

The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

Name: Killough Bay and Strand Lough

Unitary Authority/County: Down District Council, County Down

Consultation proposal: Killough Bay and Strand Lough Area of Special Scientific Interest has been selected for designation as a Ramsar site because of its important wintering population of waterfowl.

Site description: Killough Bay and Strand Lough encompasses the inter-tidal areas, and additional adjoining areas of notable habitat. These include mudflats, sand dominated beaches, gravel and cobble units and rocky shore. Additional habitat includes a brackish lagoon with associated swamp, fen and wet grassland. The principal interest is the wintering population of Light-bellied Brent Goose. The boundary of the Ramsar site is entirely coincident with the Killough Bay and Strand Lough Area of Special Scientific Interest.

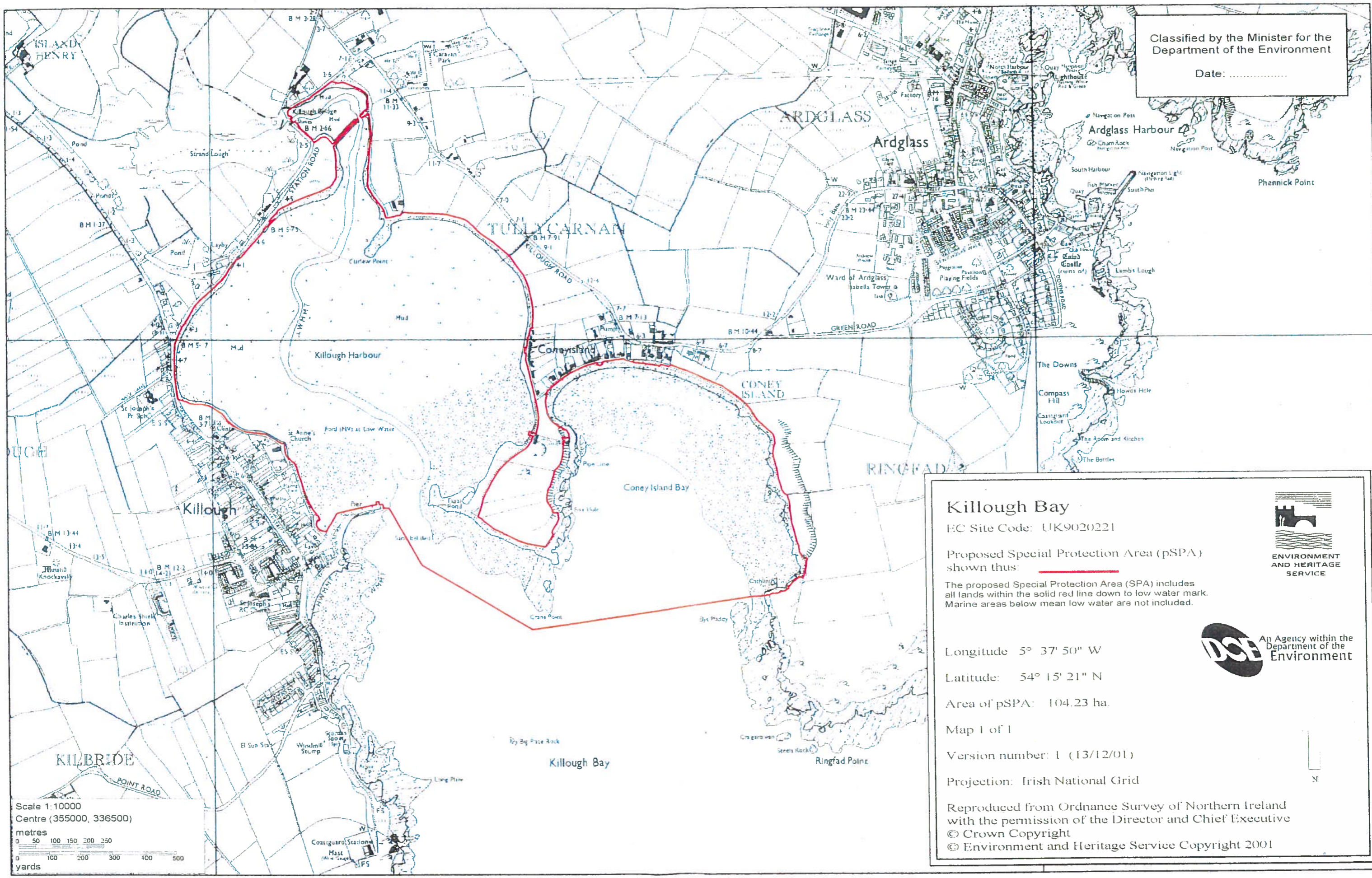
Size of Ramsar site: The Ramsar site covers an area of 175.91 ha.

International importance of Ramsar site: Killough Bay and Strand Lough is a Wetland of International Importance because it qualifies under **Criterion 6** as it regularly supports 1% of the individuals in a population of one species or subspecies of waterbird in any season:

Species	Count and season	Period	Biogeographic %
Light-bellied Brent Goose <i>Branta bernicla hrota</i>	354 individuals - wintering	5 year peak mean for 1992/93 - 1996-97	1.8% international population

Bird figures from: WeBS database

Classified by the Minister for the Department of the Environment
Date:





Killough Bay
 EC Site Code: UK9020221

Proposed Special Protection Area (pSPA) shown thus:

The proposed Special Protection Area (SPA) includes all lands within the solid red line down to low water mark. Marine areas below mean low water are not included.

Longitude 5° 37' 50" W
 Latitude: 54° 15' 21" N
 Area of pSPA: 104.23 ha.
 Map 1 of 1
 Version number: 1 (13/12/01)
 Projection: Irish National Grid

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