



DuhallowLIFE RaptorLIFE 2 Day Conference



May 21st 2015: DuhallowLIFE END OF PROJECT CONFERENCE
***Restoration of the Upper River Blackwater SAC for the Freshwater
Pearl Mussel, Atlantic Salmon, European Otter and Kingfisher***

EU LIFE Project Reference: LIFE 09 NATIE000220 Blackwater SAMOK



May 22nd 2015: RaptorLIFE PROJECT LAUNCH
***Connecting and restoring habitats for Hen harrier, Merlin, Atlantic
salmon and Brook lamprey in Duhallow, Ireland***

EU LIFE Project Reference: LIFE 13 NAT IE 000769 RaptorLIFE

James O'Keeffe Institute, Newmarket, Co Cork, Ireland



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*European Conference Celebrating Hands On Community Participation In
Nature Conservation*

Day1 - Thursday 21st May 2015

DuhallowLIFE end of Project Conference

James O'Keefe Institute, Newmarket, County Cork, Ireland

Conference chairperson: Frank Lewis, Radio Kerry

Session 1: Setting the Scene

- 09:00-09:15 Registration & Tea/Coffee
- 09:15-09:20 Frank Lewis, Radio Kerry - *Opening and Welcome*
- 09:20-09:40 Ms Maura Walsh, CEO IRD Duhallow - *How LIFE fits into IRD Duhallow's ethos*
- 09:40-09:50 Ms. Suzanne Campion, Head of Business Development, Inland Fisheries Ireland - *Inland Fisheries Ireland's role in LIFE*
- 09:50-10:20 Mr. Seosamh O'Laoi, DECLG LIFE National Contact Point - *Preparing a LIFE project*
- 10:20-10:30 *Questions & Answers*
- 10:30-11:15 **Keynote Address:** Mr John Lucey, Freshwater Pearl Mussel expert, author and historian - *The Freshwater Pearl Mussel: Pearl Producer and Protected Species*

Coffee Break & Networking

Session 2: Examples of International Best Practice in EU LIFE Projects

- 11:30-11:50 Ms. Marjana Hönigsfeld Adamič, LUTRA, Institute for Conservation of Natural Heritage - *AQUALUTRA Conservation of otter population (Lutra lutra) in Goričko (Slovenia)*
- 11:50-12:10 Mr. Robert de Graeffe, European Landowners Organisation - *3 Water LIFE project (Belgium)*
- 12:10-12:30 Ms Diane O'Leary, West Cumbria Rivers Trust - *Pearls in Peril LIFE+ (GB)*
- 12:30-12:50 Mr Ruairí Ó'Conchúir, Inland Fisheries Ireland - *An overview of MulkearLIFE (ROI)*

12:50-13:00 *Questions & Answers*

Lunch Break & Networking

Session 3: DuhallowLIFE: Key conservation actions and project innovations

14:00-14:30 Dr. Fran Igoe, IRD Duhallow - *River bank erosion measures, cattle management and water access, drainage and silt trapping*

14:30-15:00 Mr. Kieran Murphy, IRD Duhallow - *Himalayan balsam control and actions for otters, dippers and kingfishers*

15:00-15:15 Ms. Nuala Riordan, IRD Duhallow - *Education and public awareness*

15:15-15:30 *Questions & Answers*

Coffee Break & Networking

Session 4: LIFE Project Stakeholder Involvement

15:30-15:40 Mr. Michael Twohig, IRD Duhallow Board Member and Angler – *LIFE the fishermans friend*

15:40-15:50 Ms. Brigid Daly, Landowner – *LIFE on the farm*

15:50-16:00 Ms. Derval Vaughan, Convent of Mercy Girls National School, Kanturk – *School Children get involved*

Extending your LIFEspan

16:00-16:30 Mr. Frank Donoghue, National Parks and Wildlife Service - *An overview of the competent authority's role with the EU LIFE programme*

16:30-17:00 Mr. Donal Daly, Environmental Protection Agency - *Working towards Healthy, Resilient, Productive and Valued Catchments*

17:00-17:15 *Questions & Answers*

17:15-17:30 AfterLIFE+ plan and Closing comments

18.30 - 21.00 Conference Banquet with entertainment from Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Sliabh Luachra Buses on hand to leave for hotels and B&Bs and collect in the morning.

Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes. All singers, fiddles, flutes or instrument of choice are very welcome. The Craic will be mighty!

Day2 - Friday 22nd May 2015

James O'Keeffe Institute, Newmarket, Co Cork, Ireland

***Connecting and Restoring Habitats for Hen Harrier, Merlin,
Atlantic Salmon and Brook Lamprey in Duhallow, Ireland***

Official launch of RaptorLIFE

Conference chairperson: Paddy Woodworth, Irish Times

Session 1: Conservation - People and wildlife together in a living landscape

- 09:30-09:45 Registration & Tea/Coffee
- 09:45-09:50 Mr. Cormac Collins, Board Chairman of IRD Duhallow – *Welcome*
- 09:50-10:00 Paddy Woodworth, Irish Times - *Opening and official Launch of RaptorLIFE*
- 10:00-10:20 Ms. Marjana Hönigsfeld Adamič, LUTRA, Institute for Conservation of Natural Heritage. Slovenia - *AQUAVIVA - Live Water - from Biodiversity to the Tap*
- 10:20-10:40 Dr. Brin McDonnell, Duhallow Birdwatch Group – *Perspectives on bird conservation in Duhallow*
- 10:40-11:00 Dr. Barry O'Donoghue, National Parks and Wildlife Service - *Agri-Environment issues in Protected Areas*
- 11:00-11:20 Mr. Lorcan O'Toole, Equitable land management in the uplands - *Putting people and nature first*
- 11:20-11:30 *Questions & Answers*

Coffee Break & Networking

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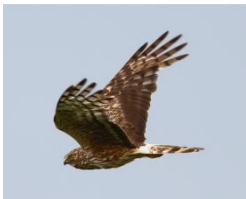


Session 2: RaptorLIFE and Stakeholder Participation

- 11:45-12:00 Ms Eileen Linehan (Project Manager)/ Dr. Fran Igoe (Project Scientist), IRD
Duhallow - *RaptorLIFE overview*
- 12:00-12:10 Ms. Cathy Fisher, Kerry County Council - *Local Authority Actions to Control
Invasive Plant Species*
- 12:10-12:20 Ms. Gill Weyman, Cork Nature Network - *Volunteering for Nature*
- 12:20-12:30 Mr. Bernard Burke, Coillte - *Biodiversity and Forestry Considerations*
- 12:30-12:40 *Questions & Answers*
- 12:40-12:50 Mr. Michael Doyle, Duhallow Environmental Working Group – *LIFE and the
Environment in Duhallow*
- 12:50-13:00 *Summary overview of morning*
- 13:00-16:00 Field trip (Lunch to be provided on site for those going on fieldtrip) by bus to
view on the ground project work
– please bring suitable walking boots and rain gear
- 16:00 Conference close (Newmarket)

International 2 Day Conference

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