



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

Press Release

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Great Delight in Annacotty

There was a sense of great happiness in Annacotty last night as the chairperson of the Annacotty Tidy Towns Committee was presented with a cheque for €10,000, having come in 2nd place in ‘Going for Gold’ campaign funded by the JP McManus Charitable Foundation.

The Black Swan was filled with members of the Annacotty Tidy Towns Committee, local residents, representatives from St. Vincents and well-wishers. A representative of the JP McManus Charitable Foundation formally handed over the cheque to the Committee amid great celebration. MulkearLIFE was delighted to partake in the celebrations. The Project offered its congratulations to all involved in the ‘Going For Gold’ campaign. MulkearLIFE looks forward to working closely with the Annacotty Tidy Towns Committee in the months ahead in progressing plans to enhance the riparian habitat along the Mulkear River.

The ‘Going for Gold’ competition was a major campaign to encourage businesses, community groups and individuals to improve their areas in a bid to make Limerick city and suburbs Ireland’s cleanest city. Limerick City Council, in association with the JP McManus Charitable Foundation, sought the involvement of all communities to go the extra mile in improving their areas.

The award is a wonderful endorsement of the work of people in the village of Annacotty and what the Mulkear River has to offer to the people of the area. MulkearLIFE looks forward to building on the exceptional partnership between MulkearLIFE/ Inland Fisheries Ireland and the Tidy Towns Committee and the Mulkear Conservation Volunteers.

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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