

Site name: Ballyseedy Wood SAC 002112
County: Kerry

Site Specific Conservation Objective (SSCO) Ecological Attributes

[91E0] Alluvial forests with *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus excelsior* (Alno-Padion, *Alnion incanae*, *Salicion albae*)

- 1 Habitat area
- 2 Habitat distribution
- 3 Woodland size
- 4.1 Woodland structure: cover and height
- 4.2 Woodland structure: community diversity and extent
- 4.3 Woodland structure: natural regeneration
- 4.4 Woodland structure: dead wood
- 4.5 Woodland structure: veteran trees
- 4.6 Woodland structure: indicators of local distinctiveness
- 4.7 Woodland structure: indicators of overgrazing
- 5.1 Vegetation composition: native tree cover
- 5.2 Vegetation composition: typical species
- 5.3 Vegetation composition: negative indicator species
- 5.4 Vegetation composition: problematic native species
- 6 Hydrological regime: flooding depth/height of water table

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