

Site Name: Knockacoller Bog SAC 002333

County: Laois

Site Specific Conservation Objective (SSCO) Ecological Attributes

7110 Active raised bogs*	
1	Habitat Area
2	Habitat Distribution
3	High Bog Area
4.1	Hydrological regime - water levels
4.2	Hydrological regime - flow patterns
5	Transitional areas between high bog and adjacent mineral soils (including cutover areas)
6.1	Vegetation quality: central ecotype, active flush, soaks, bog woodland
6.2	Vegetation quality: microtopographical features
6.3	Vegetation quality: bog moss (Sphagnum) species
7.1	Typical ARB species: flora
7.2	Typical ARB species: fauna
8	Elements of local distinctiveness
9	Negative physical indicators
10.1	Vegetation composition: native negative indicator species
10.2	Vegetation composition: nonnative invasive species
11	Air quality: nitrogen deposition
12	Water quality

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7120	The long-term aim for Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration is that its peat-forming capability is re-established; therefore, the conservation objective for this habitat is inherently linked to that of Active raised bogs (7110) and a separate conservation objective has not been set in Knockacoller Bog SAC 002333.
7150	Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion is an integral part of good quality Active raised bogs (7110) and thus a separate conservation objective has not been set for the habitat in Knockacoller Bog SAC 002333.

Knockacoller Bog SAC 000333

Habitat: Active Raised Bog [7110]

Site Specific Conservation Objectives (SSCO): To restore the favourable conservation condition of Active raised bogs in Knockacoller Bog SAC

No.	Ecological Requirements (Attributes as per SSCO)	Pressure /Threat (EU Code 2020)	Pressure/ Threat Ranking	EU Conservation Measure Type (EU Code 2020)	Measure Category	Conservation Measure	Delivery mechanism	Public Authority with statutory responsibility	Implementation timeframe	Integration with high level plans/policy:
1	1. Habitat area, 2. Habitat Distribution, 3. High Bog Area, 4.1 Hydrological regime - water levels, 4.2 Hydrological regime - flow patterns, 5. Transitional areas between high bog and adjacent mineral soils (including outcoter areas), 6.1 Vegetation quality: central ecotype, active flush, soaks, bog woodland, 6.2 Vegetation quality: microtopographical features, 6.3 Vegetation quality: bog moss (Sphagnum) species, 7.1 Typical ARB species: flora, 7.2 Typical ARB species: fauna, 8. Elements of local distinctiveness 9. Negative physical indicators, 10.1 Vegetation composition: native negative indicator species, 10.2 Vegetation composition: non-native invasive species, 12 Water quality	<u>PL02 Drainage (mixed or unknown drivers)</u>	Medium	MF08 Manage changes in hydrological and coastal systems and regimes for construction and development (incl. restoration of habitats).	Statutory	Regulation controlling development including associated development	<u>S.I. NO. 600/2001 - Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended</u>	Local Authority (Laois County Council/An Bord Pleanála (ABP))	2003+	All government plans and policy documents are cognisant of these protections
2	1. Habitat area, 2. Habitat Distribution, 3. High Bog Area, 4.1 Hydrological regime - water levels, 4.2 Hydrological regime - flow patterns, 5. Transitional areas between high bog and adjacent mineral soils (including outcoter areas), 6.1 Vegetation quality: central ecotype, active flush, soaks, bog woodland, 6.2 Vegetation quality: microtopographical features, 6.3 Vegetation quality: bog moss (Sphagnum) species, 7.1 Typical ARB species: flora, 7.2 Typical ARB species: fauna, 8. Elements of local distinctiveness 9. Negative physical indicators, 10.1 Vegetation composition: native negative indicator species, 10.2 Vegetation composition: non-native invasive species, 12 Water quality	<u>PL02 Drainage (mixed or unknown drivers)</u>	Medium	MF08 Manage changes in hydrological and coastal systems and regimes for construction and development (incl. restoration of habitats).	Statutory	Consent required for works on, or alterations to the banks, bed or flow of a drain watercourse or waterbody, if not covered by other regulations.	<u>European Union Habitats (Knockacoller Bog Special Area of Conservation 002333) Regulations 2017</u>	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH)/ National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)	2002+	All government plans and policy documents are cognisant of these protections
3	1. Habitat area, 2. Habitat Distribution, 3. High Bog Area, 4.1 Hydrological regime - water levels, 4.2 Hydrological regime - flow patterns, 5. Transitional areas between high bog and adjacent mineral soils (including outcoter areas), 6.1 Vegetation quality: central ecotype, active flush, soaks, bog woodland, 6.2 Vegetation quality: microtopographical features, 6.3 Vegetation quality: bog moss (Sphagnum) species, 7.1 Typical ARB species: flora, 7.2 Typical ARB species: fauna, 8. Elements of local distinctiveness 9. Negative physical indicators, 10.1 Vegetation composition: native negative indicator species, 10.2 Vegetation composition: non-native invasive species, 12 Water quality	<u>PL02 Drainage (mixed or unknown drivers)</u>	Medium	MF08 Manage changes in hydrological and coastal systems and regimes for construction and development (incl. restoration of habitats).	Statutory	Consent required for drainage works including digging, deepening, widening or blocking a drain, watercourse or waterbody) if not covered by other regulations.	<u>European Union Habitats (Knockacoller Bog Special Area of Conservation 002333) Regulations 2017</u>	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH)/ National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)	2002+	All government plans and policy documents are cognisant of these protections
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5	1. Habitat area, 2. Habitat Distribution, 3. High Bog Area, 4.1 Hydrological regime - water levels, 4.2 Hydrological regime - flow patterns, 5. Transitional areas between high bog and adjacent mineral soils (including outcoter areas), 6.1 Vegetation quality: central ecotype, active flush, soaks, bog woodland, 6.2 Vegetation quality: microtopographical features, 6.3 Vegetation quality: bog moss (Sphagnum) species, 7.1 Typical ARB species: flora, 7.2 Typical ARB species: fauna, 8. Elements of local distinctiveness 9. Negative physical indicators, 10.1 Vegetation composition: native negative indicator species, 10.2 Vegetation composition: non-native invasive species, 12 Water quality	<u>PA22 Drainage for use as agricultural land</u>	Medium	MA13 Manage agricultural drainage and water abstraction (incl. the restoration of drained or hydrologically altered habitats).	Statutory	Consent required for new land drainage and irrigation works on lands used for agriculture.	<u>S.I. No. 456/2011 EC EA (Agricultural Regs. 2011, as amended)</u>	Department of Agriculture Food and Marine (DAFM)	2011+	All government plans and policy documents are cognisant of these protections
6	1. Habitat area, 2. Habitat Distribution, 3. High Bog Area, 4.1 Hydrological regime - water levels, 4.2 Hydrological regime - flow patterns, 5. Transitional areas between high bog and adjacent mineral soils (including outcoter areas), 6.1 Vegetation quality: central ecotype, active flush, soaks, bog woodland, 6.2 Vegetation quality: microtopographical features, 6.3 Vegetation quality: bog moss (Sphagnum) species, 7.1 Typical ARB species: flora, 7.2 Typical ARB species: fauna, 8. Elements of local distinctiveness 9. Negative physical indicators, 10.1 Vegetation composition: native negative indicator species, 10.2 Vegetation composition: non-native invasive species, 12 Water quality	<u>PA22 Drainage for use as agricultural land</u>	Medium	MA13 Manage agricultural drainage and water abstraction (incl. the restoration of drained or hydrologically altered habitats).	Administrative	Monitoring and reporting of relevant farm activity at the SAC. Direct inspections for DAFM Conditionality compliance or via other state Authorities (via Cross Reporting) to Integrated Controls Division in DAFM.	<u>DAFM BISS Conditionality Farm inspections - NPWS Conservation Ranger Site monitoring, iCross Compliance</u>	Department of Agriculture Food and Marine (DAFM)	1997+	All government plans and policy documents are cognisant of these protections
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9	1. Habitat area, 2. Habitat Distribution, 3. High Bog Area, 4.1 Hydrological regime - water levels, 4.2 Hydrological regime - flow patterns, 5. Transitional areas between high bog and adjacent mineral soils (including cutover areas), 6.1 Vegetation quality: central ecotype, active flush, soaks, bog woodland, 6.2 Vegetation quality: microtopographical features, 6.3 Vegetation quality: bog moss (Sphagnum) species, 7.1 Typical ARB species: flora, 7.2 Typical ARB species: fauna, 8. Elements of local distinctiveness 9. Negative physical indicators, 10.1 Vegetation composition: native negative indicator species, 10.2 Vegetation composition: non-native invasive species, 12 Water quality	<u>PC05 Peat Extraction</u>	Low	MC01 Adapt/manage extraction of non-energy resources	Contractual / Administrative	The Voluntary Bog Purchase Scheme facilitates the state purchase of bog land/turbary rights.	<u>Voluntary Bog Purchase Scheme</u>	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH)/ National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)	2011+	<u>National Raised Bog SAC Management Plan 2017-2022.</u>
10	1. Habitat area, 2. Habitat Distribution, 3. High Bog Area, 4.1 Hydrological regime - water levels, 4.2 Hydrological regime - flow patterns, 5. Transitional areas between high bog and adjacent mineral soils (including cutover areas), 6.1 Vegetation quality: central ecotype, active flush, soaks, bog woodland, 6.2 Vegetation quality: microtopographical features, 6.3 Vegetation quality: bog moss (Sphagnum) species, 7.1 Typical ARB species: flora, 7.2 Typical ARB species: fauna, 8. Elements of local distinctiveness 9. Negative physical indicators, 10.1 Vegetation composition: native negative indicator species, 10.2 Vegetation composition: non-native invasive species, 12 Water quality	<u>PC05 Peat Extraction</u>	Low	MC01 Adapt/manage extraction of non-energy resources	Contractual / Administrative	The Cessation of Turf Cutting Compensation Scheme (CTCCS) incentivises the cessation of peat extraction activity within raised bog SAC's. There is no peat extraction on this SAC site. (16 participants in the CTCCS)	<u>Turf Cutting Compensation Scheme.</u>	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH)/ National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)	2011+	<u>National Peatland Strategy.</u>
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