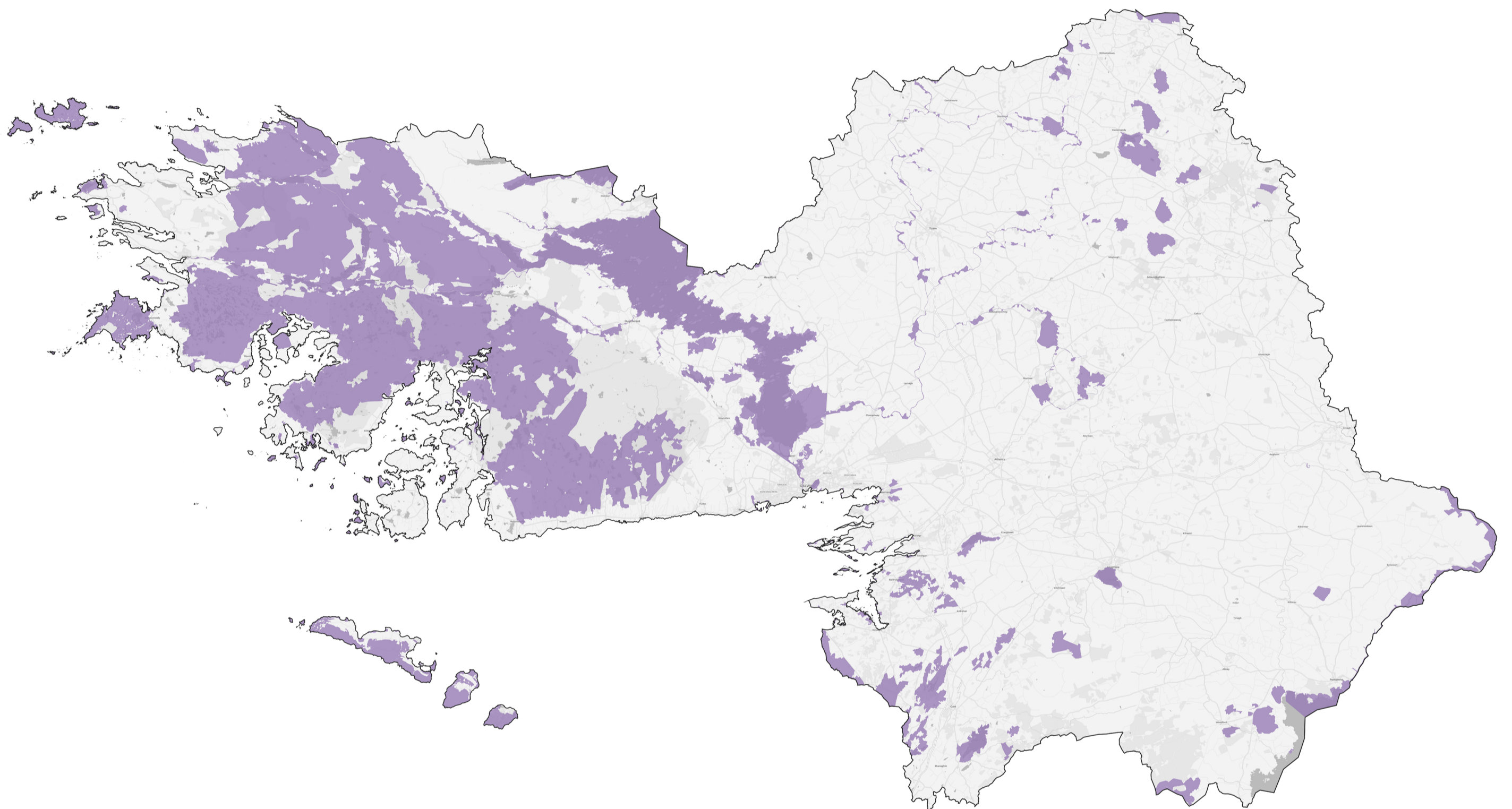


Special Areas of Conservation



Galway

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

Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide; Coastal lagoons; Large shallow inlets and bays; Reefs; Perennial vegetation of stony banks; Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts; *Salicornia* and other annuals colonising mud and sand; Atlantic salt meadows (*Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritima*); Mediterranean salt meadows (*Juncetalia maritimi*); Turloughs; *Juniperus communis* formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands; Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (*Festuco-Brometalia*); Calcareous fens with *Cladium mariscus* and species of the *Caricion davalliana*; Alkaline fens; Limestone pavements; *Lutra lutra* (Otter); *Phoca vitulina* (Harbour Seal); Hard oligo-mesotrophic waters with benthic vegetation of *Chara* spp.; *Rhinolophus hipposideros* (Lesser Horseshoe Bat); *Najas flexilis* (Slender Naiad); *Hamatocaulis vernicosus* (Slender Green Feather-moss); Bog woodland; *Margaritifera margaritifera* (Freshwater Pearl Mussel); *Austropotamobius pallipes* (White-clawed Crayfish); *Petromyzon marinus* (Sea Lamprey); *Lampetra planeri* (Brook Lamprey); *Salmo salar* (Salmon).