



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

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## Press Release

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### **MulkearLIFE Featured in Current Irish Wildlife Magazine**

MulkearLIFE is delighted to be featured in the current edition of the Irish Wildlife Trust’s magazine ‘Irish Wildlife’. The Irish Wildlife Trust (IWT) is a conservation charity committed to raising awareness of Ireland’s rich natural heritage and protecting it for future generations. Details on the work of the IWT and membership details available here [IWT Website](#)

IWT members also get a quarterly copy of the award-winning magazine ‘Irish Wildlife’. The Autumn 2013 edition is an excellent read with features on the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy, the impact of overfishing and the Ocean2012 alliance, the role of decomposers in nature, and a thought provoking article questioning ‘What Has biodiversity Ever Done For Us?’.

The magazine includes an excellent article by Dr. Louise Allcock, Department of Zoology, NUI Galway on the deep-sea discoveries made by researchers from universities across the island of Ireland this summer. They took part in an expedition to explore the underwater canyons off our coast and Dr Allcock reports on this. Andrew Malcolm has an interesting article entitled ‘Blessed are the decomposers, for they shall recycle the Earth’. The article outlines the role of decomposers in nature. It notes that the humble mushroom has long been a component of recipes across Ireland through the ages. With thousands of new species discovered each year the life of a mushroom picker can be a culinary adventure.

The MulkearLIFE article, entitled ‘Full Stream Ahead – bringing LIFE to a Limerick river’ outlines the project’s five-year partnership to address damaged habitats along stretches of the Mulkear River. Read the feature article on [MulkearLIFE here](#).

MulkearLIFE would like to thank the Irish Wildlife Trust for affording the project the opportunity to get its work out to a wider audience. We look forward to continuing to work closely with IWT members who form an important core of the Mulkear Conservation Volunteers.

## 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.mulkearlifeproject.com](http://www.mulkearlifeproject.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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