

European Sites

The Shannon River acts hub of environmental activity and is home to many unique habitats.

The Natura 2000 Network comprise two types of sites namely Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) designed under the EU Habitats Directive and Special Protection Areas (SPA) designed under the EU Birds Directive. These designated sites are considered to be important on a European as well as Irish level and include habitats and species of conservation value.

There are 2 such sites which stretch along the River Shannon and which overlap in the estuary which pass through the scheme area:

002165 - Lower River Shannon SAC

004077 - River Shannon River Fergus Estuaries SPA.

