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**ENVIRONMENT
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SERVICE**

**SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA UNDER THE TERMS OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY DIRECTIVE 79/409/EEC ON THE CONSERVATION OF WILD BIRDS**

IRISH GRID REFERENCE J 424997

Area: 0.1 hectares

Swan Island Special Protection Area (SPA) incorporates and coincides with the Swan Island National Nature Reserve (NNR) boundary. The 0.1ha island is located within Larne Lough, 3.1km from the mouth. The island is formed by stabilised shingle, gravel and stones overlain by a thin layer of soil.

Swan Island qualifies under article 4.1 by supporting, in summer, nationally important breeding populations of the following Annex 1 species: an average of 22 pairs of Roseate Tern Sterna dougallii (4.5% of the British and Irish breeding population and 6.5% of the all Ireland breeding population) and an average of 205 pairs of Common Tern Sterna hirundo (1% of the British and Irish breeding population and 7% of the all Ireland breeding population). Small numbers of Sandwich Terns Sterna sandvicensis and Arctic Terns Sterna paradisaea also breed.

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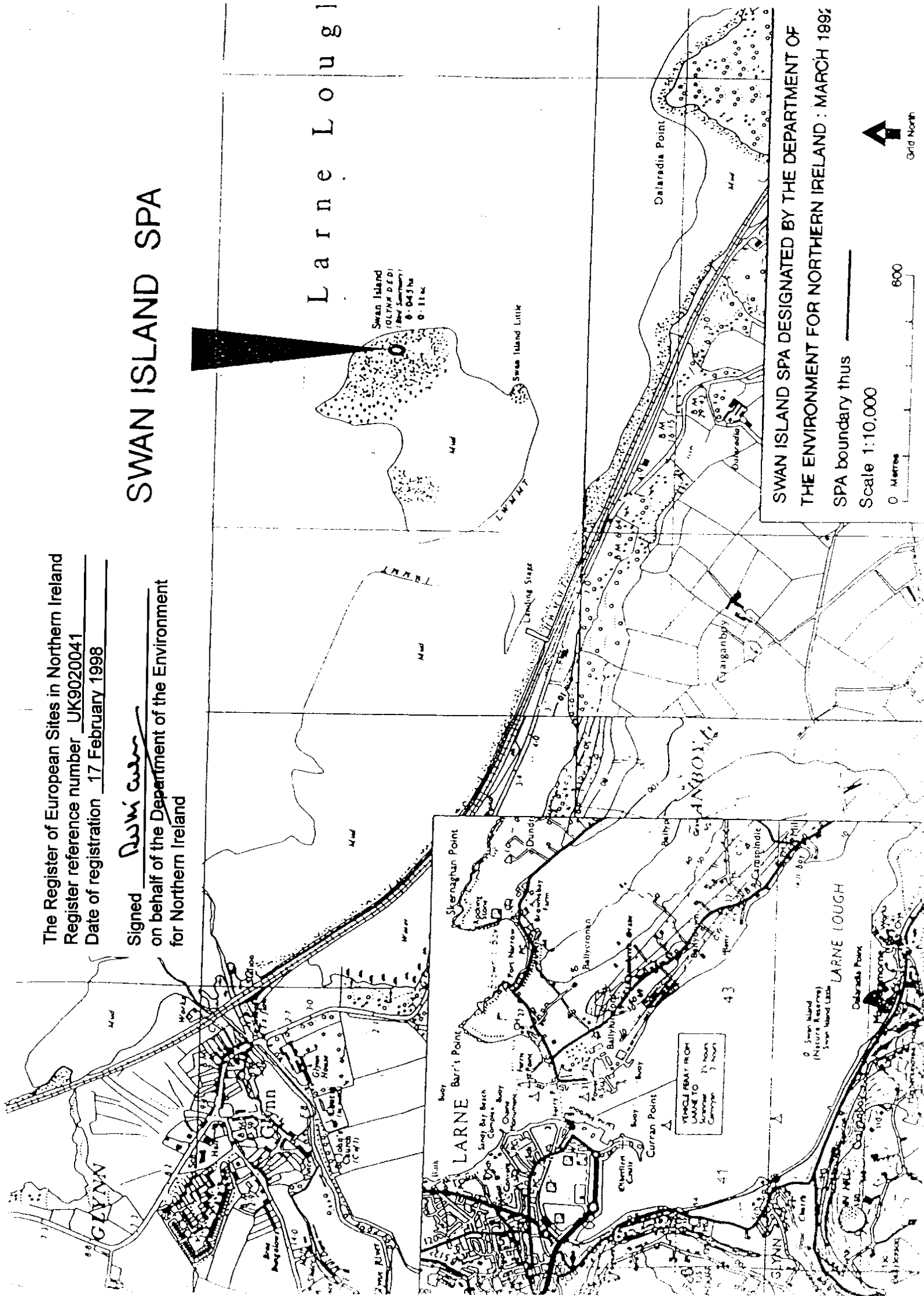
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SWAN ISLAND SPA

Larne Lough



SWAN ISLAND SPA DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
THE ENVIRONMENT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND : MARCH 1992
SPA boundary thus
Scale 1:10,000
0 Metres 800
Grid North