



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

Press Release

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An Enjoyable MCV Outing in the Clare Glens

An enjoyable day was had by all during the Mulkear Conservation Volunteer outing on Saturday last, 23rd November 2013. The outing to the Clare Glens, on the Clare River, took place in dry cold conditions with normal winter water levels on the river.

The work undertaken by the Mulkear Conservation Volunteers was focused on riparian management work above and below Clare Bridge, this included a major litter clean-up along the river and path repair work below Clare Bridge.

The Volunteers also helped enhance local biodiversity through the installation of a large number of bird boxes of various sizes. These boxes are in addition to a dipper box installed previously at this site.

The Mulkear Conservation Volunteers also undertook a clean-up of the car park area and the picnic area on the Tipperary side of the Clare Glens. This included beer bottles and beer cans from the night before and a mountain bike. This was the final practical conservation outing for 2013 and the next outing will take place in January 2014.

MulkearLIFE would like to thank all volunteers who have given of their time all year and would especially like to thank new volunteers who have joined in recent months. A full listing of outings for 2014 will be posted on this website in due course. New volunteers are always welcome.

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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