

Resources used to develop the Irish Vegetation Classification (IVC)



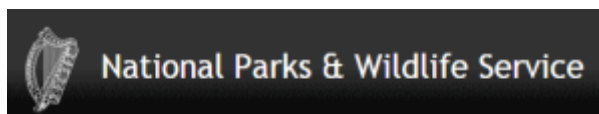
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Many sources of Irish vegetation data were compiled and used to develop the IVC:

- The **National Vegetation Database**, maintained by the National Biodiversity Data Centre, holds data from over 30,000 relevés and provided a vital core resource for the development of the classification system.



- Recent habitat surveys, commissioned by National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS), have produced several separate, statistically defined, relevé-based national scale classifications for habitats. These data can be accessed through the NPWS maps and data webpages: <https://www.npws.ie/maps-and-data>

[Irish Semi Natural Grassland Survey](#)

[National Survey of Native Woodlands](#)

[National Survey of Upland Habitats](#)

[National Survey of Limestone Pavement](#)

[National Survey of Irish Sea Cliffs](#)

[The conservation status of Juniper formations in Ireland](#)



- A recent project funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has also produced a similar scheme for saltmarshes.

[Saltmarsh Angiosperm Assessment Tool for Ireland](#)

- In addition, there is a wealth of information in the many Ph.D. theses which have been written over the last few decades focusing on the phytosociology of the various habitats.

The IVC seeks to integrate these data and ideas into a single framework.