Irish Wetlands – Field Survey Form

Date and Time		
Surveyor Name		
Location	General description:	National grid reference:
Weather	Current weather: Preceding weather:	

Photos	Photo Number	Description
	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
	4.	
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary	

Landscape setting: refer to guidance manual for further detail	1a Coastal: Sand dunes		3b Waterside: Isolated floodplain		5 Valley bottom/basin	
	1b Coastal: Intertidal or near tidal		3c Waterside: Streamside		6 Peatland	
	2 Coastal plain		3d Waterside: Lakeside		7a Cliff ledges and boulder/scree fields	
	3a Waterside: Floodplain		4 Slope		7b Other montane	
	If the landscape setting does not fit with the above, or more detail is required, add information here:					

Hydrological features	Coast		Pond		Spring	
	Sea lake		River		Standing water/puddles	
	Freshwater lake		Stream			
	If there are other features, or more detail is required, add information here:					

Soil Indicators	Peat		Peat hags		Tufa	
	Mineral Soil (e.g. sand, clay, loam)		Peat gullies		Machair sands	
	Bare rock		Sand dunes			
	If the soil type does not fit in with the above, or you can also describe the geology, add information here:					

Vegetation indicators	Willow		Birch		Scots pine	
	Alder		Rushes		Small sedges	
	Broad-leaved sedges		Tussock sedge		Reeds	
	Carpet forming mosses		Heather		Cottongrass	
	Other (specify)					
	Height of vegetation (excluding trees): Ankle height ☐ Knee Height ☐ Waist Height ☐ Head Height ☐ Above Head Height ☐					

Existing pressures: refer to guidance manual for more detail	Impoundment		Flood defences		Drainage	
	Nutrient enrichment		Overgrazing		Poaching of ground	
	Cutting of vegetation		Lack of management		Peat cutting	
	Invasive non-native species		Infilling		Agricultural reclamation	
	Forestry					
	Other, more detail:					

Sketch	On a separate sheet of paper, sketch the wetland and surrounding area. The sketch should include: ◥ The surrounding landscape and topography ◥ Any hydrological features ◥ Locations and extents of different habitat types within the wetland ◥ An indication of scale and orientation of the sketch (north points to the top of the page)

Habitat type identification:

In the box below record decisions about the wetland type (refer to section 6 of the guidance manual). If there is more than one habitat type within the wetland, record all types and mark on the sketch map their extents. Note the most dominant types in the comments box below.

Wetland type		Select if present (✔)	Photo number or sketch	Comments, including brief description of location and extent
1a	Bog woodland			
1b	Other wet woodland			
2	Marsh			
3a	Upland flushes			
3b	Tufa-forming springs			
3c	Other springs			
3d	Seepages/flushes			
4	Fen			
5	Swamp			
6	Reedbed			
7	Wet heath			
8a	Raised bog			
8b	Blanket bog			
8c	Transition mire and quaking bog			
9	Salt marsh			
10	Dune slacks			
11	Wet machair			
12	Turlough			
13	Flood meadows			

State dominant wetland type(s), and add any other comments: