

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%	435/2021
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.