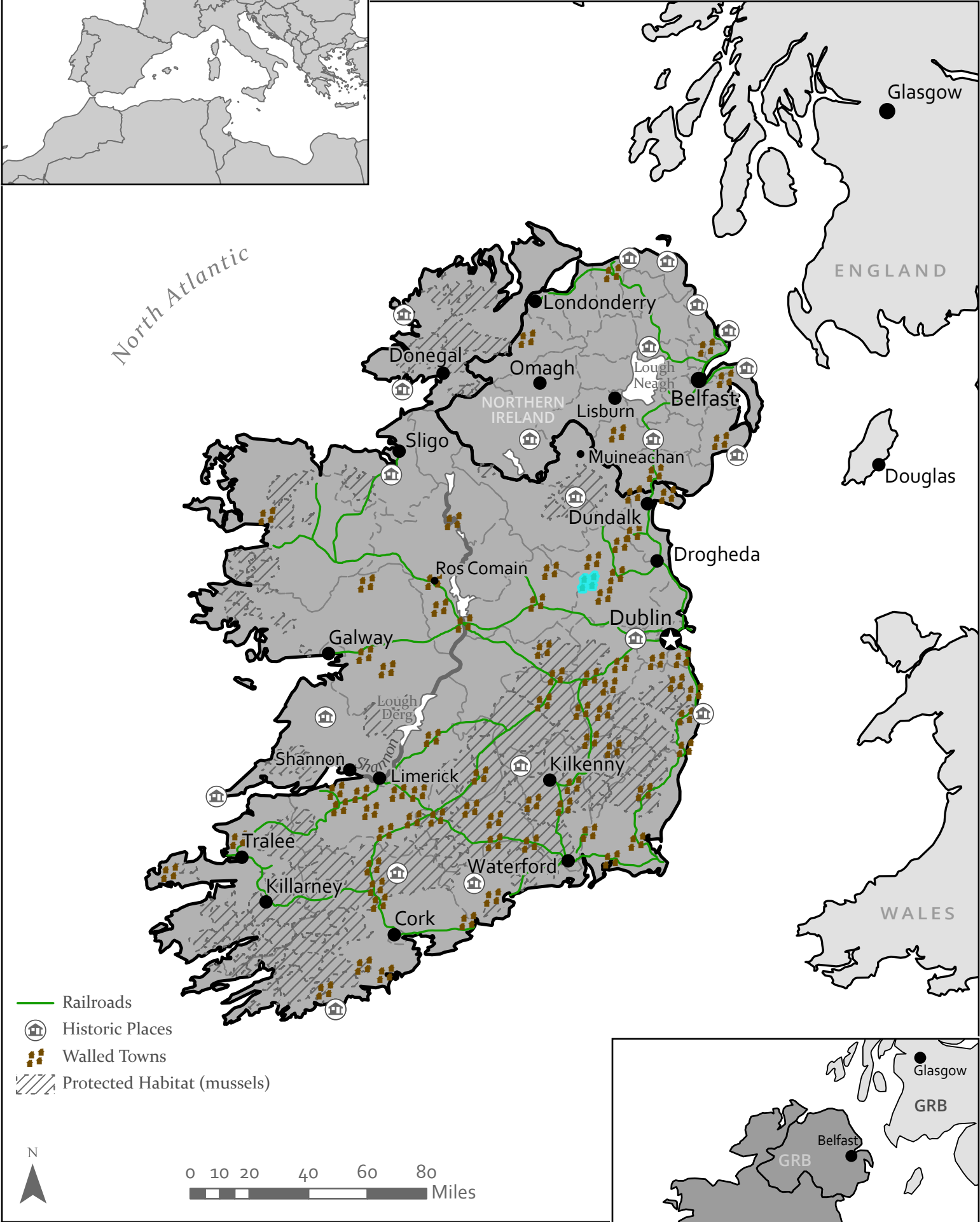


# IRELAND



Ireland is located in the British Isles, and is the second-largest of the islands. Historically, Ireland was under British rule from the 16th century until the creation of the United Kingdom in the late 1700's. In the early 1900's Ireland set up its own republic, with Northern Ireland remaining in the United Kingdom.