

LOUGH CARRA CATCHMENT ASSOCIATION

EU LIFE PROJECT PLAN



STRATEGY 1

- Working Group to agree overall project plan
- LCCA to apply for Leader funding for feasibility study (€ 25k)
- Detailed Terms of Reference for consultant
- Identify and hire consultant – Dec 2018

STRATEGY 2

- Register as Company Limited by Guarantee
- Consultant to carry out feasibility study and prepare LIFE Concept Note
- Consultant also to prepare draft main application
- Even if LIFE application fails, the feasibility study will identify activities to pursue

Goal:

To restore, protect and conserve the biodiversity value and ecological integrity of Lough Carra and its lakeshore and catchment habitats and ensure the quality of water in the Lough.

Project objectives:

- A. To maintain and enhance existing priority habitats in the SAC.
- B. To ensure the protection and conservation of key species in the SPA, the SACs and the catchment.
- C. To prevent and reverse eutrophication by reducing the flow of nutrients into the Lough.
- D. To promote and encourage truly sustainable and environmentally sensitive land use practices in the catchment.
- E. To prevent the further conversion of land and intensification of agriculture in the catchment.
- F. To raise awareness of the unique values of the Lough, including ecosystem services, and promote its enjoyment by local communities and all sectors of society.

A1	Establish appropriate grazing regimes on semi-natural grasslands in the SAC	Improved condition of semi-natural grasslands in the SAC
A2	Provide incentives and resources for appropriate management (e.g. scrub clearance, alien species control) of land within the SAC	Increase areas of important and priority habitats within the SAC

C1	Establish constructed wetlands in key areas	Reduction in the inflow of nutrients into the Lough, improved water quality
C2	Establish buffer zones along banks of inflowing rivers and streams and along whole lakeshore, especially in high risk areas, and provide water troughs where needed	Reduction in flow of nutrients into feeder streams and rivers and into Lough, improved water quality