

River Basin Management Plan

## Water Dependent Features of Natura 2000 sites (SACs & SPAs) in Neagh Bann River Basin District.

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## **1 Introduction**

The objective for Natura 2000 Protected Areas identified in relation to relevant areas designated under the Habitats Directive is to:

- Protect and, where necessary, improve the status of the water environment to the extent necessary to achieve the conservation objectives that have been established for the protection or improvement of the site's natural habitat types and species of Community importance in order to ensure the site contributes to the maintenance of, or restoration to, favourable conservation status i.e. to protect and, where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to maintain at or restore to favourable conservation status the water-dependent habitats and species for which the Protected Area is designated.

The objective for Natura 2000 Protected Areas identified in relation to relevant areas designated under the Birds Directive is to:

- Protect and where necessary improve the water environment to the extent necessary to achieve the conservation objectives that have been established for the protection or improvement of the site in order to ensure that the site contributes to the conservation (survival and reproduction in their area of distribution) of birds species listed in Annex I of the Birds Directive.

Where a Natura 2000 Protected Area forms part of a water body or where a water body lies within a Natura 2000 Protected Area, the Water Framework Directive status objectives apply in addition to the requirement to maintain at favourable conservation status or restore it to that status. Some water bodies that coincide with Natura 2000 Protected Areas have been designated as artificial or heavily modified; in these cases the aim to achieve good ecological potential applies in addition to the objective of favourable conservation status.

Where Natura 2000 Protected Areas are failing their conservation objectives, NIEA has identified the actions that need to be taken to achieve them. Actions necessary to avoid deterioration of the areas supporting designated habitats and species have also been identified.

These actions are part of a programme of work to achieve the objectives of the EC Habitats Directive and Birds Directive.

Where Natura 2000 Protected Areas coincide with water bodies, there is also the requirement to aim to achieve the status objectives for the relevant water bodies. The actions presented in Section 2 are specifically aimed at ensuring the continued maintenance of, or restoration to, favourable conservation status for the protected areas; they may also contribute to the water body objectives.

A table for each Natura 2000 Protected Area within the River Basin District (inc. Local Management Area (LMA)) is presented including details about the site, features, conservation status and proposed measures.

## 2 Special Areas of Conservation in the Neagh Bann IRBD

### 2.1 EASTERN MOURNES

LMA which this SAC partially covers: Carlingford & Newry LMA. One waterbody in this LMA is associated with this SAC.

*Please note this SAC lies within both the Neagh Bann and North Eastern River Basin Districts.*

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>  EASTERN MOURNES	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>  SAC	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Unfavourable: Un-classified				
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	0				
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	Already at Good status				
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status ( To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)						
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Blanket bogs; Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix						
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>					
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Measure in place by</b>			
Blanket bogs	Over-grazing (including deer browsing)	There are no specific measures for the water dependent features of this Special Area of Conservation as there are no water related adverse activities causing this condition assessment.					
Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix							

### 2.2 GARRON PLATEAU

LMA which this SAC partially covers: Braid & Main LMA. Five waterbodies in this LMA are associated with this SAC.

*Please note this SAC lies within both the Neagh Bann and North Eastern River Basin Districts.*

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>  GARRON PLATEAU	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>  SAC	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Unfavourable: Un-classified				
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	2				
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	2015				
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status ( To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)						
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Blanket bogs; Saxifraga hirculus; Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters; Transition mires and quaking bogs.						
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>					

Feature	Reason	Measure	Lead Organisation	Measure in place by
Blanket bogs	Over-grazing (including deer browsing)	There are no specific measures for the water dependent features of this Special Area of Conservation as there are no water related adverse activities causing this condition assessment.		
Saxifraga hirculus				
Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix				
Dystrophic lake	Not applicable: Features in favourable condition			
Alkaline fens				
Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters				
Transition mires and quaking bogs				

## 2.3 BANN ESTUARY

LMA which this SAC partially covers: Lower Bann. Four waterbodies in this LMA are associated with this SAC.

Name of Protected Area	Protected Area Designation	Current overall conservation status of the site	Unfavourable: Un-classified			
BANN ESTUARY	SAC	Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC	3			
		Date for achieving Good Status	2021			
Overall objective for Protected Area:	Favourable Conservation Status ( To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)					
Water dependent habitats/species for designation:	Fixed dunes with herbaceous vegetation ("grey dunes"), Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae)					
Reason for site not meeting objective	Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration					
Feature	Reason	Measure	Lead Organisation	Measure in place by		
Fixed dunes with herbaceous vegetation ("grey dunes")	Under-grazing	There are no specific measures for the water dependent features of this Special Area of Conservation as there are no water related adverse activities causing this condition assessment.				
Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae)						

## 2.4 MAIN VALLEY BOGS

LMA which this SAC partially covers: Braid & Main. Four waterbodies in this LMA are associated with this SAC.

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>  MAIN VALLEY BOGS	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>  SAC	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Unfavourable: Un-classified					
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	4					
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	2021					
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status ( To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)							
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Active raised bogs							
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>						
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Measure in place by</b>				
Active raised bogs	Water management (including drainage, dredging or alterations to the water table. Could be too much water or too little)  Burning	Investigation ongoing.  Wells in place for hydrology assessment.	NIEA	Ongoing				

## 2.5 WOLF ISLAND BOG

LMA's which this SAC partially covers: Lower Bann. Two waterbodies in this LMA are associated with this SAC.

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>  WOLF ISLAND BOG	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>  SAC	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Favourable: Recovered					
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	1					
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	2015					
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status ( To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)							
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Active raised bogs							
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>						
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Measure in place by</b>				
Active raised bogs	Not applicable: Feature in favourable condition							

## 2.6 BALLYNAHONE BOG

LMAs which this SAC partially covers: Moyola. Three waterbodies in this LMA are associated with this SAC.

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>  BALLYNAHONE BOG	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>  SAC	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Unfavourable: Recovering					
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	3					
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	2021					
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status ( To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)							
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Active raised bogs							
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>						
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Measure in place by</b>				
Active raised bogs	Water management (including drainage, dredging or altering of the water table. Could be too much water or too little)	Investigation ongoing.	NIEA	Ongoing				

## 2.7 REA'S WOOD & FARR'S BAY

LMAs which this SAC partially covers: Lough Neagh, and Braid & Main. Three waterbodies in these LMAs are associated with this SAC.

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>  REA'S WOOD & FARR'S BAY	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>  SAC	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Unfavourable: Un-classified					
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	3					
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	2027					
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status ( To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)							
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae)							
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>						
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Measure in place by</b>				
Alluvial forests with	Invasive species	Ongoing invasive	NIEA	Ongoing				

Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae)	(including bracken or scrub)	management		
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## 2.8 DERRYLECKAGH

LMAs which this SAC partially covers: Carlingford & Newry. One waterbody in this LMA is associated with this SAC.

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Unfavourable: Un-classified					
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	1					
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	2015					
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status ( To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)							
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Transition mires and quaking bogs							
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>						
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Measure in place by</b>				
Transition mires and quaking bogs	Lack of remedial management (e.g. stopping-up drains, scrub cutting, erecting deer fences)	There are no specific measures for the water dependent features of this Special Area of Conservation as there are no water related adverse activities causing this condition assessment.						

## 2.9 UPPER BALLINDERRY RIVER

LMAs which this SAC partially covers: Ballinderry. Eight waterbodies in this LMA are associated with this SAC.

Name of Protected Area	Protected Area Designation	Current overall conservation status of the site	Unfavourable: Un-classified			
		Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC	7			
		Date for achieving Good Status	>2027			
Overall objective for Protected Area:	Favourable Conservation Status ( To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)					
Water dependent habitats/species for designation:	Otters, Freshwater Pearl Mussel, Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitricho-Batrachion vegetation,					
Reason for site not meeting objective	<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>					
Feature	Reason	Measure	Lead Organisation	Measure in place by		
Freshwater Pearl Mussel	Water management (including drainage, dredging or alterations to the water table. Could be too much water or too little).	5 NICMS referrals from DARD. They have all included Riparian zone management (RBAN) including fencing. Riparian zones are important for acting as buffer zones, reducing polluting incidents, soil erosion and river siltation.	NIEA, DARD	Ongoing		
	Water quality (including silt, water pollution (direct or diffuse), run-off, nutrient enrichment, eutrophication etc).	Ongoing research project Ballinderry Fish Hatchery.	Ballinderry Fish Hatchery	Ongoing		
	Game or fisheries management (e.g. introduction of stock at too high a level, over-zealous cutting of river banks, bait digging).	Development of action plans for designated freshwater pearl mussel Special Areas of Conservation	NIEA	2012		
Otters	Not applicable: Features in favourable condition					
Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitricho-Batrac-chion vegetation						

## 2.10 MONTIAGHS MOSS

LMAs which this SAC partially covers: Lough Neagh. One waterbody in this LMA is associated with this SAC.

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>  MONTIAGHS MOSS	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>  SAC	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Unfavourable: Un-classified					
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	1					
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	2027					
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status ( To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)							
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Euphydryas (Eurodryas, Hypodryas) aurinia							
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>						
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Measure in place by</b>				
Euphydryas (Eurodryas, Hypodryas) aurinia	Invasive species (including bracken or scrub).  Lack of remedial management (e.g. stopping-up drains, scrub cutting, erecting deer fences).	One NICMS referral has been received by NIEA from DARD. There are 5 MOSS agreements in place for the site. The MOSS agreements include grazing regimes.	NIEA, DARD	Ongoing				

## 2.11 PEATLANDS PARK

LMAs which this SAC partially covers: Blackwater, and Lough Neagh. Two waterbodies in this LMA are associated with this SAC.

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>  PEATLANDS PARK	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>  SAC	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Unfavourable: Un-classified					
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	2					
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	2021					
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status ( To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)							
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Active raised bogs, Bog woodland, Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration.							
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>						
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Measure in place by</b>				
Active raised bogs,	Invasive species	Investigation ongoing.	NIEA	Ongoing				

	(including bracken or scrub)  Burn	Management ongoing.		
Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration.	Invasive species (including bracken or scrub)  Water management (including drainage, dredging or alterations to the water table. Could be too much water or too little)	Investigation ongoing	NIEA	Ongoing
Bog woodland	Not applicable: Feature in favourable condition			

## 2.12 CURRAN BOG

LMAs which this SAC partially covers: Moyola. Three waterbodies in this LMA are associated with this SAC.

Name of Protected Area	Protected Area Designation	Current overall conservation status of the site	Unfavourable: Un-classified			
		Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC	3			
		Date for achieving Good Status	2021			
Overall objective for Protected Area:	Favourable Conservation Status ( To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)					
Water dependent habitats/species for designation:	Active raised bogs, Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration					
Reason for site not meeting objective	Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration					
Feature	Reason	Measure	Lead Organisation	Measure in place by		
Active raised bogs	Lack of remedial management (e.g. stopping-up drains, scrub cutting, erecting deer fences)	There are no specific measures for the water dependent features of this Special Area of Conservation as there are no water related adverse activities causing this condition assessment.				
Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration	Water management (including drainage, dredging or altering of the water table. Could be too much water or too little)	Investigation ongoing	NIEA	Ongoing		

## 2.13 DEAD ISLAND BOG

LMAs which this SAC partially covers: Lower Bann. One waterbody in this LMA is associated with this SAC.

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>  DEAD ISLAND BOG	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>  SAC	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Favourable: Un-classified					
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	0					
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	All already Good					
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status ( To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)							
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Active raised bogs							
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>						
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Measure in place by</b>				
Active raised bogs	Not applicable: Feature in favourable condition							

## 2.14 SLIEVE BEAGH

LMAs which this SAC partially covers: Blackwater. Three waterbodies in this LMA are associated with this SAC.

*Please note this SAC lies within both the Neagh Bann and North Western River Basin Districts.*

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>  SLIEVE BEAGH	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>  SAC	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Unfavourable: Un-classified					
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	1					
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	2015					
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status ( To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)							
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Blanket bogs, Dystrophic lake							
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>						
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Measure in place by</b>				
Blanket bogs	Burning.  Over-grazing (including deer browsing).	There are no specific measures for the water dependent features of this Special Area of Conservation as there are no water related adverse activities causing this condition assessment.						
Dystrophic lake	No adverse activities recorded							

## 2.15 CARN – GLENSHANE

LMAs which this SAC partially covers: Moyola, and Lower Bann. Five waterbodies in this LMA are associated with this SAC.

*Please note this SAC lies within both the Neagh Bann and North Western River Basin Districts.*

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>  CARN - GLENSHANE	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>  SAC	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Unfavourable: Un-classified					
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	2					
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	2015					
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status ( To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)							
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Blanket bogs							
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>						
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Measure in place by</b>				
Blanket bogs	Water management (including drainage, dredging or alterations to the water table. Could be too much water or too little).  Over-grazing (including deer browsing).	There are currently 2 MOSS agreements for the site.  9 NI Countryside Management Scheme referrals were received from DARD.	NIEA, DARD	Ongoing				

## 2.16 TEAL LOUGH

LMA which this SAC partially covers: Moyola. Two waterbodies in this LMA are associated with this SAC.  
*Please note this SAC lies within both the Neagh Bann and North Western River Basin Districts.*

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>  TEAL LOUGH	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>  SAC	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Favourable: Un-classified					
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	2					
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	2015					
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status ( To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)							
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Blanket Bogs							
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>						
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Measure in place by</b>				
Blanket bogs	Not applicable: Feature in favourable condition							

## 3. Special Protection Areas in the Neagh Bann IRBD

### 3.1 ANTRIM HILLS SPA

This SPA is in two River Basin Districts and covers parts of five LMAs: Braid & Main, and Sixmilewater  
Fourteen waterbodies in these LMA are associated with this SPA.

*Please note this SPA lies within both the Neagh Bann and North Eastern River Basin Districts.*

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>  ANTRIM HILLS	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>  SPA	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Not Assessed					
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	5					
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	2015					
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status (To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)							
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Hen Harrier, Merlin							
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>						
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Measure in place by</b>				
Hen Harrier	Not Assessed							
Merlin	Not Assessed							

### **3.2 LOUGH NEAGH AND LOUGH BEG SPA**

This SPA covers parts of a total of eight different LMAs in the Neagh Bann: Lough Neagh, Blackwater, Ballinderry, Moyola, Lower Bann, Braid & Main, Sixmilewater, and Upper Bann. Twenty five waterbodies in these LMAs are associated with this SPA.

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>  LOUGH NEAGH AND LOUGH BEG	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>  SPA	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Unfavourable: Un-classified					
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	24					
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	2027					
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status (To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)							
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Great Crested Grebe (breeding), Bewick's Swan, Goldeneye, Great Crested Grebe (wintering), Pochard, Scaup, Tufted Duck, Waterbird assemblage, Whooper Swan							
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>						
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Measure in place by</b>				
Great Crested Grebe (breeding)	Favourable: Un-classified	Not applicable: Features in favourable condition						
Bewick's Swan	Favourable: Un-classified							
Great Crested Grebe (wintering)	Favourable: Un-classified							
Pochard	Favourable: Un-classified							
Tufted Duck	Favourable: Un-classified							
Goldeneye	Unfavourable: Un-classified	Unfavourable SPAs require investigation to identify external and internal factors. The issues are unclear; may be changes in migratory patterns, disturbance to high tide roost sites, water quality and/or ecological factors.						
Scaup	Unfavourable: Un-classified							
Waterbird assemblage	Unfavourable: Un-classified							
Whooper Swan	Unfavourable: Un-classified							

### 3.3 CARLINGFORD LOUGH SPA

LMA which this SPA partially covers: Carlingford & Newry. Four waterbodies in this LMA are associated with this SPA.

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>  CARLINGFORD LOUGH	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>  SPA	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Favourable: Un-classified					
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	3					
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	2021					
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status (To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)							
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Arctic Tern, Common Tern, Sandwich Tern, Light-bellied Brent Goose							
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>						
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Measure in place by</b>				
Arctic Tern	Not applicable: Feature in favourable condition							
Common Tern								
Sandwich Tern								
Light-bellied Brent Goose								

### 3.4 SLIEVE BEAGH-MULLAGHAFAD-LISNASKEA SPA

LMA which this SPA partially covers: Blackwater. Three waterbodies in this LMA are associated with this SPA.

*Please note this SPA lies within both the Neagh Bann and North Western River Basin Districts.*

<b>Name of Protected Area</b>  SLIEVE BEAGH-MULLAGHAFAD-LISNASKEA SPA	<b>Protected Area Designation</b>  SPA	<b>Current overall conservation status of the site</b>	Not Assessed					
		<b>Number of waterbodies of less than good status related to this SAC</b>	1					
		<b>Date for achieving Good Status</b>	2015					
<b>Overall objective for Protected Area:</b>	Favourable Conservation Status (To protect and where necessary, improve the water or water dependent environment to the extent necessary to achieve favourable conservation status for all the water dependent features for which the protected area is designated.)							
<b>Water dependent habitats/species for designation:</b>	Hen Harrier							
<b>Reason for site not meeting objective</b>		<b>Measures proposed achieve favourable condition or prevent deterioration</b>						
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Measure in place by</b>				
Hen Harrier	Not Assessed							