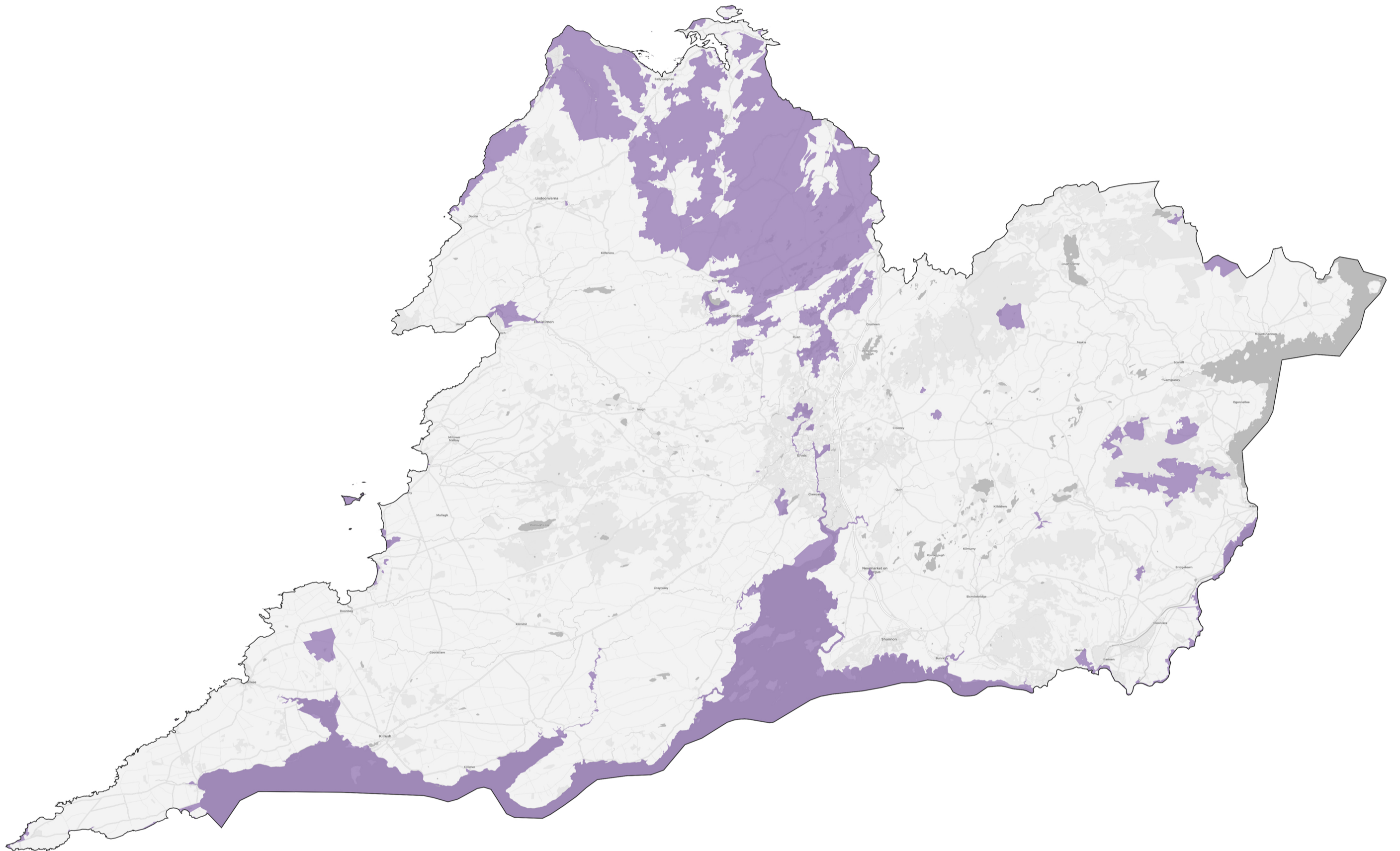


Special Areas of Conservation



Clare

Sample of plants, habitats, and animals within the Special Areas of Conservation found in Clare:

Reefs; Perennial vegetation of stony banks; Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes); Water courses of plain to montane levels with the *Ranunculus fluitans* and *Callitriche-Batrachion* vegetation; Alpine and Boreal heaths; *Juniperus communis* formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands; Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (*Festuco-Brometalia*) (important orchid sites); Lowland hay meadows (*Alopecurus pratensis*, *Sanguisorba officinalis*); Petrifying springs with tufa formation (*Cratoneurion*); Limestone pavements; Submerged or partially submerged sea caves; *Petalophyllum ralfsii* (Petalwort); *Molinia* meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (*Molinion caeruleae*); *Salicornia* and other annuals colonising mud and sand; Atlantic salt meadows (*Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritima*); Mediterranean salt meadows (*Juncetalia maritimi*); Shifting dunes along the shoreline with *Ammophila arenaria* (white dunes); Large shallow inlets and bays; *Rhinolophus hipposideros* (Lesser Horseshoe Bat).