



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

## Press Release

7<sup>th</sup> March 2013

### **MulkearLIFE & Conservation Volunteers to support One Million Trees in One Day**

MulkearLIFE and members of the Mulkear Conservation Volunteers will support the “One Million Trees in One Day 2013” which is taking place throughout Ireland (from 12:00hrs on Friday 22nd March to 12:00hrs on Saturday 23rd March 2013). This will form the basis of the next scheduled Mulkear Conservation Outing which will now take place over two days – Friday 22 March and Saturday 23 March.

One Million Trees in One Day is a charity, not-for-profit, cross-border, community and environmental initiative which aims to plant 1 million native Irish trees at various sites across both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland in a 24 hour period. Planting a million trees in one day is a great challenge and MulkearLIFE and MVC’s will play their part to help reach this goal.

MulkearLIFE will be hosting two events as part of this national event:

The first outing will be tree planting on Friday 22nd of March. The meeting point will be the Mill Bar Car Park area Annacotty at 11.30 hrs. The event will involve tree planting at various sites and depending on numbers a mini bus may be utilised. The work will continue until 16:30hrs approximately.

The second outing will be the scheduled Mulkear Conservation Volunteer outing that will take place on Saturday 23 March from 10.00 to 13.00hrs. Please note that the location for this practical conservation outing has been changed from Cappamore to Bilboa Bridge. The work will involve tree planting and the removal of Non Native Invasive Species (NNIS) in the riparian zone – namely Himalayan Honeysuckle / Elisha Tears. Bird nest boxes may also be installed at various strategic sites within the wooded riparian zone. The meeting point will be Bilboa Bridge on the Bilboa River at 10:00hrs on Saturday 23 March 2013.

All trees and planting equipment will be provided. Anyone wishing to find out more about the work of MulkearLIFE or the Mulkear Conservation Volunteers can contact the MulkearLIFE project office 061 300 238. Please forward this information to anyone you feel might be interested in becoming a member.

#### 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](http://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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