



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

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Another Great Day At The Cappamore Show

The recently held Cappamore Show proved to be a great show and MulkearLIFE was thrilled to be there again this year. Despite agricultural shows being cancelled throughout the country on account of the poor summer, yet again the Cappamore Show was blessed with the most wonderful sunny day which resulted in an extremely large crowd attending. The wonderful dry elevated site and fine weather ensured a great day was had by all.

MulkearLIFE was delighted once again to greet so many local farmers and offer advice on general riparian management to farmers and landowners with river frontage. The project also outlined the work presently underway within the local farming community on various rivers throughout the Mulkear catchment. There was a considerable level of interest in this work. The problems arising out of the very wet summer was a cause of concern to many farmers.

The Project Team greeted hundreds of visitors and was delighted to be able to give out free gifts to the many children who answered questions on the rich biodiversity of the Mulkear. The event also proved an excellent opportunity to network with project partners and supporters in the Irish Farmers Association and the parents and students of local schools who have been, or who wish to be, part of the project's Environmental Education Programme.

The Cappamore Show continues to lead the way in terms of its overall ranking as one of the top One Day Shows in Ireland. MulkearLIFE would like to sincerely thank the Show Committee and all involved in making the show such a great success again this year.

One late visitor to the LIFE stand was Elvis – who dropped by to say hello.

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.mulkearlifeproject.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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