



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

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€286 million in EC Co-financing in LIFE+ call for proposals

The EC LIFE Programme has today (19/02/2013) published the seventh LIFE+ call for proposals, with up to €286 million available for co-financing of projects across Europe including Ireland.

Co-financing of projects will be made available under three headings: Nature and Biodiversity (NAT); Environment Policy and Governance (ENV); and Information and Communication (INF). Project proposals should be sent to the relevant national authority using the eProposal tool no later than 16:00 hours (Brussels time) on 25 June, 2013. National authorities will then send them to the European Commission by 5 July, 2013. The earliest possible starting date for 2013 projects is 1 June, 2013.

Applicants may only use the eProposal tool to create and submit proposal(s) under the 2013 LIFE+ Call for Proposals.

Full details [here](#)

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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