

Aims of the IRT

1. To conserve, protect, rehabilitate and improve the rivers, streams, watercourses and water impoundments of the river catchments of the Inishowen Municipal District.
2. To raise awareness and understanding of rivers, river corridors and river catchments, including their fauna, flora, biodiversity, economic or social activity, and river catchment management.
3. To engage communities with their local rivers and provide opportunities for networking, collaboration and sharing of knowledge.
4. To support community groups with projects that aim to protect local rivers and to share the knowledge and experience gained through such projects.



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About Inishowen Rivers Trust

The IRT is an Inishowen-wide community initiative that aims to conserve, protect, rehabilitate and improve the rivers and natural watercourses of the Inishowen Municipal District. The Trust aims to educate and engage communities in caring for their rivers, advance environmental protection, and improve our waters for the benefit of all.

Everyone is welcome to get involved whether your interests lie in farming, angling, walking, wildlife watching or citizen science. Call us today to register your interest.



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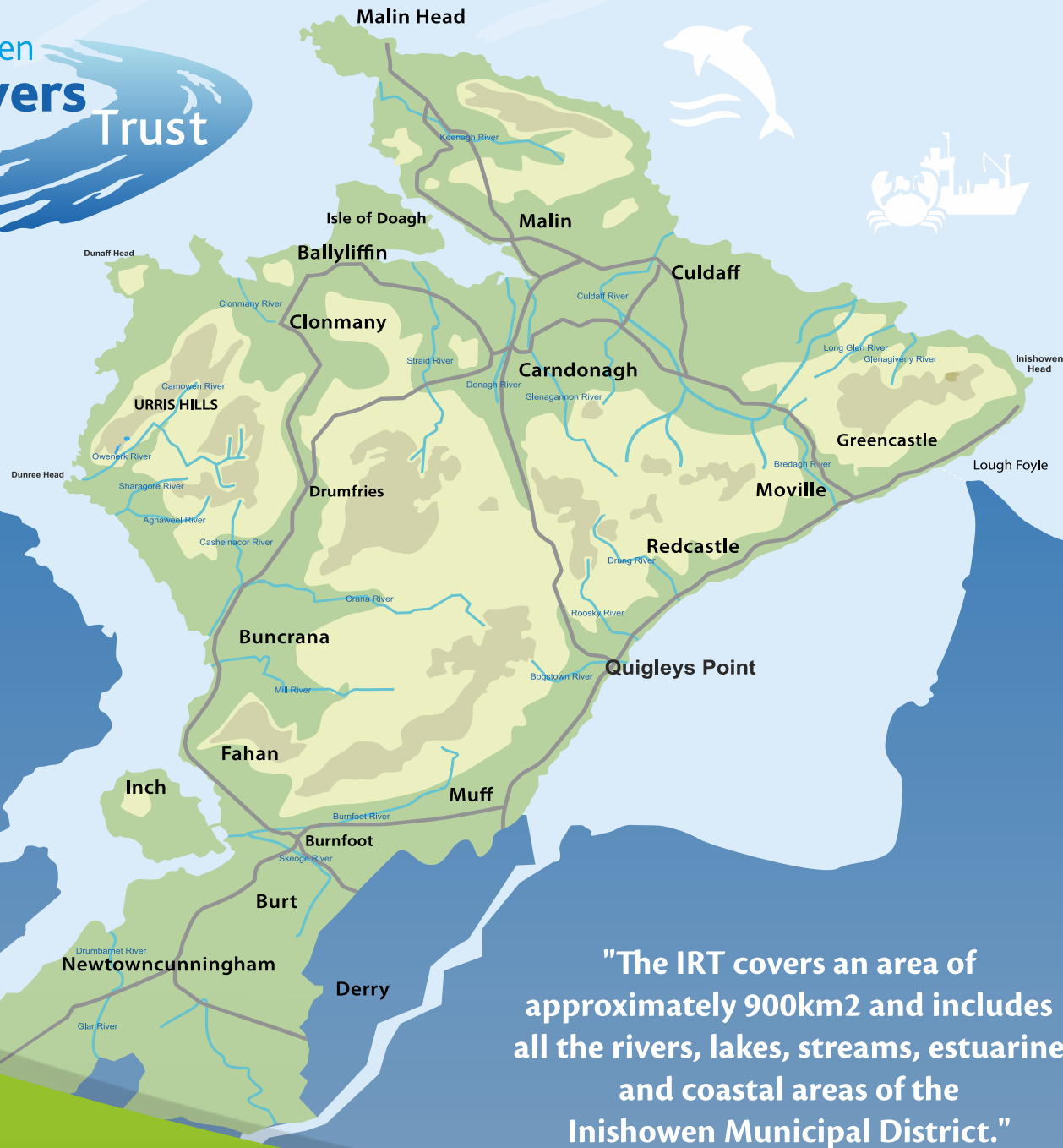
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"The IRT covers an area of approximately 900km² and includes all the rivers, lakes, streams, estuarine and coastal areas of the Inishowen Municipal District."

IRT PROJECTS

Riverfly Monitoring

Individuals are trained on riverfly sampling techniques and identification. This technique is used to record the health of the river and is used to indicate significant changes and assess impacts. Volunteers are provided with the appropriate equipment and asked to sample a particular point each month.

Invasive Alien Species

IAS pose a significant threat to biodiversity both in stream and on riverbanks. Communities are trained on identification and eradication techniques. Group surveys and information gathering will be carried out and eradication programmes established in collaboration with local groups.

Riverbank Surveys

Walkover surveys carried out from the river bank to look at ecology, pressures and impacts on waterbodies and for project planning. All surveys are carried out in conjunction with landowners. Volunteers can assist with recording information.

Supporting Communities

The IRT engages with community groups who care for their local river and supports their work through training, advice, open meetings, help with clean-ups, etc. Raising awareness of the wealth of our natural water resources, supporting water related heritage and tourism projects and increasing knowledge of water management issues will help communities to understand how we can care for our catchments and create a healthier environment for all.