



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

Press Release

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MulkearLIFE to feature on EcoEye

MulkearLIFE will feature on EcoEye on Tuesday 1st February 2011 on RTÉ 1 Television at 7.00pm.

MulkearLIFE has not seen the final programme and hence the project has no real idea of what will be broadcast but the programme itself is about water.

The programme is highlighted on RTÉ as follows:

“In Ireland, it is always assumed we have an excellent standard of drinking water. As we find out in this special episode however, this is not always the case. Duncan travels around the country to see for himself the difficulties faced in areas where the local water is simply not safe for consumption. We examine the influences that determine water quality, what the typical problems are and what is being done in groups and communities across the country to tackle these obstacles to safe clean drinking water”.

The programme is available to view on RTÉ Player until February 22nd at the RTÉ website.

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
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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