Addition of Harbour Porpoise as a new Qualifying Interest to Lambay Island Special Area of Conservation 000204 in County Dublin

Ireland designates Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) in its inshore and offshore waters to protect marine habitats and species listed on Annex I and Annex II of the 1992 EU Habitats Directive.

The Minister has added Harbour Porpoise as a Qualifying Interest to Lambay Island SAC 000204 in County Dublin.

The full list of Qualifying Interests, including the newly added Harbour Porpoise, for Lambay Island SAC is as follows:

Natural Habitat Type

In this list the sign [*] indicates a priority habitat type as defined in the Directive.

Natura 2000 Code	Description
1170	Reefs
1230	Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts

Animal and Plant Species

Natura 2000 Code	Common Name	Scientific Name
1351	Harbour Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena
1364	Grey Seal	Halichoerus grypus
1365	Harbour Seal	Phoca vitulina

The Minister has reason to believe that certain activities may cause disturbance of and may impact on the conservation status of this species and the existing Qualifying Interests. These activities, known as Activities Requiring Consent (ARCs), are contained in a Ministerial Direction listing all the ARCs that apply to this site. These activities cannot be carried out, caused or permitted to be carried out or continued to be carried out in the SAC, unless it is with the consent of the Minister.

It is an offence to contravene this Direction by carrying out any of the activities within the site unless the activity is carried out with the consent of the Minister or another statutory authority (in practice, such consent should be sought initially from the Department's National Parks and Wildlife Service https://www.npws.ie/contact-us).

The list of Activities Requiring Consent that apply to this site are:

ARC Code Description

ARC 01 Reclamation, including infilling.

- ARC 03 Blasting, drilling, dredging or otherwise removing or disturbing fossils, rock, minerals, mud, sand, gravel or other sediment.
- ARC 05 Cutting, uprooting or otherwise removing plants. [Consent is not required for harvesting of cultivated crops, or for grazing or mowing.]
- ARC 06 Introduction, or re-introduction, of plants or animals not found in the area. [Consent is not required for the planting of crops on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land.]
- ARC 08 Undertaking scientific research involving the collection and removal of biological material.
- ARC 09 Construction or alteration of tracks, paths, roads, bridges, culverts or access routes.
- ARC 10 Construction, removal or alteration of fences, stone walls, hedgerows, banks or any field boundary other than temporary electric fencing. [Consent is not required for normal maintenance.]
- ARC 11 Digging, ploughing, harrowing or otherwise disturbing soil or substrate. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 50m from a river, stream, floodplain, wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]
- ARC 12 Applying inorganic or organic fertiliser, including slurry and farmyard manure. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]
- ARC 13 Applying lime. [Consent is not required for this activity on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]
- ARC 14 Storage, burial, disposal or recovery of any materials. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]
- ARC 15 Burning, topping, clearing scrub or rough vegetation or reseeding. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]
- ARC 18 Application of pesticides, including herbicides. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]
- ARC 19 Supplementary feeding of livestock. [Consent is not required for this activity on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]
- ARC 20 Significant changes in livestock density (including introduction of grazing), changes in livestock type or grazing season, other than on established reseeded grassland. [Consent is not required for changes of less than 20% in livestock density unless notice has been given that a lower percentage is applicable to a particular site.]
- ARC 24 Works on, or alterations to, the banks, bed or flow of a drain, watercourse or waterbody.

- ARC 25 Drainage works including digging, deepening, widening or blocking a drain, watercourse or waterbody.
- ARC 28 Felling of trees or removing timber, including dead wood.
- ARC 29 Planting of trees or multi-annual bioenergy crops.
- ARC 31 Developing or consenting to the development or operation of commercial recreational/visitor facilities or organised recreational activities.
- ARC 35 Undertaking active acoustic surveys in the marine environment.
- ARC 36 Harvesting marine invertebrate species in intertidal areas.
- ARC 37 Driving mechanically propelled vehicles in intertidal areas, except over prescribed access routes.

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