



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

Press Release

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MulkearLIFE at the Cappamore Agricultural Show

MulkearLIFE had a great day at the Cappamore Agricultural Show on Wednesday 18 August. This year, the Show Committee hosted its 56th Annual Show which has now become an extremely important part of the social and cultural fabric of East Limerick and West Tipperary. The Cappamore Show is one of the biggest local agricultural events in the Mulkear catchment and the project was delighted to be in a position to have a stand at the show. The event attracted upwards of 10,000 people and the project was thrilled to be able to greet hundreds of patrons at the MulkearLIFE stand. It also proved an excellent opportunity to network with project partners and supporters in the OPW, IFA, Coillte and local schools.

The work of MulkearLIFE in the local farming community was highlighted to a large number of farmers who dropped by the stand as was the project's environmental education work in local schools and within the wider community including the upcoming series of four illustrated talks in Cappamore Community Centre.

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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