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Improving ecosystem resilience & reducing nutrient pollution in Lough Carra, one of Europe's premier SAC marl lakes

Reference: LIFE20 NAT/IE/000172 | Acronym: LIFE Lough Carra

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

BACKGROUND

Lough Carra is a marl lake (i.e. one with high alkalinity) in the Lough Carra/Mask Complex Special Area of Conservation (SAC) in the west of Ireland. Since 1970, the Lough Carra catchment has been subjected to significant pressures, particularly from agricultural intensification, with 25% of the catchment converted from natural or semi-natural vegetation to improved grassland. This has resulted in the loss of some semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland as well as limestone pavement habitats. Over the same period, there were also significant increases in cattle and sheep stocking density as well as fertiliser and slurry application. Commercial forestry has also

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

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🕒 Start Date: 06/09/2021

🕒 End Date: 04/09/2026

€ Total Budget: 4,977,097 €

🏠 EU Contribution: 2,962,640 €

📍 Project Location: