



Connecting Communities,  
Valuing Our Waters & Wildlife

# WHO'S WHO? on Inishowen Rivers



A directory of organisations involved in the monitoring,  
enhancement and promotion of the lakes, rivers  
and coastal areas of Inishowen.



The Inishowen Rivers Trust operates within the administrative area of the Inishowen Municipal District. The peninsula covers an area of approximately 900km<sup>2</sup>

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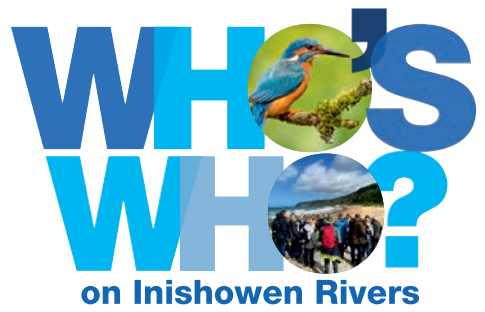
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This directory is intended as a useful list of statutory agencies, NGOs and affiliations that have a role in the monitoring, enhancement and promotion of the natural waters of Inishowen. Inspired by the communities of Inishowen that care for the local rivers, this is the 2nd edition (2023) of the directory. We would like to thank everyone for their contribution to the directory and encourage you to continue your important work. Ceangailte le cheile.



## AN TAISCE CLEAN COASTS



The Clean Coasts programme engages communities in the protection and care of Ireland's waterways, coastline, seas and oceans.

We mobilise thousands of people every year through call to action, such as the Big Beach Clean and facilitate Nature-based Solution projects.

In the Inishowen region, we work with communities to help them address issues relating to the coastal environment, through the provision of training, workshops and networking events such as the Clean Coasts Roadshows.

In addition to working with communities, we also engage the public in a number of national awareness campaigns including 'Think Before You Flush' and the '2 Minute Beach Clean'.

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## AN TAISCE GREEN SCHOOLS



An Taisce works to preserve and protect Ireland's natural and built heritage. An Taisce is an independent charitable voice for the environment and for heritage issues.

Green-Schools is Ireland's leading environmental management and education programme for schools. Promoting long-term, whole-school action for the environment Green-Schools is a student-led programme with involvement from the wider community.

The programme is operated and co-ordinated by the Environmental Education Unit of An Taisce (FEE member for Ireland). Green-Schools is operated in partnership with Local Authorities and is supported by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage; Department of the Environment, Climate & Communications, Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media; Department of Education; Department of Transport; Clothes Pod; Irish Aid; National Transport Authority; Irish Water and Mars Wrigley.

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## BIRDWATCH IRELAND



**BirdWatchIreland**  
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protecting birds and biodiversity

BirdWatch Ireland is Ireland's largest environmental NGO, with 15,000 members and 2000 active volunteers, all backed up by a professional staff. We have 30 local branches across the country which run 450 events free to the public every year.

Members receive the quarterly "Wings" magazine which is full of birding and campaigning news, and includes details of our conservation and research work. The Donegal branch organizes regular outings around the county, and our local members are involved in various national surveys.

These include regular monitoring of the important wildfowl populations on Lough Swilly and Donegal Bay, which are part of an international census.

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## BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF BRITAIN AND IRELAND



The BSBI has been monitoring our wildflowers since 1836, and encouraging the development of amateur botanists. Plants are the foundation for virtually all life on earth, so their changing fortunes are of immense importance to us all.

Our third atlas, based on fieldwork carried out from 2000 to 2019 (the Atlas 2020 project) is due to be published by Princeton University Press in March 2023. This is titled: Plant Atlas 2020: Mapping Changes in the Distribution of the British and Irish Flora and will be available in bookstores. This two-volume book features introductory chapters that provide a detailed assessment of the changes to the region's flora over the past hundred years. Distribution maps and accompanying text and graphics display the phenology, altitudinal range, and time-series trends for some 2,700 native, alien, and hybrid species. There is also a companion website featuring interactive maps for both native and introduced taxa, displaying frequency and distribution at a variety of scales.

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## COILLTE



Coillte is a commercial company operating in forestry, land based businesses, renewable energy and panel products and has the responsibility for managing state owned forestry in Ireland.

Coillte's core purpose is to enrich lives locally, nationally and globally through the innovative and sustainable management of natural resources. Coillte manages its forests to deliver social, economic and environmental benefits.

Colm O'Dwyer is the BAU (Business Area Unit) Team Leader for BAU1- (Donegal, North Sligo & North Leitrim). Colm is responsible for all Coillte Forest Operations in this area including forest planning, harvesting, reforestation and general estate management.

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## WILD ATLANTIC NATURE LIFE



Wild Atlantic Nature LIFE Integrated Project (IP) is a nine-year environmental project (2021-2029) led by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It aims to improve Ireland's performance in conserving habitats, and in particular to improve the conservation status in the Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) Network of blanket bog, a priority habitat under the Habitats Directive.

The primary focus is on 35 Natura 2000 sites in the northwest of Ireland. The project works with farmers and local communities to conserve and improve the quality of blanket bogs and associated habitats, and the ecosystem services they provide including clean water, carbon storage and biodiversity.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE



Department of  
**Agriculture,  
Food and the Marine**

An Roinn  
**Talmhaíochta,  
Bia agus Mara**

The Department of Agriculture, based in Raphoe inspect farms under the Nitrates Directive and the purpose is to protect waters against pollution caused by nitrates and phosphates from agricultural sources. New regulations were implemented in 2006 to give this Directive legal effect in Ireland. Each year a number of farms

(35 in 2016) are picked out centrally in Portlaoise, either risk or random based and inspected for compliance. The Dept. of Agri. also inspects farms (56 in 2016) under the same directive on contract for the local Authority. The main source of pollution coming from farmyards is either silage or slurry effluent that is not being properly managed. When this is detected, as a direct or indirect discharge to ground water,

a penalty is imposed on the farm and if the non-compliance is not rectified and the farm is inspected within the following three years, it is considered reoccurrence and the penalty is trebled. The financial penalty is based on the amount of payments the applicant is receiving in Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) and Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC) and any other payments received. The financial penalties range from 1% to possible over 100%. The objective of all these inspections is insuring that farmers are compliant in their operations and that effluent is managed properly and drains, streams and rivers are not polluted resulting in clean water for all.

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### **FOREST SERVICE**

In relation to forestry, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine is responsible for the implementation of national forest policy through the National Forestry Strategy and National Forest Strategy Implementation Plan; regulation of afforestation, thinning, felling, reforestation and forest road works principally through the Forestry Act, 2014 and the Forestry Regulations 2017, (S.I. 191 of 2017); and the promotion of forestry through various grant schemes under the principle of the right trees in the right places for the right reasons with the right management.

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# DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL



**Comhairle Contae  
Dhún na nGall**  
Donegal County Council

Donegal County Council's Water & Environment Laboratory service provides environmental monitoring under a number of programmes in the Inishowen peninsula. Under the Irish Water Service Level Agreement, which came into force at the start of 2014, the Council provides statutory compliance monitoring of all drinking water supplies, including the Pollan Dam, East Inishowen & West Inishowen, and of all wastewater treatment plants, (WWTP's) spread across the peninsula. This work includes monitoring of raw water sources, (mostly lakes), and, in the case of WWTP's, monitoring of receiving waters is undertaken under the ambient monitoring programme. In addition, the Council oversees compliance with trade effluent discharge licences to sewer, under Section 16 of the Water Pollution Act, of which there are currently 16, most of which have been granted to Food Serving Establishments (FSE's), and also licences to discharge to waters under Section 4 of the WPA, of which there are currently 11, split between quarries & caravan parks. Approximately 8 rivers in Inishowen are included in the EPA's River monitoring programme, with a sampling service provided by Donegal Co. Council. Other environmental work includes (a) septic tank inspections under the National Inspection Plan, with 45 inspections carried out in Inishowen since the start of the programme in 2014, (b) a limited number of farm inspections, mainly from complaints (c) other complaints received from members of the public, e.g. septic tanks (d) enforcement of the Solvents & Decopaints Regulations. The bathing water monitoring programme includes 4 designated bathing areas in Inishowen, of which 3 held Blue Flag status in 2016.

## **Donegal County Council is also involved in:**

- Green Schools visits and school workshops
- Support to Tidy Towns groups delivering talks and advice.
- Promoting and administering clean-up campaign along with the Litter Warden.
- Promotion of responsible waste management including recycling, food waste recycling, and waste prevention initiatives.
- Supporting the GAA Green Clubs programme.
- Administration of grants for community groups such as the Approach Road and Adopt-a-Road grants.
- Administration of the Blue Flag / Green Coast beach programmes and compliance with initiatives regarding water safety, Risk Assessments, access, lifeguards, information display etc.

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## DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL DONEGAL HARBOUR MASTERS



Comhairle Contae  
Dhún na nGall  
Donegal County Council

Donegal County Council employ Donegal Harbour Masters to care for the piers and harbours in Inishowen. In Greencastle the Harbour Master is Kevin McNelis. In his role Frank has complete control over all vessels using the Harbour and over all shore-based activities. Responsibilities include giving directions to vessel masters on berthage, making sure there's always a berth for the vessel that needs it, should that be for landing or repair work etc, pollution control if needed, maintenance on the harbour, waste collection and disposal, including ship generated waste and waste oil and filters. In addition the Harbour Master collects dues from vessels using the Harbour - every vessel pays and the more fish you land the more dues you have to pay.

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## GO VISIT INISHOWEN



Inishowen, 'It begins and ends here'. Inishowen is a peninsula that celebrates cultural heritage and creativity, evident in our story-telling, music and art. A place which is steeped in historical landmarks dating from pre-Christian times, Inishowen tells its own story from the beautiful beaches and rugged landscape that people come to see for themselves.

'Go Visit Inishowen' and experience the scenery, heritage and culture that surround it. From our lakes to our mountains there is something here for everyone.

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## DONEGAL TOURISM CLG



# DONEGAL

[www.govisitdonegal.com](http://www.govisitdonegal.com)

Donegal Tourism CLG is a partnership marketing company that is responsible for the promotion of County Donegal as a sustainable tourism destination of excellence on the Wild Atlantic Way to a worldwide audience.

The remit of Donegal Tourism CLG covers the entire county including the Inishowen Peninsula. The main promotional platform used to raise awareness of Donegal is Go Visit Donegal incorporating the website [www.govisitdonegal.com](http://www.govisitdonegal.com) and associated social media platforms.

Donegal Tourism CLG carries out a wide range of marketing activities based on the Marketing Plan and Tourism Strategy for Donegal including for example online marketing, PR, trade shows, tourism business supports, seminars and workshops and much more.

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## DONEGAL TRAILS OFFICE

# Donegal

## Trails Office

The Donegal Trails Office works closely with groups on the maintenance and development of walking, cycling and hiking routes in Co Donegal. We provide assistance and support to community groups and the general public, on the provision of sustainable paths and trails infrastructure as well as providing public liability insurance through the National Trails Office. Funding application assistance is provided to groups and some maintenance support is also provided to existing paths and trails in co-operation with other relevant agencies. The office works closely with Donegal Tourism for the promotion of walking, hiking and cycling as an outdoor recreation. In addition we carry out a number of visitor monitoring exercises on key projects in the county. A strategy and delivery model for Greenway development in Donegal and on a cross-border basis is currently being prepared.

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## HSE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE



The Environmental Health Service covers a broad range of functions including Cosmetic Products Regulations, Drinking Water Regulations, a raft of Food Safety laws, Pre-School Regulations, Infectious Disease Regulations, Noise Control Legislation, Tobacco Control Legislation and Air Quality Legislation.

The motto of the Environmental Health profession is 'Prevention is better than Cure' and for over fifty years EHOs have been working to protect the health of the public by controlling and preventing those factors in the environment which may cause ill health or reduced quality of life. Much of their work is done by enforcing regulations.

In respect of recreational waters in Donegal and Inishowen waterways, the EHS has produced a document entitled 'Bathing Water and Health, a guide for Environmental Health in responding to incidents of microbiological pollution and/or other adverse circumstances in relation to both saline and freshwater bathing'. This guidance document is used by the EHS to provide a standardised basis for response to any incidents of microbiological pollution and/or other adverse circumstances that may be received from Local Authorities.

EHOs in Donegal have traditionally been involved in investigating public health nuisances which may impact on rivers, lakes and beaches. Additionally they provide expert opinion to the Planning Service on the potential impacts pollutants (particularly from foul effluent) may have on receiving waters within the environment.

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# INLAND FISHERIES IRELAND



Iascach Intíre Éireann  
Inland Fisheries Ireland

Inland Fisheries Ireland is a statutory body operating under the aegis of the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources and was established under the Fisheries Act on 1st July 2010.

The general functions of Inland Fisheries Irelands are to:

- (a) Promote, support, facilitate and advise the Minister on the conservation, protection, management, marketing, development, and improvement of Ireland's inland fisheries, including its sea angling resources.
- (b) Develop and advise the Minister on policy and national strategies relating to inland fisheries and sea angling.
- (c) Ensure implementation and delivery of policy and strategies developed under (b) as agreed with the Minister.

## What IFI Do?

### Protection

Inland Fisheries Ireland is the Agency that has the statutory responsibility for the protection, development, and management of Ireland's 74,000 km of rivers and streams together with 128,000 lake hectares. A coastal 12-mile jurisdictional limit is also included.

### Conservation and development

Inland Fisheries Ireland is responsible for protecting, managing and conserving Ireland's inland fisheries and sea angling resources. The agency also administers funds that allow third parties to carry out conservation and development projects.

### Angling support

IFI help angling continue to be recognised as a valuable national asset, by promoting it as a leisure pursuit and developing its potential for tourism.

### Education and Outreach

Through learning we promote conservation, sustainability and encourage environmental stewardship. Education and Outreach is an integral part of our work and allows us to engage in a meaningful way with our stakeholders. Broadly speaking, it involves getting more people aware of fish, fishing and their local environment. Through learning we promote conservation, sustainability and encourage environmental stewardship. Our aim is to make angling accessible to all, especially novices.

## Research

Inland Fisheries Ireland carries out applied fisheries research to assess the conservation status of Ireland's fish species, to monitor fisheries stocks in inland and coastal waters and to explore environmental issues that have an impact on fish and their habitats.

## Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder Engagement is an important part of what Inland Fisheries Ireland does. Inland Fisheries Ireland works with a wide variety of groups and individuals at national, regional and community level as well as anglers, commercial fishermen, fisheries owners, NGO's and sporting bodies.

Opening hours: Our offices are open Monday to Friday,  
from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm and from 2 pm to 4.30 pm

Please report illegal fishing, water pollution or invasive species by telephoning  
our confidential phonenumber: 0818 34 74 24

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## INISHOWEN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP



Inishowen Development Partnership, as an implementation partner for the Rural Development Programme (LEADER) 2014-2020 through its Environment theme seeks to maximise the potential of environmental actions to contribute to the sustainable development of rural communities. It focuses on utilising the landscape within a local area, its features and natural resources, while simultaneously creating a greater environmental awareness and improving environmental protection. The strands funded under the current programme include: Protection and Sustainable use of Water Resources; Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity; and Development of Renewable Energy.

Greater protection of local water resources is important for sustaining rural communities. Environmental schemes have the potential to play a pivotal role in addressing pressures on water reserves and in supporting the local community to conserve this valuable resource.

The protection of biodiversity is a growing concern. Local initiatives that support biodiversity and environmental improvements, are eligible for funding such as upgrading of parks and river walks, establishment of nature corridors, habitat creation and planting of native species.

Community-based initiatives for clean sources of energy will play a key role in the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions through energy infrastructure.

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## LOUGHS AGENCY



Loughs Agency provides sustainable social, economic and environmental benefits through effective conservation, management, promotion and development of the fisheries and marine resources of the Foyle and Carlingford areas.

The functions of Loughs Agency are as follows:

- Promotion of development of Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough for commercial and recreational purposes in respect of marine, fishery and aquaculture matters;
- Management, conservation, protection, improvement and development of the inland fisheries of the Foyle and Carlingford areas;
- Development and licensing of aquaculture;
- Development of marine tourism.

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## ASSAP



ASSAP – Agricultural Sustainability Support and Advisory Programme working with farmers to help improve water quality.

In Ireland all water policy and management is led by the Water Framework Directive and under this directive Ireland has been set a target of achieving 'good status' for all waters.

Despite a lot of good work over the last 20-30 years we are falling short in achieving this target and water quality has remained mainly static. As a result, the Government has decided to adopt a new strategy which involves a more collaborative approach to facilitate improvements in water quality and which is explained in this video (courtesy of Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government).

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# THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS



**OPW** Oifig na  
nOibreacha Poiblí  
Office of Public Works

The Office of Public Works (OPW) is the lead State body for the coordination and implementation of Government policy on the management of flood risk in Ireland. The OPW is also the national authority for the implementation of the EU Directive on the Assessment and Management of Flood Risks [2007/60/EC].

## WHAT WE DO:

- Major Flood Relief Schemes
- CFRAM
- Arterial Drainage Maintenance Programme
- Minor Flood Mitigation Works & Coastal Protection Scheme
- Environmental Activities
- Hydrology and Hydrometric
- Flood Risk Policy
- ICPSS

Flood Relief Schemes that are currently being progressed in Inishowen are:

Buncrana Flood Relief Scheme  
<https://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/buncrana/home/>

Burnfoot Flood Relief Scheme  
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# DCC - FLOOD RELIEF SCHEMES UNIT



Comhairle Contae  
Dhún na nGall  
Donegal County Council

**COUNTY DONEGAL**  
FLOOD RELIEF SCHEMES

Donegal County Council's Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) Unit is funded by the Office of Public Works (OPW) to deliver capital works arising from the Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP) for the county.

The FRMP was the document that brought together the findings of the CFRAM study, a high level national study of flood risk in urban areas all over Ireland. The FRMP proposed three viable flood relief schemes (FRS) for Inishowen including two which are currently under going project level assessment, Burnfoot; and Buncrana and Luddan; and a third which is yet to be released in Carndonagh. The latter is due to be released within the lifespan of the current National Development Plan which runs to 2030, but a date has not been set yet. Subject to an ongoing viability review, Moville may ultimately be added to this list of schemes.

Whilst the remit of DCC's FRS Unit is limited to the catchments associated with these towns and villages, the FRMP and the project briefs for each of the existing schemes has a strong focus on catchment measures. As such, the Unit is keen to engage with community groups and landowners where possible to deliver mutually beneficial projects or interventions to reduce or mitigate flood risk to communities, while enhancing the overall catchment.

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and the latest information on  
our schemes can be found on  
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# NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICE



National Parks & Wildlife Service

The National Parks and Wildlife Service is part of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The service has a wide remit in terms of conservation including:

- Managing and developing state properties such as National Parks and Nature Reserves
- Designating and advising on protected areas such as SACs, SPAs and NHAs Protecting species and licencing under the Wildlife Act
- Promoting awareness of our natural heritage

A number of Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) have been designated across the country to help protect riverine habitats and species. These species for which SACs have been designated include species such as Otter, Brook lamprey, White-clawed crayfish, Freshwater pearl mussel and Salmon. Habitats such as alluvial forests, fens, bogs and adjoining farmland have also been designated along these rivers as they form an integral part of the river ecosystem.

In Donegal the Leannan River, River Eske and River Finn have been protected as river SACs. However there are numerous other waterways, streams and lagoons protected as part of larger SACs in Inishowen such as Lough Swilly and Lough Foyle.

A number of river species are also protected under the Wildlife Act including Otter, Daubenton's Bat and Freshwater pearl mussel. NPWS are actively involved in the monitoring of these species through various surveys.

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## TEAGASC



Teagasc - the Agriculture and Food Development Authority - is the national body providing integrated research, advisory and training services to the agriculture and food industry and rural communities.

Inishowen is part of the Sligo/Leitrim/Donegal region. The Inishowen office is based in Carndonagh. The two advisors based there are Martin McCullough and Seamus Campbell.

The main objective in the region is to enhance the quality of life in rural areas by improving the competitiveness of sustainable farming systems through the implementation of best practice technology through discussion groups and public events/farm walks and seminars.

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## IRISH WATER



Uisce Éireann is Ireland's national water utility, with responsibility for providing public water and wastewater services throughout Ireland.

We are responsible for the operation of all public water and wastewater services including:

- Management of national water and wastewater assets
- Maintenance of the water and wastewater system
- Investment and planning
- Managing capital projects
- Customer care and billing

We are also responsible for all of the capital investment decisions and implementation of the capital programme delivery across the country.

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## RURAL RECREATION OFFICER



**Rural  
Recreation  
Officer**

The RRO works with Individuals, Groups, NGOs and Statutory Agencies to develop, maintain and promote new and existing trails and rural recreation in Donegal. This includes walking/hiking trails, cycling routes, bridle paths and waterways.

Based in the Bluestack Centre, Drimarone, Donegal Town, the RRO has a remit for the entire County, and advises on best practice, access, and generally makes connections for interested parties exploring trails and recreation.



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## THE RIVERS TRUST



**The  
Rivers  
Trust**

The Rivers Trust is the umbrella body of the rivers trust movement, working to protect, promote and enhance our freshwater ecosystems for both people and wildlife across Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Great Britain (excluding Scotland). We aim to co-ordinate, represent and develop rivers trusts in the promotion of sustainable, holistic and integrated catchment management and sound environmental practices, recognising the wider economic benefits for local communities and the value of education. As a movement, we stop pollution, build climate resilience, connect wet- and peatlands and help nature's recovery in rivers.

Funded by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government, through the Local Authority Water and Community Office and The Rivers Trust, Mark Horton (All-Ireland Director & CEO of Ballinderry Rivers Trust) and Constanze O'Toole (Ireland Development Manager) are available to help support the development of existing and new rivers trust across Ireland and Northern Ireland.

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# LOCAL AUTHORITY WATERS PROGRAMME



The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) is a national shared service working on behalf of all 31 local authorities in Ireland. We coordinate efforts to achieve good or high water quality in our rivers, lakes, transitional and coastal waters, and groundwater, as required by the European Union Water Framework Directive. Healthy rivers and catchments support a healthy environment, a robust economy, our health, and wellbeing.

A new approach for managing Ireland's natural water assets sees local authorities, state agencies and public bodies collaborating and working with private sector stakeholders and local communities. If we are to deliver water quality improvements and protect high status rivers, "the best of the best", then the effort must involve all sectors of society. There is a role for everyone, and LAWPRO is here to support. This ambition drives LAWPRO's Catchments and Communities teams, guiding our collective and individual efforts.

There is a local LAWPRO team in Donegal consisting of 3 Catchment Scientists and a Community Water Officer.

Contact details for the local team are available on the LAWPRO Website [www.lawaters.ie](http://www.lawaters.ie) where further information can be found.

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Donegal Community Water Officer 085 8085603

# THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



The Environmental Protection Agency.

The EPA is responsible for monitoring, assessment and reporting on the health of Ireland's rivers, lakes, transitional and coastal waters. It is the regulator for bathing waters and public supplies of drinking water.

Information on your local waters, including Catchment Assessments for all 46 catchments in Ireland, can be accessed at <https://www.catchments.ie/data>

## **Make an environmental complaint:**

<https://www.epa.ie/our-services/compliance--enforcement/whats-happening/make-an-environmental-complaint/>

## **By Phone:**

Call the National Environmental Complaints Line (NECL)  
Telephone: 1800 365 123, open 24-7.

## **See It? Say it!**

This App makes it really easy to report environmental pollution with the GPS location and a photo submitted at the touch of a button.

Download from Google Play Store / Apple App Store.

## **Contact:**

[info@epa.ie](mailto:info@epa.ie)   [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie)   [www.catchments.ie](http://www.catchments.ie)

## **OTHER AGENCIES WITH A ROLE IN WATER PROTECTION & MANAGEMENT IN INISHOWEN**

**Sea Fisheries Protection Authority** [www.sfpa.ie](http://www.sfpa.ie)

**Bord Iascaigh Mhara** [www.bim.ie](http://www.bim.ie)

**Irish Natura Hill Farmers Association** [www.inhfa.ie](http://www.inhfa.ie)

**Irish Coast Guard** [www.ddtas.ie/maritime](http://www.ddtas.ie/maritime)

**Irish Farmers Association (IFA)** [www.ifa.ie](http://www.ifa.ie)

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