# Appendix C. Designated nature conservation sites

### **General information**

Designation of conservation areas is required under European law and Irish national laws. The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government is responsible for the designation of conservation sites in Ireland.

The three main types of designation are:

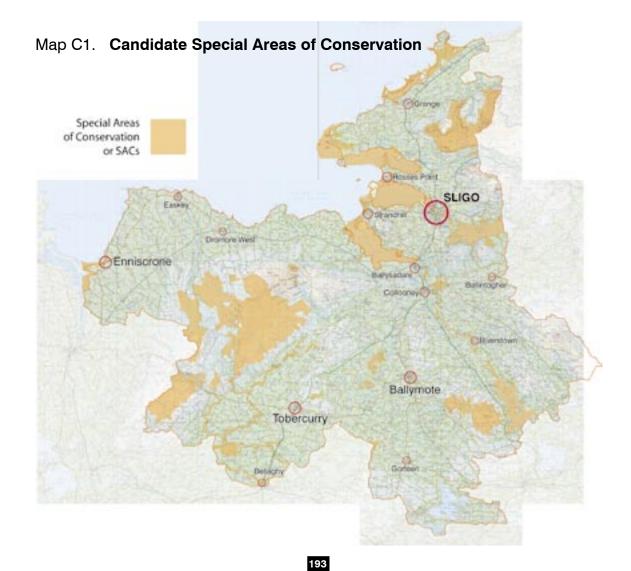
- Natural Heritage Areas, or NHAs basic designation for wildlife;
- Special Areas of Conservation, or SACs prime wildlife conservation areas, important on a European as well as Irish level;
- Special Protection Areas, or SPAs sites important to birds, and often important for other forms of wildlife.

#### **Policy framework**

National Heritage Plan 2002 National Biodiversity Plan 2002 Sligo County Heritage Plan 2002 – 2006

### Legislative framework

Eu Habitats Directive Eu Birds Directive Wildlife Act 1976 Wildlife Amendment Act 2000 Flora Protection Order



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### Candidate Special Areas of Conservation (cSAC)

| Code | Site Name                   | Code | Site Name                            |
|------|-----------------------------|------|--------------------------------------|
| 458  | Killala Bay / Moy Estuary   | 636  | Templehouse and Cloonacleigha Loughs |
| 497  | Flughany Bog                | 637  | Turloughmore (Sligo)                 |
| 622  | Ballysadare Bay             | 638  | Union Wood                           |
| 623  | Ben Bulben, Gleniff         | 1656 | Bricklieve Mountains and Keshcorran  |
|      | and Glenade complex         | 1669 | Knockalongy and Knockachree Cliffs   |
| 625  | Bunduff Lough and Machair / | 1673 | Lough Arrow                          |
|      | Trawalua and Mullagh        | 1680 | Streedagh Point Dunes                |
| 627  | Cummeen Strand/             | 1898 | Unshin River                         |
|      | Drumcliff Bay (Sligo Bay)   | 1976 | Lough Gill                           |
| 633  | Lough Hoe Bog               | 2006 | Ox Mountains Bogs                    |
| 63   | Lough Nabrickkeagh Bog      | 2298 | River Moy                            |

### **Special Protection Areas (SPA)**

| Code | Site Name                      | Code | Site Name                         |
|------|--------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| 4133 | Aughris Head                   | 4129 | Ballysadare Bay                   |
| 4013 | Drumcliff Bay                  | 4135 | Ardboline Island and Horse island |
| 4035 | Cummeen Strand (Sligo Harbour) | 4050 | Lough Arrow                       |
| 4036 | Killala Bay / Moy Estuary      | 4048 | Lough Gara                        |

### **Proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHA)**

| Code | Site Name                      | Code | Site Name                    |
|------|--------------------------------|------|------------------------------|
| 618  | Ardboline and Horse Islands,   | 628  | Glencar Cliffs               |
|      | Yellow Strand and Ballintemple | 1908 | Greenan Fen                  |
| 620  | Aughris Head                   | 630  | Innishmurray                 |
| 1909 | Ballygawley Lough              | 1904 | Knockmullin Fen              |
| 1657 | Cloongoonagh Bog               | 1670 | Knocknarea Mountain and Glen |
| 1658 | Colgagh Lough                  | 1906 | Lough Dargan                 |
| 1902 | Corhawnagh Lough               | 587  | Lough Gara                   |
| 1664 | Dunneill River                 | 1677 | Moylough Turlough            |
| 1665 | Easkey River                   | 1900 | Meharth Lough                |
| 1905 | Feenagh and Bunnamuck Loughs   | 1901 | Quarryfield West Turlough    |
| 1907 | Fin and Riskeen Loughs         |      |                              |

**Note:** The process of formal designation of nature conservation sites started in 2002 and is still ongoing. The information (site lists and maps) included in this Appendix represents the situation in May 2004. For up-to-date information, please contact the National Parks and Wildlife Service (www.npws.ie) within the DoEHLG or the Planning Office of the County Council.

