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EC Directive 79/409 on the Conservation of Wild Birds: Citation for Special Protection Area (SPA)

Name: Killough Bay Special Protection Area

Unitary Authority/County: Down District Council, County Down

Consultation proposal: part of the Killough Bay and Strand Lough Area of Special Scientific Interest has been selected for classification as a Special Protection Area because of its important wintering population of waterfowl.

Site description: Killough Bay 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. The principal interest is the wintering population of Light-bellied Brent Goose. The boundary of the Killough Bay Special Protection Area includes Killough Harbour and Coney Island Bay.

Size of SPA: The SPA covers an area of 104.23 ha.

Qualifying species:

The site qualifies under **Article 4.2** of the Directive (79/409/EEC) by supporting internationally important populations of the following species:

Species	Count and Season	Period	% of population
Light-bellied Brent Goose <i>Branta bernicla hrota</i>	individuals – wintering	354 individuals – wintering	1.8 % international population 5yr peak mean 92/3 - 96/7

Bird figures from: WeBS database

Status of SPA

Killough Bay was classified as a Special Protection Area on date (Day, Month, Year).