



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

Press Release

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Important Networking Event

MulkearLIFE was delighted to be in a position to attend an important seminar hosted by project supporter Teagasc on the key role watercourse margins play in enhancing biodiversity in riparian zones. The event took place in Johnstown Castle in Teagasc’s Environmental Research Centre on 2 September 2010 and included a field trip. MulkearLIFE has a particular interest in measures to enhance biodiversity in riparian margins and within rivers and new approaches to improve water quality and is working alongside farmers in the Mulkear catchment to achieve this.

The seminar and field visit afforded MulkearLIFE an opportunity to network with key role players in various universities across Ireland and to discuss practical research and policy issues with Teagasc researchers and Department of Agriculture staff.

Separately, the project had an opportunity to brief Teagasc on the work programme of MulkearLIFE and project actions within the local farming community in the Mulkear catchment to improve water quality.

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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