

Appendix B

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

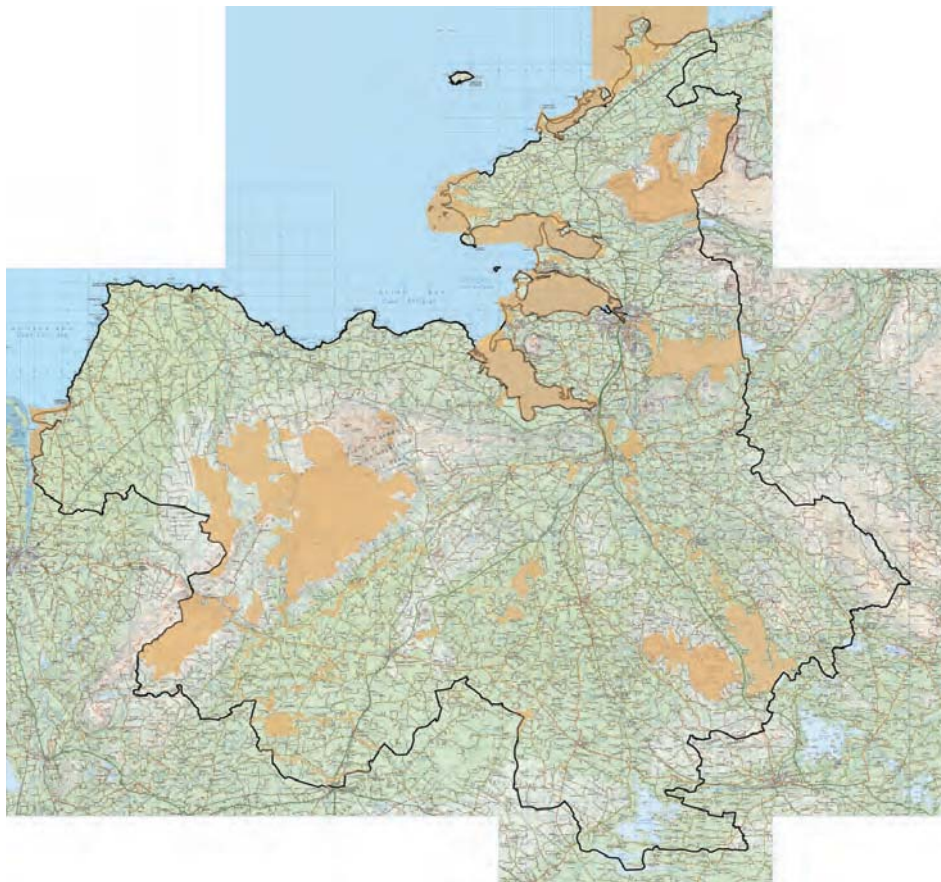


Fig. AB-1 Special Areas of Conservation (including cSAC)

Designated nature conservation sites in County Sligo

Candidate Special Areas of Conservation (cSAC)

Code	Site Name	Code	Site Name
000458	Killala Bay / Moy Estuary	000636	Templehouse and Cloonacleigha Loughs
000497	Flughany Bog	000637	Turloughmore (Sligo)
000622	Ballysadare Bay	000638	Union Wood
000623	Ben Bulben, Gleniff and Glenade Complex	001656	Bricklieve Mountains and Keshcorran
000625	Bunduff Lough and Machair / Trawalua / Mullaghmore	001669	Knockalongy and Knockachree Cliffs
000627	Cummeen Strand/ Drumcliff Bay (Sligo Bay)	001673	Lough Arrow
000633	Lough Hoe Bog	001680	Streedagh Point Dunes
000634	Lough Nabrickkeagh Bog	001898	Unshin River
		001976	Lough Gill
		002006	Ox Mountains Bogs
		002298	River Moy

Special Protection Areas (SPA)

Code	Site Name	Code	Site Name
004133	Aughris Head	004129	Ballysadare Bay
004013	Drumcliff Bay	004135	Ardboline Island and Horse island
004035	Cummeen Strand (Sligo Harbour)	004050	Lough Arrow
004036	Killala Bay / Moy Estuary	004048	Lough Gara
004068	Inishmurray	004187	Sligo / Leitrim Uplands

Proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHA)

Code	Site Name	Code	Site Name
000618	Ardboline and Horse Islands, Yellow Strand and Ballintemple	001905	Feenagh and Bunnamuck Loughs
000620	Aughris Head	001907	Fin and Riskeen Loughs
001909	Ballygawley Lough	000628	Glencar Cliffs
002415	Carran Hill Bog	001908	Greenan Fen
001657	Cloongoonagh Bog	000630	Innishmurray
001658	Colgagh Lough	001904	Knockmullin Fen
002435	Crockauns / Keelogyboy Bog	001670	Knocknarea Mountain and Glen
001902	Slieveward Bog	001906	Lough Dargan
n/a	Drumaskibbole	000587	Lough Gara
001664	Dunneill River	001677	Moylough Turlough
001665	Easky River	001900	Meharth Lough
		001901	Quarryfield West Turlough

Nature Reserves

Ballygilgan (Lissadell) (est. 1986)
Easky Bog (est. 1990)

Ramsar sites

842 Cummeen Strand 843 Killala Bay / Moy Estuary
471 Easky Bog 852 Lough Gara

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.

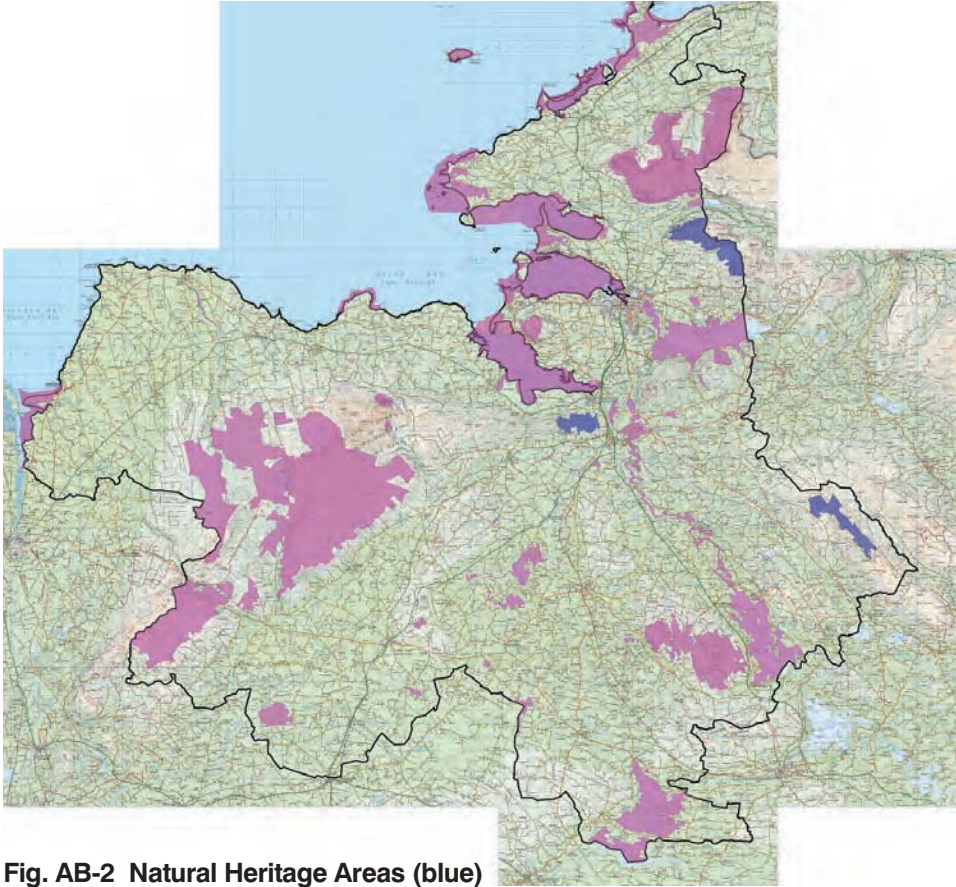


Fig. AB-2 Natural Heritage Areas (blue) and proposed Natural Heritage Areas (purple)

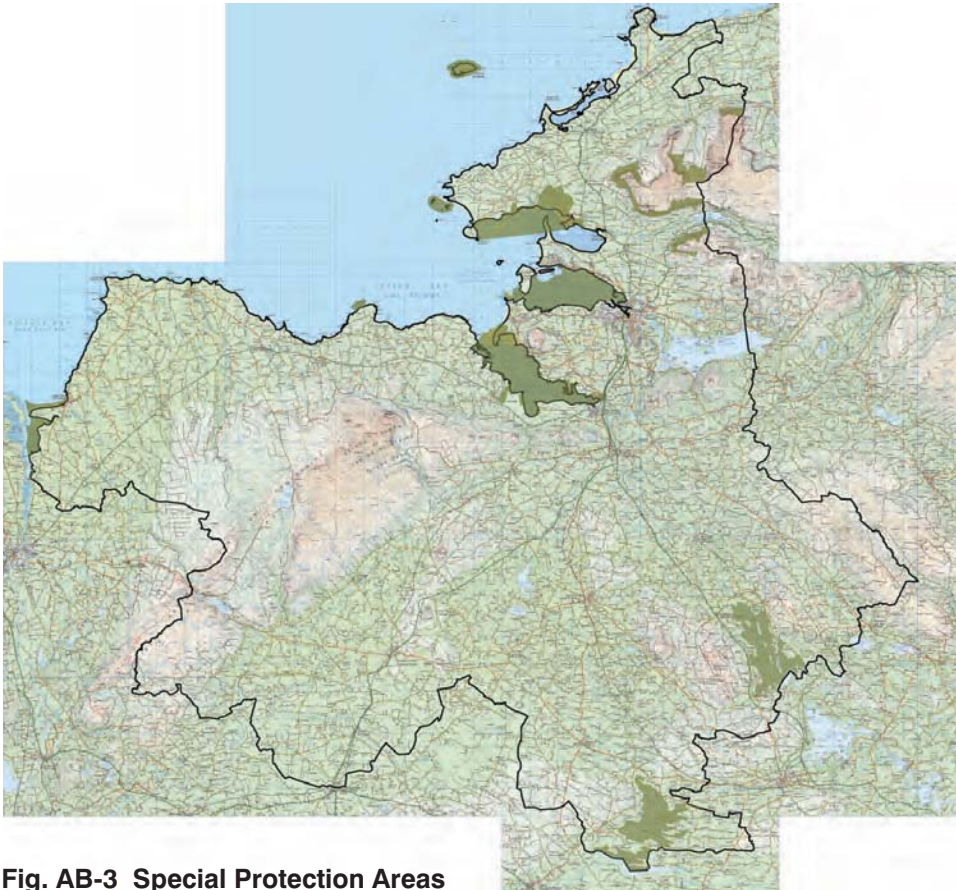


Fig. AB-3 Special Protection Areas