

Thirteen Natura 2000 sites on the South Wexford Coast

Natura 2000 is a network of sites that stretches across all 27 European Union member states, both on land and at sea. The aim of the network is to ensure the long-term survival of the Union's most valuable and most threatened species and habitats listed under both the [Birds Directive](#) and the [Habitats Directive](#). Natura 2000 sites may be **Special Protection Areas** (SPAs) for wild birds or **Special Areas of Conservation** (SACs) for habitats and for life forms other than wild birds. The thirteen Natura 2000 sites on the South Wexford Coast are tabulated below. Statutory instruments and other details may be accessed by clicking the links in the 'Site name' column.

| Site code | Site name | Site area | Marine area | Statutory instrument |
|-----------|--|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| IE0000764 | Hook Head SAC | 17,006.27ha | 99.76% | 509/2017 |
| IE0004033 | Bannow Bay SPA | 1,363.32ha | 92.36% | 592/2011 |
| IE0000697 | Bannow Bay SAC | 1,287.86ha | 79.32% | 420/2018 |
| IE0004118 | Keeragh Islands SPA | 80.00ha | 97.02% | 68/2010 |
| IE0004020 | Ballyteige Burrow SPA | 660.24ha | 39.07% | 383/2010 |
| IE0000696 | Ballyteige Burrow SAC | 703.09ha | 44.66% | - |
| IE0004002 | Saltee Islands SPA | 870.62ha | 85.33% | 274/2010 |
| IE0000707 | Saltee Islands SAC | 15,822.26ha | 99.19% | 300/2019 |
| IE0004092 | Tacumshin Lake SPA | 476.17ha | 87.55% | 178/2010 |
| IE0000709 | Tacumshin Lake SAC | 527.66ha | 82.57% | 422/2018 |
| IE0004009 | Lady's Island Lake SPA | 478.60ha | 4.13% | 69/2010 |
| IE0000704 | Lady's Island Lake SAC | 507.00ha | 2.38% | 292/2018 |
| IE0002269 | Carnsore Point SAC | 8,736.19ha | 99.99% | 530/2016 |

(Sources: <https://natura2000.eea.europa.eu/> and <https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites>)

Because of dual-designation cross-over, the thirteen sites comprise the following eight places: five places with dual designation (Bannow Bay, Ballyteige Burrow, Saltee Islands, Tacumshin Lake and Lady's Island Lake), two SACs (Hook Head and Carnsore Point), and one SPA (Keeragh Islands).

Natura 2000 sites on the South Wexford Coast are designated for 37 named species of wild bird, 17 annexed habitats (including two priority habitats), and the Grey Seal.