



# NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM

For Special Protection Areas (SPA),  
Proposed Sites for Community Importance (pSCI),  
Sites of Community Importance (SCI) and  
for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE IE0000208  
SITENAME Rogerstown Estuary SAC

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## 1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

<b>1.1 Type</b> B	<b>1.2 Site code</b> IE0000208	<a href="#">Back to top</a>
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### 1.3 Site name

Rogerstown Estuary SAC

<b>1.4 First Compilation date</b> 1999-12	<b>1.5 Update date</b> 2014-09
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### 1.6 Respondent:

**Name/Organisation:** National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht  
**Address:** 7 Ely Place, Dublin 2, Ireland  
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<b>Date site proposed as SCI:</b>	1999-12
<b>Date site confirmed as SCI:</b>	No data
<b>Date site designated as SAC:</b>	No data
<b>National legal reference of SAC designation:</b>	No data

## 2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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**Longitude**  
-6.131040227

**Latitude**  
53.50425465

**2.2 Area [ha]:**  
586.47

**2.3 Marine area [%]**  
76.31

**2.4 Sitelength [km]:**  
0.0

### 2.5 Administrative region code and name

**NUTS level 2 code**      **Region Name**

IE02	Southern and Eastern
IEZZ	Extra-Regio

### 2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Atlantic ( %)

## 3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### 3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

Annex I Habitat types						Site assessment			
Code	PF	NP	Cover [ha]	Cave [number]	Data quality	A B C D	A B C		
						Representativity	Relative Surface	Conservation	Global
1130			76.24		M	B	C	C	C
1140			357.74		M	B	B	C	C
1310			5.86		M	B	C	C	C
1320			58.65		M	D			
1330			23.46		M	B	C	C	C
1410			23.46		M	B	C	C	C
2120			5.86		M	C	C	C	C
2130			5.86		M	C	C	C	C

- **PF:** for the habitat types that can have a non-priority as well as a priority form (6210, 7130, 9430) enter



B	A048	<a href="#">tadorna</a>			w	785	785	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A164	<a href="#">Tringa nebularia</a>			w	22	22	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A162	<a href="#">Tringa totanus</a>			w	732	732	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A142	<a href="#">Vanellus vanellus</a>			w	4056	4056	i		G	C	B	C	B

- **Group:** A = Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, I = Invertebrates, M = Mammals, P = Plants, R = Reptiles
- **S:** in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes
- **NP:** in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Type:** p = permanent, r = reproducing, c = concentration, w = wintering (for plant and non-migratory species use permanent)
- **Unit:** i = individuals, p = pairs or other units according to the Standard list of population units and codes in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting (see [reference portal](#))
- **Abundance categories (Cat.):** C = common, R = rare, V = very rare, P = present - to fill if data are deficient (DD) or in addition to population size information
- **Data quality:** G = 'Good' (e.g. based on surveys); M = 'Moderate' (e.g. based on partial data with some extrapolation); P = 'Poor' (e.g. rough estimation); VP = 'Very poor' (use this category only, if not even a rough estimation of the population size can be made, in this case the fields for population size can remain empty, but the field "Abundance categories" has to be filled in)

### 3.3 Other important species of flora and fauna (optional)

Species				Population in the site				Motivation						
Group	CODE	Scientific Name	S	NP	Size		Unit	Cat.	Species Annex		Other categories			
					Min	Max		C R V P	IV	V	A	B	C	D
P		<a href="#">Hordeum secalinum</a>									X			
P		<a href="#">Orchis morio</a>									X			
P		<a href="#">Viola hirta</a>									X			

- **Group:** A = Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, Fu = Fungi, I = Invertebrates, L = Lichens, M = Mammals, P = Plants, R = Reptiles
- **CODE:** for Birds, Annex IV and V species the code as provided in the reference portal should be used in addition to the scientific name
- **S:** in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes
- **NP:** in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Unit:** i = individuals, p = pairs or other units according to the standard list of population units and codes in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting, (see [reference portal](#))
- **Cat.:** Abundance categories: C = common, R = rare, V = very rare, P = present
- **Motivation categories:** **IV, V:** Annex Species (Habitats Directive), **A:** National Red List data; **B:** Endemics; **C:** International Conventions; **D:** other reasons

## 4. SITE DESCRIPTION

### 4.1 General site character

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Habitat class	% Cover
N14	5.0

N09	1.0
N10	4.0
N02	75.0
N15	1.0
N03	8.0
N04	6.0
<b>Total Habitat Cover</b>	<b>100</b>

### Other Site Characteristics

Site comprises a relatively small estuarine system in north County Dublin. Receives the Ballyboghil and Ballough rivers, both of which flow through an agricultural catchment. It is a funnel shaped estuary, extending for about 6 km from east to west and up to 2 km at its widest. Has a wide salinity range, from near full sea water to near full fresh water. Estuary is bisected by a causeway and bridge which carries the Dublin-Belfast railway line. A sandy peninsula stretches across the outer part of the estuary, restricting water flow to a channel of c.200 m. In addition to salt marsh and sand dune habitats, some agricultural fields which adjoin the estuary are included in site - some of these have botanical or ornithological interests. .

### 4.2 Quality and importance

A typical eastern estuary with fairly extensive intertidal sand and mud flats. Quality variable owing to pollution from a number of sources, especially a large landfill site which was built on the mudflats. The salt marshes which fringe the estuary are of moderate importance and quality and include both Atlantic and Mediterranean salt meadows, as well as Salicornia flats. The sand dune element at site is limited in its distribution and quality. Has three Red Data Book plant species. Of high importance for wintering waterfowl, with an internationally important population of *Branta bernicla horta* and nationally important populations of a further 16 species including *Pluvialis apricaria*. *Sterna albifrons* has bred.

### 4.3 Threats, pressures and activities with impacts on the site

The most important impacts and activities with high effect on the site

Negative Impacts			
Rank	Threats and pressures [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
H	I01		i
H	A08		o
M	G02.01		o
M	A04		o
M	G01.02		i
M	F02.03.01		i
H	J02.01.02		i
M	A04		i
M	G01.01		i
M	E01.03		o
M	D01.02		o
H	K01.01		i
H	E03		o
H	A07		o

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
M	D01.02		o
M	E01.03		o
M	G02.01		o

Rank: H = high, M = medium, L = low

Pollution: N = Nitrogen input, P = Phosphor/Phosphate input, A = Acid input/acidification,

T = toxic inorganic chemicals, O = toxic organic chemicals, X = Mixed pollutions

i = inside, o = outside, b = both

### 4.5 Documentation

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## 5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

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### 5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]
IE01	33.0	IE21	3.0	IE05	60.0

### 5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
IE21	Rogerstown Estuary BirdWatch Ireland Reserve	+	3.0
IE01	Rogerstown Estuary Nature Reserve	+	33.0
IE05	Rogerstown Estuary Wildfowl Sanctuary	*	60.0

designated at international level:

Type	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
Other	Rogerstown Estuary Nature Reserve	+	33.0

## 6. SITE MANAGEMENT

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### 6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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No, but in preparation

No

## 7. MAP OF THE SITES

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Map delivered as PDF in electronic format (optional)

Yes  No

Reference(s) to the original map used for the digitalisation of the electronic boundaries (optional).