

Site name: Deputy's Pass Nature Reserve SAC 000717

County: Wicklow

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

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- 3 Woodland size
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- 4.2 Woodland structure: community diversity and extent
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- 4.4 Woodland structure: dead wood
- 4.5 Woodland structure: veteran trees
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