Asset Ref No.	TYR 017:033 Neolithic & Bronze Age Settlement Site, Early Christian Crannog & Plantation Castle: Island Machugh	
Heritage Type	Built	
Location	OS 6-inch map sheet	TYR 017
	Townland	Barons Court
	Parish	Ardstraw
	LCA	Foyle Valley
	ITM Coordinates	
	NG Coordinates	H3646083780
Protection Status	SMR; Scheduled Area	
Condition	Substantial Remains	
Ownership (if known)		
Site Description	This island was discovered on excavation to be a multiperiod occupation site, with activity from the Neolithic, Bronze Age, Early Christian & Medieval. Finds from the Neolithic consisted of worked flint & pottery. The Bronze Age saw the 1st artificial extension to the island with an occupation layer including pottery, charcoal & burnt animal bones. The main crannog building took place in the Early Christian period, with oak timbers dated to 601-619 AD. In Medieval times, the tower-house & bawn were built.	
Landscape Context (setting)	Located within Lough Catherine, approximately 3.5km southwest of Newtownstewart, west of the B84 road, in a woodland landscape.	
Site Appraisal	This is a scheduled site and area, which is an indication of its significance to the archaeological record of Northern Ireland.	
Sensitivity	This site is located on an island and therefore is less prone to human interference.	
Associations:	The site contains multi-period settlement from the Neolithic onward. Thusly it may have been associated with many of the other archaeological sites within the wider landscape. It is located approximately 300m northwest of Derrywoone Castle (TYR 017:034) and approximately 1km northwest of Portal tomb Cloghogle (TYR017:035).	
Recommendations	The site is not very accessible, being on an island, however it may form part of a visitor attraction when grouped together with the nearby scheduled sites TYR017:035 & TYR 017:034.	







