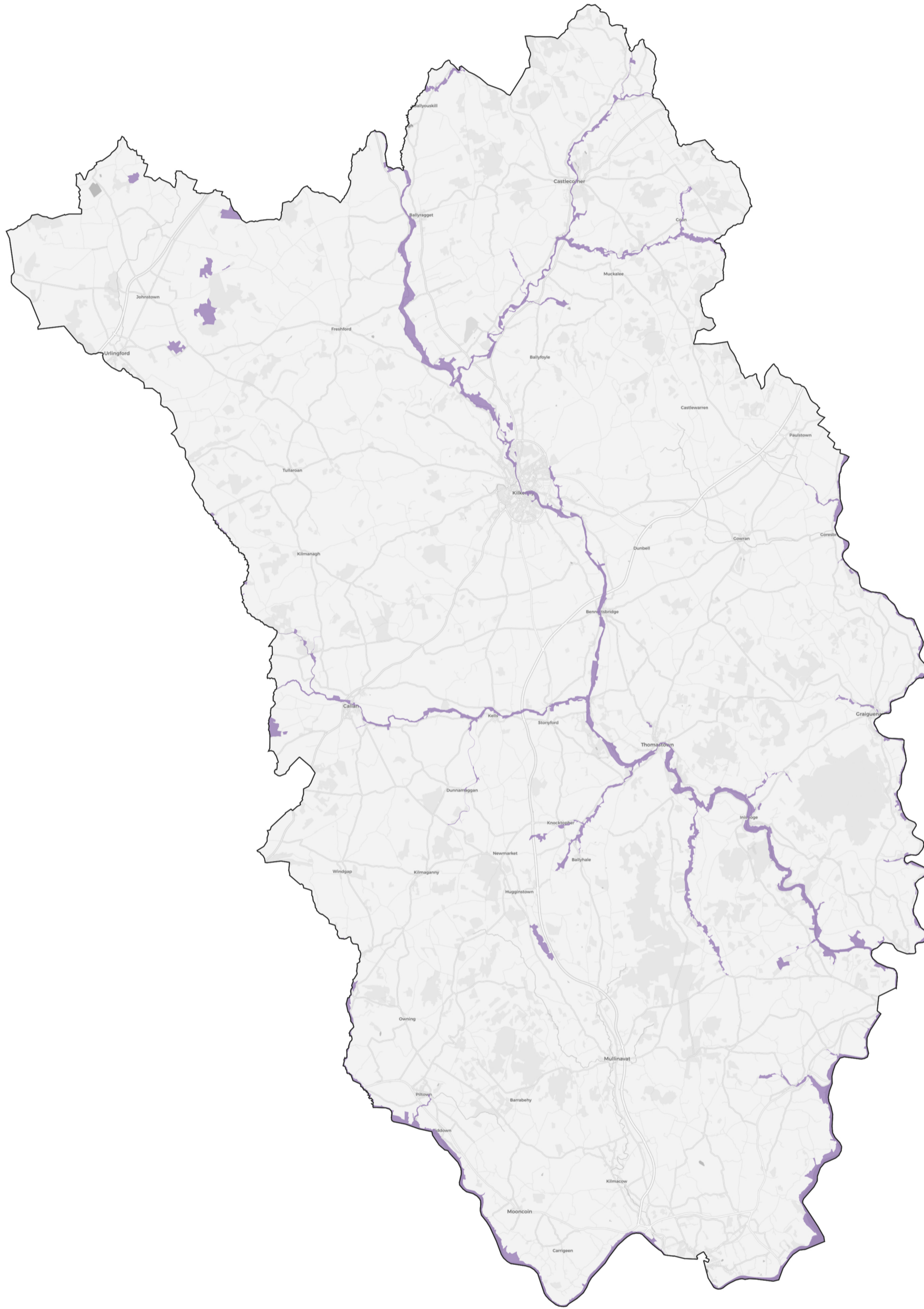


Special Areas of Conservation



Kilkenny

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

Alkaline fens; Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion); Estuaries; Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide; Reefs; Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand; Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitriche-Batrachion vegetation; European dry heaths; Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains and of the montane to alpine levels; Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion); Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles; Alluvial forests with *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus excelsior* (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae); *Vertigo moulinsiana* (Desmoulin's Whorl Snail); *Margaritifera margaritifera* (Freshwater Pearl Mussel); *Austropotamobius pallipes* (White-clawed Crayfish); *Petromyzon marinus* (Sea Lamprey); *Lampetra planeri* (Brook Lamprey); *Lampetra fluviatilis* (River Lamprey); *Alosa fallax fallax* (Twaite Shad); *Salmo salar* (Salmon); *Lutra lutra* (Otter); *Trichomanes speciosum* (Killarney Fern); *Margaritifera durrovensis* (Nore Pearl Mussel).