



“Restoration of the Lower Shannon SAC (Mulkear River) for Sea Lamprey, Atlantic Salmon and the European Otter”

Press Release

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MulkearLIFE DVD Now Available

The recently completed MulkearLIFE DVD has been uploaded on YouTube (Irish Angling Update channel) and is available to view in full or on a chapter by chapter basis. Please have a look if you have not already viewed it. Please see the opening 3 minute clip here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7vBWB4CeLQ&feature=em-uploademail>. All other clips / chapters are available from the above.



Use of remote camera for filming (Image: Ruairí Ó Conchúir)

The DVD gives a comprehensive overview of the work of MulkearLIFE (2010 to 2014) on the Restoration of the Lower Shannon SAC for Sea Lamprey, Atlantic Salmon & European Otter. The DVD is divided into 8 chapters for ease of viewing.



Interviewing project partners – Dr. Martin O’Grady, IFI (Image: Ruairí Ó Conchúir)

Thanks to all who appeared in or supported the production of this DVD. Copies of the DVD (in DVD case or clamshell format) are available for distribution. Stocks are limited but if you would like a free copy please send in your postal details (info@mulkearlif.com). MulkearLIFE would like to most sincerely thank all who participated in and supported the production of this DVD. MulkearLIFE would like to express its deep appreciation to all who gave of their valuable time.



The DVD includes input for the various project partners including: Dr. Ciaran Byrne, Ms. Amanda Mooney, Prof. Martin O’ Grady, Dr. Sean Rooney, Ms. Lorraine O’Donnell, Ms. Jane Gilleran, Dr. James King, Mr. Liam Hourigan – Inland Fisheries Ireland. Mr. John Sheehan & Andrew Maloney – Limerick City & County Council. Mr. Noel Fitzpatrick – the Office of Public Works. It includes local Mulkear Farmers: Mr. Patsy Egan, Mr. Gerard O’Dwyer, Mr. Patrick (Paddy) O’ Dwyer.



Interviewing local farmers – Ger O’ Dwyer (Image: Ruairí Ó Conchúir)

A great many others are featured in the DVD and helped in its production including: The Staff & Pupils of Scoil Caitriona, Cappamore National School, Dr. Ferdia Marnell – National Parks and Wildlife Service, Mr. Richard Keys (Angler / Mulkear Catchment Management Group), Mr. David Thompson (Angler / Mulkear Catchment Management Group) and Mr. Patrick Lenihan (Mulkear Conservation Volunteers) and Ms. Bernadette Guest (Waterford County Council).



Involving local schools, Scoil Caitriona, Cappamore (Image: Ruairí Ó Conchúir)

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Notes for Editors

1. High Resolution Digital Images are available to accompany this Press Release.
2. Interviews can be arranged with the Project Manager by using the contact details below.
3. MulkearLIFE is a new €1.75 million European Commission funded LIFE Nature project working on the restoration of the Lower Shannon Special Area of Conservation (with a focus on the Mulkear River catchment) for Atlantic Salmon, Sea Lamprey and European Otter. Further details may be viewed on the project website www.mulkearlife.com
4. Inland Fisheries Ireland (Limerick) is lead partner together with the OPW and Limerick County Council. Additional funding support comes from National Parks and Wildlife Service. Other supporters include Teagasc, IFA, ICMSA, and local angling groups.
5. The project is one of the first and most important integrated catchment management projects in Ireland. It is a flagship EU LIFE Nature project –covering some 650 sq km which contain a variety of habitats and protected species. Much of the area is designated as a Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) under the EU Habitats Directive and forms part of the Natura 2000 Network.

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