

# Regional Water Resources Plan–Eastern and Midlands

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## **Appendix F**

Water Dependent Qualifying

**Interest Species and Habitats** 

Appendix F. Habitats with	Water in the El	Dependent M region	Qualifying	Interest	Species	and

Annex II species which are water dependent and their sensitivities<sup>30</sup> within the EM region

Species name	Common name	Code	Surface water dependent	Groundwater dependent	Marine water dependent**	Sensitivity to hydrological impacts	Sensitivity to water pollution	Overall Status <sup>31</sup>
Vertigo geyeri	Geyer's whorl snail	1013		✓		High	High	Bad
Vertigo moulinsiana	Desmoulin's whorl snail	1016	✓	✓		High	High	Inadequate
Margaritifera margaritifera	Freshwater pearl mussel	1029	✓			High*	High*	Bad
Austropotamobius pallipes	White- clawed crayfish	1092	✓			Medium to High	Medium to High	Bad
Salmo salar	Atlantic salmon	1106	✓		✓	High	High	Inadequate
Margaritifera durrovensis	Nore pearl mussel	1990	✓			High	High*	Bad
Trichomanes speciosum	Killarney fern	1421	✓			High	Medium	Favourable
Petromyzon marinus	Sea lamprey	1095	✓		✓	High	Medium	Bad
Lampetra planeri	Brook lamprey	1096	✓			High	Medium	Favourable
Lampetra fluviatilis	River lamprey	1099	✓			High	Medium	Unknown
Alosa fallax	Twaite shad	1103	✓		✓	High	Medium	Bad

<sup>30</sup> Table adapted from Western RBD, ESBI, Eleanor Mayes, Ecological Consultant. (2008). Water Framework Directive Annex IV Protected Areas: Water Dependent Habitats and Species in High Status Sites. Available online <sup>31</sup> National Parks and Wildlife Service (2019a). The Status of EU Protected Habitats and Species in Ireland. Volume 1: Summary Overview. Unpublished NPWS report. Edited by: Deirdre Lynn and Fionnuala O'Neill.

<sup>\*</sup> species extremely sensitive to sedimentation and changes in hydrology, flow regime etc.

<sup>\*\*</sup> water pollution affecting marine mammals from any of the proposed option types is considered unlikely given the assimilative nature of the marine environment and its very large assimilative capacity

Species name	Common name	Code	Surface water dependent	Groundwater dependent	Marine water dependent**	Sensitivity to hydrological impacts	Sensitivity to water pollution	Overall Status <sup>31</sup>
Lutra lutra	Otter	1355	✓		✓	Medium	Medium	Favourable
Vertigo angustior	Narrow- mouthed whorl snail	1014		✓		Medium	Medium	Inadequate
Tursiops truncatus	Bottle-nosed dolphin	1349			✓	N/A	-	Favourable
Phocoena phocoena	Harbour porpoise	1351			✓	N/A	-	Favourable
Phoca vitulina	Common seal	1365			✓	N/A	-	Favourable

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#### Annex I water dependent habitats within the EM region

Habitat	ependent nasitate within the Lim region	Habitat
code	Habitat name	status <sup>32</sup>
1110	Sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time	Favourable
1130	Estuaries	Inadequate
1140	Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Inadequate
1150	Coastal lagoons	Bad
1160	Large shallow inlets and bays	Bad
1170	Reefs	Inadequate
1210	Annual vegetation of drift lines	Inadequate
1220	Perennial vegetation of stony banks	Inadequate
1230	Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts	Inadequate
1310	Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand	Favourable
1330	Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae)	Inadequate
1410	Mediterranean salt meadows (Juncetalia maritimi)	Inadequate
2110	Embryonic shifting dunes	Inadequate
2120	Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> (white dunes)	Inadequate
2130	Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes)	Bad
2150	Atlantic decalcified fixed dunes (Calluno-Ulicetea)	Inadequate
2170	Dunes with Salix repens ssp. argentea (Salicion arenariae)	Inadequate
2190	Humid dune slacks	Inadequate
3110	Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae)	Bad
3140	Hard oligo-mesotrophic waters with benthic vegetation of <i>Chara</i> spp.	Bad
3150	Natural eutrophic lakes with Magnopotamion or Hydrocharition - type vegetation	Inadequate
3160	Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds	Inadequate
3180	Turloughs	Inadequate
3260	Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitricho-Batrachion vegetation	Inadequate
3270	Rivers with muddy banks with <i>Chenopodion rubri</i> p.p. and <i>Bidention</i> p.p. vegetation	Favourable
4010	Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix (flushes only)	Bad
6410	Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae)	Bad
6430	Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains and of the montane to alpine levels	Bad
7110	Active raised bogs	Bad
7120	Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration	Bad
7130	Blanket bogs (* if active bog)	Bad
7140	Transition mires and quaking bogs	Bad
7150	Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion	Bad
7210	Calcareous fens with Cladium mariscus and species of the Caricion	Inadequate

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Habitat code	Habitat name	Habitat status <sup>32</sup>
	davallianae	
7220	Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion)	Inadequate
7230	Alkaline fens	Bad
8310	Caves not open to the public	Favourable
91D0	Bog woodland	Favourable
91E0	Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae)	Bad



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## **Appendix G**

Water Dependent Qualifying

**Interest Bird Species** 

Appendix G. Water the EM region	Dependent	Qualifying	Interest	Bird	Species	in

Species code	Species name	Water dependent	Nutrient sensitive	Species status <sup>33</sup>
A001	Red-throated Diver (Gavia stellata)	✓	✓	Amber
A017	Cormorant (Phalacrocorax carbo)	✓	✓	Amber
A038	Whooper Swan (Cygnus cygnus)	✓	$\checkmark$	Amber
A043	Greylag Goose (Anser anser)	✓	✓	Amber
A048	Shelduck (Tadorna tadorna)	✓	✓	Amber
A050	Wigeon (Anas penelope)	✓	✓	Amber
A051	Gadwall (Anas strepera)	$\checkmark$	✓	Amber
A052	Teal (Anas crecca)	$\checkmark$	✓	Amber
A053	Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos)		✓	Amber
A054	Pintail (Anas acuta)	✓	✓	Amber
A056	Shoveler (Anas clypeata)		✓	Red
A059	Pochard (Aythya ferina)	$\checkmark$		Red
A061	Tufted Duck (Aythya fuligula)	✓	✓	Amber
A062	Scaup (Aythya marila)	$\checkmark$	✓	Red
A065	Common Scoter (Melanitta nigra)	$\checkmark$	✓	Red
A067	Goldeneye (Bucephala clangula)	$\checkmark$	✓	Red
A069	Red-breasted Merganser ( <i>Mergus</i> serrator)	✓	✓	Amber
A082	Hen harrier (Circus cyaneus)	✓		Amber
A098	Merlin (Falco columbarius)	$\checkmark$		Amber
A103	Peregrine (Falco peregrinus)	$\checkmark$		Green
A122	Corncrake (Crex crex)	$\checkmark$		Red
A125	Coot (Pulica atra)	$\checkmark$		Amber
A130	Oystercatcher ( <i>Haematopus</i> ostralegus)		✓	Red
A137	Ringed Plover (Charadrius hiaticula)		$\checkmark$	Amber
A140	Golden Plover (Pluvialis apricaria)	$\checkmark$	✓	Red
A141	Grey Plover (Pluvialis squatarola)	$\checkmark$	✓	Red
A142	Lapwing (Vanellus vanellus)	✓	$\checkmark$	Red
A143	Knot (Calidris canutus)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Red
A144	Sanderling (Calidris alba)		$\checkmark$	Green
A156	Black-tailed Godwit (Limosa limosa)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Red
A157	Bar-tailed Godwit (Limosa lapponica)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Red
A160	Curlew (Numenius arquata)	$\checkmark$		Red
A162	Redshank (Tringa totanus)	$\checkmark$		Red
A179	Black-headed Gull (Larus ridibundus)	$\checkmark$		Amber
A182	Common Gull (Larus canus)	$\checkmark$		Amber
A192	Tern, roseate (Sterna dougallii	$\checkmark$		Amber
A193	Tern, common (Sterna hirundo)	✓		Amber
A194	Tern, arctic (Sterna paradisaea)	$\checkmark$		Amber
A195	Tern, little (Sterna albifrons)	✓		Amber
A229	Kingfisher (Alcedo atthis)	✓	✓	Amber

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Gilbert G, Stanbury A and Lewis L (2021), "Birds of Conservation Concern in Ireland 2020 –2026". Irish Birds 9: 523—544

Species code	Species name	Water dependent	Nutrient sensitive	Species status <sup>33</sup>
A395	Greenland White-fronted Goose (Anser albifrons flavirostris)	✓	✓	Amber