

Site name: Ballyarr Wood SAC 000116

County: Donegal

Site Specific Conservation Objective (SSCO) Ecological Attributes
[91A0] Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles

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