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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora[(1)], and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 4(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Atlantic biogeographical region referred to in Article 1(c)(iii) of Directive 92/43/EEC comprises the Union territories of Ireland, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, and parts of the Union territories of Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Spain, France and Portugal as specified in the biogeographical map approved on 20 April 2005 by the committee set up by Article 20 of that Directive (the 'Habitats Committee').

(2) The initial list of sites of Community importance for the Atlantic biogeographical region, within the meaning of Directive 92/43/EEC, was adopted by Commission Decision 2004/813/EC[(2)].

(3) The sites included in the list of sites of Community importance for the Atlantic biogeographical region form part of the Natura 2000 network which is an essential element of the protection of biodiversity in the Union. In order to make further progress in the actual establishment of the Natura 2000 network and in the context of a dynamic adaptation of that network, the lists of sites of Community importance are reviewed regularly.

(4) The twelfth update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Atlantic biogeographical region was adopted by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/19[(3)]. That Implementing Decision was repealed by the Commission Implementing Decision adopting the thirteenth update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Atlantic biogeographical region, adopted after a vote in the Habitats Committee on 14 November 2019 and notified to the Member States under document C(2019) 8591 on 29 November 2019.

(5) Following the adoption of the Implementing Decision notified to the Member States under document C(2019) 8591 on 29 November 2019, it transpired that the list adopted

by that Implementing Decision differed from the list that had been submitted to the Habitats Committee for opinion as the latter contained clerical errors in terms of the area of seven sites located in Spain and one in Ireland. Therefore, it is necessary to repeal that Implementing Decision and to adopt the thirteenth update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Atlantic biogeographical region anew after consulting the Habitats Committee, with effect from the date of notification of the Implementing Decision being repealed.

(6) Knowledge of the existence and distribution of the natural habitat types and species is constantly evolving as a result of the surveillance undertaken in accordance with Article 11 of Directive 92/43/EEC.

(7) The thirteenth update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Atlantic biogeographical region is based on data submitted by Member States between 1 June 2018 and 13 March 2019, concerning proposals for additional sites of Community importance for the Atlantic biogeographical region. Member States have also submitted changes in the site-related information contained in the list of sites of Community importance for the Atlantic biogeographical region.

(8) On the basis of the draft list drawn up by the Commission in agreement with each of the Member States concerned, which also identifies sites hosting priority natural habitat types or priority species, an updated list of sites selected as sites of Community importance for the Atlantic biogeographical region should be adopted. Article 4(4) and Article 6 of Directive 92/43/EEC apply to all the sites listed.

(9) Certain Member States have not proposed sufficient sites to meet the requirements of Directive 92/43/EEC for certain habitat types and species. Furthermore, knowledge of the existence and distribution of some of the natural habitat types listed in Annex I and some of the species listed in Annex II to Directive 92/43/EEC remains incomplete. For those habitat types and species it can therefore not be concluded that the Natura 2000 network is complete.

(10) In the interests of clarity and transparency, Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/19 should be repealed with effect from the date of notification of the Implementing Decision notified to the Member States under document C(2019) 8591.

(11) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Habitats Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The thirteenth update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Atlantic biogeographical region as set out in the Annex is adopted with effect from 29 November 2019.

Article 2

Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/19 and the Implementing Decision adopting the thirteenth update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Atlantic

biogeographical region, notified to the Member States under document C(2019) 8591 on 29 November 2019, are repealed with effect from 29 November 2019.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24 March 2020.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/495. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX

Thirteenth update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Atlantic biogeographical region

Each site of Community importance (SCI) is identified by the information supplied in the Natura 2000 format, including the corresponding map. This information has been transmitted by the competent national authorities in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 4(1) of Directive 92/43/EEC.

The table below gives the following information:

A : SCI code comprising nine characters, the first two being the ISO code for the Member State;
B : name of SCI;
C : * = presence on the SCI of at least one priority natural habitat type and/or species within the meaning of Article 1 of Directive 92/43/EEC;
D : area of SCI in hectares or length of SCI in km;
E : geographical coordinates of SCI (latitude and longitude) in decimal degrees.

All the information given in the Union list below is based on the data proposed, transmitted and validated by Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Spain, France, Netherlands, Portugal and the United Kingdom.

A	B	C	D		E	
SCI code	**Name of SCI**	*	**Area of SCI (ha)**	**Length of SCI (km)**	**Geographical coordinates of SCI**	
					Longitude	**Latitude**
ES1200023	Río Eo (Asturias)	*	107,4012	23	-7,1329	43,4221
ES1200024	Río Porcía	*	64,5189	9	-6,8775	43,5309
ES1200025	Río Navia	*	95,6107	8	-6,7231	43,485
ES1200048	Alto Navia	*	74,5374	11,5	-6,9619	43,0207
ES1200051	Río Ibias	*	171,4365	29,5	-6,7923	42,987
ES1200052	Río Trubia	*	81,1843	14,5	-5,9892	43,28
ES1200054	Ríos Negro y Aller	*	135,6733	32,75	-5,5969	43,1483
IE0000397	Red Bog, Kildare SAC		36,4722	0	-6,5351	53,1968
IE0000475	Carrowkeel Turlough SAC	*	40,967	0	-9,0595	53,6674
IE0000612	Mullygollan Turlough SAC	*	35,8864	0	-8,3061	53,7643

IE0002268	Achill Head SAC		6 892,3604	0	-10,1614	53,9617
BE1000001	La Forêt de Soignes avec lisières et domaines boisés avoisinants et la Vallée de la Woluwe - complexe Forêt de Soignes - Vallée de la Woluwe	*	2 066	0	4,4306	50,7833
BE1000002	Zones boisées et ouvertes au Sud de la Région bruxelloise - complexe Verrewinkel - Kinsendael	*	134	0	4,3549	50,7879
BE1000003	Zones boisées et zones humides de la Vallée du Molenbeek dans le Nord-Ouest de la Région bruxelloise	*	116	0	4,3055	50,8825
BE2100015	Kalmthoutse Heide		2 064	0	4,4167	51,4
BE2100016	Klein en Groot Schietveld	*	2 288	0	4,5833	51,3667
BE2100017	Bos- en heidegebieden ten oosten van Antwerpen	*	5 240	0	4,7444	51,2667
BE2100019	Het Blak, Kievitsheide,	*	697	0	4,8	51,3333