sites)
6230	*Species-rich <i>Nardus</i> grasslands, on silicious substrates in mountain areas	orna okooj
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)	
7110	*Active raised bogs	
7120	Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration	
7130	*Blanket bogs (if active bog)	-
7140	Transition mires and quaking bogs	
7150	Depressions on peat substrates of the <i>Rhynchosporion</i>	
7210	*Calcareous fens with Cladium mariscus and species of the Caricion davallianae	
7220	*Petrifying springs with tufa formation (<i>Cratoneurion</i>)	
7230	Alkaline fens	
8110	Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels (<i>Androsacetalia alpinae</i> and Galeopsietalia ladani)	
8120	Calcareous and calcshist screes of the montane to alpine levels (<i>Thlaspietea rotundifolii</i>)	
8210 8220	Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation	
8240	*Limestone pavements	
8310	Caves not open to the public	
8330	Submerged or partially submerged sea caves	
21A0	*Machairs	
91A0	Old sessile oak woods with <i>Ilex</i> and <i>Blechnum</i> in the British Isles	
91D0	*Bog woodland	
91E0	*Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior	
91J0	*Taxus baccata woods of the British Isles	

Table 3. List of the 59 Annex 1 habitats recorded in Ireland.

(Source: NPWS Article 17 reporting)

Habitats on the South Wexford Coast.

The South Wexford Coast supports a great diversity of habitats. The table below (Table 4) features the subset of 17 habitats picked from those listed in Annex 1 of the Habitats Directive (see page 3 above) and chosen as qualifying interests of the seven Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) that the South Wexford Coast supports.

Category	Code	17 habitat short names (EU Annex 1 names are given in Table 3 above). Two priority habitats (*) are highlighted.	Hook Head	Bannow Bay	Ballyteige Burrow	Saltee Islands	Tacumshin Lake	Lady's Island Lake	Carnsore Point
	1130	Estuaries		•	•				
	1140	Tidal mudflats and sandflats		•	•	•			•
Coastal	*1150	Lagoons			>		③	✓	
	1160	Large shallow inlets and bays	•			S			
	1170	Reefs	•			8		&	•
	1210	Drift lines		•	•		•		
Beaches and cliffs	1220	Vegetated shingle		•	•		•	•	
	1230	Vegetated sea cliffs	•			~			
	1310	Salicornia mud		•	•				
Caltura a vala a a	1330	Atlantic salt meadows		•	•				
Saltmarshes	1410	Mediterranean salt meadows		•	•				
	1420	Halophilous scrub		•	•				
	2110	Embryonic shifting dunes		•	•		②		
0 1 1	2120	Marram dunes (white dunes)		•	•		•		
Sand dunes	*2130	Fixed dunes (grey dunes)		•	⊘				
	2190	Humid dune slacks			•				
Caves	8330	Sea caves				•			

Table 4. Habitats that are qualifying interests of the seven SACs on the South Wexford Coast.

(Source: https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac)

See page 6 for links to both the habitats and the SACs. Note that 'Lagoons' and 'Fixed dunes (grey dunes)' are priority habitats (see page 7).

Habitats. For a description of any of the 59 Annex 1 habitats recorded in Ireland click either the habitat code number or the habitat name on page 4 at the following link:-

https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/NPWS_2019_Vol1_Summary_Article17.pdf.

SACs. The Site Codes in Table 5 are links to the seven SACs on the South Wexford Coast.

No	SAC Site Name	SAC Site Code
1	Hook Head	<u>IE0000764</u>
2	Bannow Bay	<u>IE0000697</u>
3	Ballyteige Burrow	IE0000696
4	Saltee Islands	<u>IE0000707</u>
5	Tacumshin Lake	IE0000709
6	Lady's Island Lake	IE0000704
7	Carnsore Point	IE0002269

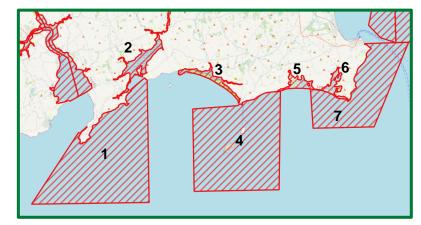


Table 5. Links to Special Areas of Conservation on the South Wexford Coast.

Map of the South Wexford Coast

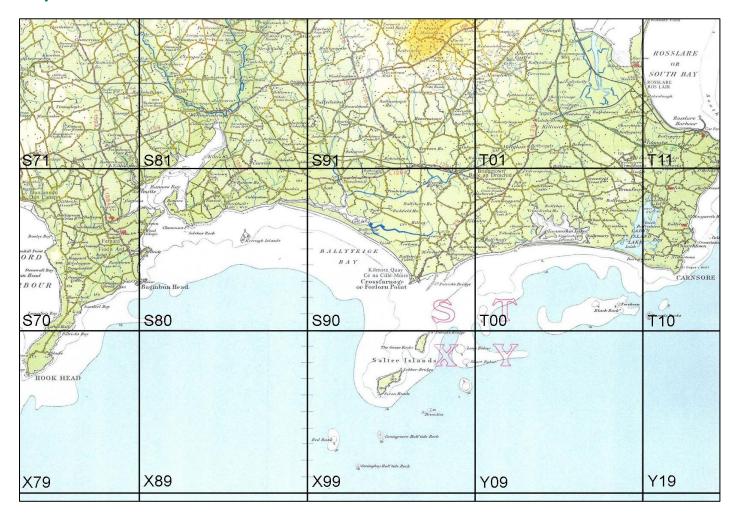


Figure 2. 10km squares on the South Wexford Coast.

(Base map source: Ordnance Survey Ireland, Discovery Series)

Priority habitats

Priority habitats are natural habitat types in danger of disappearance, and for which the Member States have particular responsibility in view of the proportion of the habitat which falls within the territory of the European Union (Habitats Directive, Article 1).

Priority natural habitat types are indicated by an asterisk (*). Sixteen priority habitats occur in Ireland (Table 3) two of them on the South Wexford Coast: coastal lagoons (Code 1150) and grey dunes (Code 2130).

Coastal lagoons are located at three sites: Ballyteige Channels, Tacumshin Lake and Lady's Island Lake (Figure 3). Together, by area, these three waterbodies comprise about 29% of Ireland's coastal lagoon habitat resource and are consequently of high conservation importance. They also support an exceptionally high number of lagoonal specialists. Lady's Island Lake is the best-documented lagoon in Ireland and is regarded by far the largest and best example of a back-barrier sedimentary lagoon in the country.



Figure 3. Coastal lagoons on the South Wexford Coast.

Grey dunes occur at four locations on the South Wexford Coast. Small areas of grey dunes are located at two sites at Bannow Bay (Grange and Bannow Island). Ballyteige Burrow is one of the largest and most impressive dune systems in south-east Ireland with extensive grey dunes, while the barriers separating the coastal lagoons at Tacumshin Lake and Lady's Island Lake from the Celtic Sea support smaller, more fragmented, and more hummocky grey dune habitat (Figure 4).



Figure 4. Grey dunes on the South Wexford Coast.

Legislation

The most important pieces of legislation, arranged by date, underpinning the protection of habitats in Ireland may be accessed via the following links:-

- Wildlife Act, 1976 (Number 39 of 1976)
- Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000 (Number 38 of 2000)
- Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2010 (Number 19 of 2010)
- European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (Number 477 of 2011)
- Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2012 (Number 29 of 2012)
- European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) (Amendment) Regulations 2013. (Number 499 of 2013)
- European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) (Amendment) Regulations 2015. (Number 355 of 2015)
- > Part 3 of the Heritage Act 2018 (Number 15 of 2018)
- Part 2, Chapters 3 and 4 of the <u>Planning</u>, <u>Heritage and</u> <u>Broadcasting</u> (<u>Amendment</u>) <u>Act 2021</u> (Number 11 of 2021)
- European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (Number 293 of 2021)http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2021/act/11/enacted/en/ html
- Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2023 (Number 25 of 2023)

For a list of currently available unofficial consolidations of the above legislation see Consolidated
Legislation. Click on the following links to see the full list of Statutory Instruments made under two Acts, listed by section of each Act: Statutory Instruments made under the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000.
Instruments made under the Wildlife (Amendment)) Act 2000.

Activities Requiring Consent (ARCs)

ARCs are 38 activities with a potential to damage habitats that may require the consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage before they are conducted. It is an offence to carry out an ARC without prior consent. ARCs relevant to each individual Special Area of Conservation (SAC) are listed in the statutory instrument enabling the particular SAC (Table 5).

(Source: https://www.npws.ie/farmers-and-landowners/activities-requiring-consent

Conservation Status

The conservation status of a habitat is defined in Article 1 of the Habitats Directive as the sum of the influences acting on a natural habitat and its typical species that may affect its long-term natural distribution, structure and functions as well as the long-term survival of its typical species.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) assesses and reports to the European Commission (EC) every six years regarding the conservation status of the 59 Annex 1 habitats that occur in Ireland. Conservation status is summarised below (Table 6) by three traffic light colours: Green (favourable), Amber/Orange (inadequate), and Red (bad). Sources are listed on page 10 and references on page 11.

Code	Short name (EU names are given in Table 3 above)	Ireland	Hook Head	Bannow Bay	Ballyteige Burrow	Saltee Islands	Tacumshin Lake	Lady's Island Lake	Carnsore Point
1130	Estuaries	2019		2020	?				
1140	Tidal mudflats and sandflats	2019		2020	?	?			?
*1150	Lagoons	2019			2007b		2007b	2007b	
1160	Large shallow inlets and bays	2019	2020			?			
1170	Reefs	2019	2020			?		?	?
1210	Drift lines	2019		?	2013		?		
1220	Vegetated shingle	2019		?	2009		2018	2017	
1230	Vegetated sea cliffs	2019	?			?			
1310	Salicornia mud	2019		2012	2007a				
1330	Atlantic salt meadows	2019		2012	2007a				
1410	Mediterranean salt meadows	2019		2012	2007a				
1420	Halophilous scrub	2019		2012	2007a				
2110	Embryonic shifting dunes	2019		2012	2013		2018		
2120	Marram dunes (white dunes)	2019		2012	2013		2018		
*2130	Fixed dunes (grey dunes)	2019		2012	2013				
2190	Humid dune slacks	2019			2013				
8330	Sea caves	2019				?			

Table 6. The conservation status of Annex 1 habitats in Ireland and on the South Wexford Coast.

Sources

Assessments for sites are the most recently published and are accessed from the sources listed below. Note that the dates given are the dates of publication, not the dates of assessment.

Code	Ireland	Hook Head	Bannow Bay	Ballyteige Burrow	Saltee Islands	Tacumshin Lake	Ladys Island Lake	Carnsore Point
1130	NPWS, 2019		Scally et al., 2020 (page 25)	?				
1140	NPWS, 2019		Scally et al., 2020 (page 27)	?	?		Oliver, 2007	?
*1150	NPWS, 2019			Oliver, 2007		Oliver, 2007		
1160	NPWS, 2019	Scally et al., 2020 (page 30)			?			
1170	NPWS, 2019	Scally et al., 2020 (page 33)			?			?
1210	NPWS, 2019		?	Delaney et al., 2013		?	?	
1220	NPWS, 2019		?	Ryle, et al.		NPWS, 2018	?	
1230	NPWS, 2019	?			?			
1310	NPWS, 2019		NPWS, 2012 Table 8 below	McCorry, 2007				
1330	NPWS, 2019		NPWS, 2012 Table 8 below	McCorry, 2007				
1410	NPWS, 2019		NPWS, 2012 Table 8 below	McCorry, 2007				
1420	NPWS, 2019		NPWS, 2012 Table 8 below	McCorry, 2007				
2110	NPWS, 2019		NPWS, 2012 Table 8 below	Delaney et al., 2013		NPWS, 2018	?	
2120	NPWS, 2019		NPWS, 2012 Table 8 below and Ryle et al., 2009 (page 176)	Delaney et al., 2013		NPWS, 2018	NPWS, 2019	
*2130	NPWS, 2019		NPWS, 2012 Table 8 below and Ryle <i>et al.</i> , 2009 (page 185)	Delaney et al., 2013				
2190	NPWS, 2019			Delaney et al., 2013				
8330	NPWS, 2019				?			

Table 7. Sources for conservation assessments for sites listed in Table 6.

NPWS. 2012. Bannow Bay SAC (site code 697) Conservation objectives supporting document - coastal habitats. Version 1. Dublin: National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Available online at

 $\frac{https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/697\ Bannow\%20Bay\%20SAC\%20Coastal\%20Supporting\%20Doc_V1.pdf.$

Scally, L., Pfeiffer, N., and Hewitt, E. 2020. The monitoring and assessment of six EU Habitats Directive Annex I Marine Habitats. *Irish Wildlife Manuals*, No 118. Dublin: National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Available online at https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/IWM118.pdf.

Barron, S. J., Delaney, A., Perrin, P. M., Martin, J. R. and O'Neill, F. H. 2011. National survey and assessment of the conservation status of Irish sea cliffs. *Irish Wildlife Manuals*, No 53. Dublin: National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Available online at http://www.botanicalenvironmental.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/IWM53-Sea-Cliffs.pdf.

Ryle, T., Murray, A., Connolly, K., and Swann, M, 2009, Coastal Monitoring Project 2004-2006. Dublin: National Parks and Wildlife Service. Available online at

https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/Ryle_et_al_2009_Coastal_Monitoring_Project.pdf.

Code	Bannow Island (pages 39 and 114)	Clonmines (page 54)	Taulaght (page 68)	Saltmills (page 82)	Gorteens (page 96)	Fethard (page 111)	Grange (pages 124 and 142)	Overall
1310								
1330								
1410								
1420								
2110								
2120								
2130								

Table 8. Conservation status of habitats at Bannow Bay.

Source: NPWS, 2012)

References

2007	McCorry, 2007a. In NPWS, 2014b: Related Publications. Available online at https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/000696 .
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