



“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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### Book launch by Cappawhite native Jimmy Barry

MulkearLIFE was delighted to be in a position to attend an important social and networking event on the edge of the Mulkear Catchment over the weekend. The event was the launch by Cappawhite native Mr. Jimmy Barry of his beautiful book ‘Under Galtee Skies’.

The event which was attended by a massive crowd from throughout the Mulkear catchment and beyond gave MulkearLIFE an opportunity to network with project co-financers (South Tipperary County Council), project supporters and friends. This included conservation volunteers, local farmers and landowners and teachers from schools where MulkearLIFE’s Environmental Education programme has operated over the past number of years. It was a night of great celebration for all concerned but most especially for Mr. Jimmy Barry.

The book and the many images contained within it, which were all taken by Mr. Barry, deal with a range of issues but high amongst them is the need to protect and conserve the natural environment that surrounds us. The resource base that we all so greatly enjoy, the great free ‘green gym’, also needs our protection and support if it is to be used on a sustainable basis and enjoyed today and by future generations.

As a man from the Mulkear Catchment, with a deep passion for our natural environment, and a man who has ‘giving back so much’ to others in a voluntary capacity throughout his life, MulkearLIFE congratulates Jimmy Barry on the launch of his wonderful book, ‘Under Galtee Skies’.

#### 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.mulkearlifecom](http://www.mulkearlifecom)
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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