



<b>Project:</b>	Balbriggan Harbour Dredging						
<b>Client</b>	Fingal County Council						
<b>Subject</b>	MARA MUL Application – National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 - 2030						
<b>Orig. by</b>	CM	<b>Appr. by</b>	AA	<b>Date</b>	13/02/2026	<b>Doc. Ref:</b>	C0203-AYE-XX-ZZ-TN-MA-0410

## National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 - 2030

Ireland’s 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan (NBAP) sets the national biodiversity agenda for the period 2023-2030 and aims to deliver the transformative changes required to the ways in which we value and protect nature. It will continue to implement actions within the framework of five strategic objectives:

- Objective 1: Adopt a Whole-of-Government, Whole-of-Society Approach to Biodiversity
- Objective 2: Meet Urgent Conservation and Restoration Needs
- Objective 3: Secure Nature’s Contribution to People
- Objective 4: Enhance the Evidence Base for Action on Biodiversity
- Objective 5: Strengthen Ireland’s Contribution to International Biodiversity Initiatives

The proposed works are cognisant of the requirement to conserve biodiversity in Ireland, particularly in respect of the requirements of the Habitats Directive regarding the preservation of Natura 2000 Protected Sites. As such, the MUL Application for these proposed works is accompanied by a NIS which considered potential effects to three European Sites and / or on the conservation objectives of their Qualifying Interests (QIs)/Special Conservation Interests (SCIs) through surface water, air, and/or land pathways. The NIS has been prepared cognisant of the requirements of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC). It includes a series of mitigation recommendations where potentially significant adverse impacts were identified. These would ensure that the integrity of the QIs and SCI first and foremost but by association and given the nature of the measures proposed, would also contribute generally to the protection of biodiversity interests, ocean health, water quality, underwater noise and sea-floor and water column integrity.