

SLIGO - COUNTY GEOLOGICAL SITE REPORT

NAME OF SITE	Aughris Head
Other names used for site	
TOWNLAND(S)	Aughris
NEAREST TOWN	Drumard
SIX INCH MAP NUMBER	12
NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE	149975 336800 = G 50 37
1:50,000 O.S. SHEET NUMBER	25
	1/2 inch Sheet No. 7

Outline Site Description

Coastal cliffs and rock exposures.

Geological System/Age and Primary Rock Type

Carboniferous Limestone.

Main Geological or Geomorphological Interest

A good series of Lower Carboniferous (Viséan) strata is exposed on the cliffs.

Site Importance

This is a County Geological Site for the Lower Carboniferous stratigraphy.

Management/promotion issues

The site is already an SPA for the bird interest and promoted as such as in NPWS (Dúchas) publications, and as cliffs there are no management issues for protection in a dynamic environment. Safety of visitors and access may be issues, but generally it may not be advisable to promote this site for its geological interest with anyone other than specialists.

The site boundary may be taken as the existing SPA boundary definition.

Aughris Head

Long 8° 45' W

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