





Atlantic West Natura Community

Creating Employment Opportunities in Areas with restricted Designations

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- Mayo North East (MNELP) is an integrated LEADER Partnership company which is community-owned and volunteer-led and has been a cornerstone of the local, rural, community development and social inclusion sectors in the region for over three decades.
- It manages a number of programmes on behalf of various Government Departments and the EU for the collective benefit of the people and communities of Mayo and Roscommon. It currently employs 67 full time equivalent staff, with an additional 454 people employed through social employment schemes. Our geographical remit for some programmes now covers all of Counties Mayo and Roscommon and stretches into Galway.
 - While our initial focus was on rural and community development, social inclusion and employment/activation are now significant areas of work in the company. It has a proven track record in delivering on key performance indicators and operates at the highest level in terms of best practice and governance
- The company adopts an inclusive role by participating itself on multiple interagency committees and community fora. A considerable amount of attention is given to stakeholder consultation and on the ground capacity building to ensure that all actions are based on needs and development is "bottom up".







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People Projects Potential

ORIGINS OF ATLANTIC WEST COMMUNITY ALLIANCE LIMITED

- Atlantic West Community Alliance Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mayo North East LEADER Partnership CLG
- It was established to enable a tender be submitted for an RFT issued by Wild Atlantic Nature LIFE IP and the National Parks and Wildlife Services for a "community led project that aims to develop and demonstrate a rhododendron control programme for areas within the Owenduff/Nephin, Shramore and Carrowmore Lake Complex Special Areas of Conservation in County Mayo".
- As the contract was of a commercial nature there was a requirement to establish an entity that was VAT registered and liable for corporate tax.
- •The company employs :
 - 6 Landscape Management Operatives with 3 additional operatives trained and will start in the future.
 - One part-time Administrator
 - One part-time Manager

Cahill and Trautt Accountants provide Payroll and monthly account management of the finances

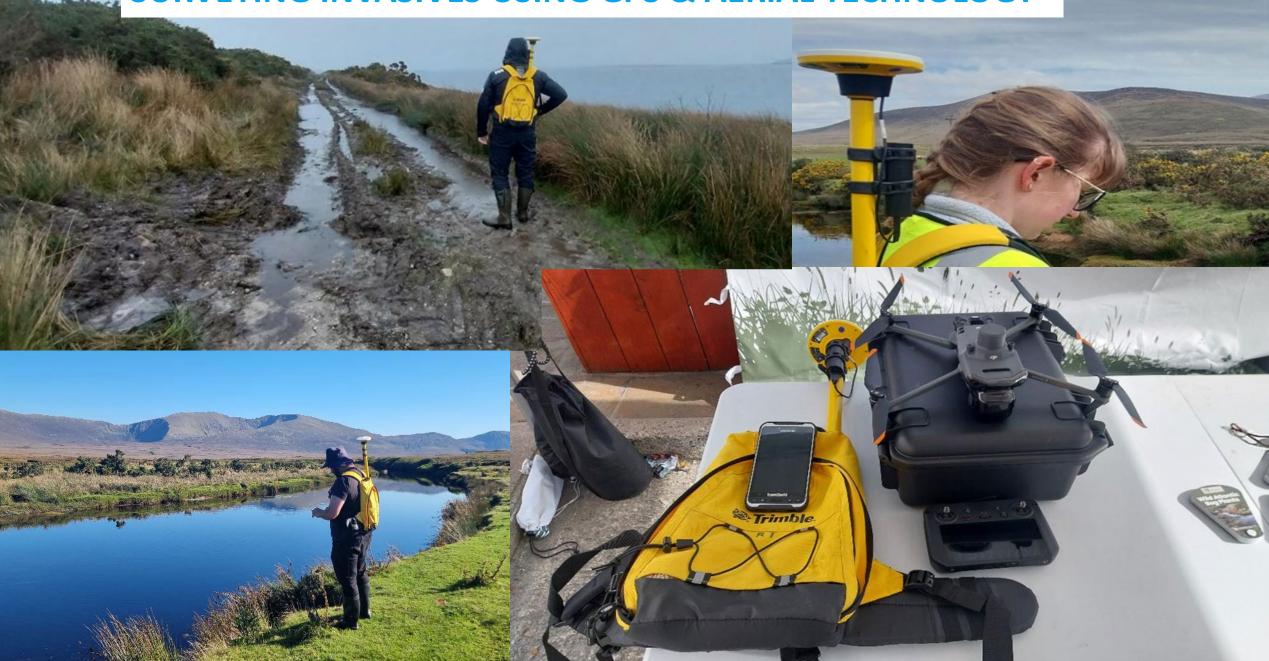
GOALS & OBJECTIVES OF ATLANTIC WEST COMMUNITY ALLIANCE LIMITED

| Public Engagement | Job Creation | Nature Restoration |
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| Farmers/ Landowners Community Groups Interest Groups | Landscape Operatives Scientific Expertise Mngt./ Admin | Invasive Control Peatland Restoration Waterways Restoration |
| Income GenerationFund future Projects | Research & Development | • Community Facilities staffing |
| Retain and Grow Workforce | Future Project development | and Management |
| MNE Management Fee | Response to Tenders Collaboration | Tourism asset development |

TRAINING & AWARENESS

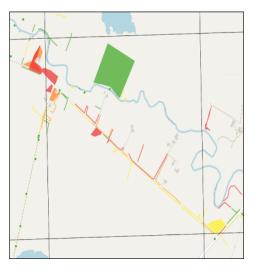


SURVEYING INVASIVES USING GPS & AERIAL TECHNOLOGY



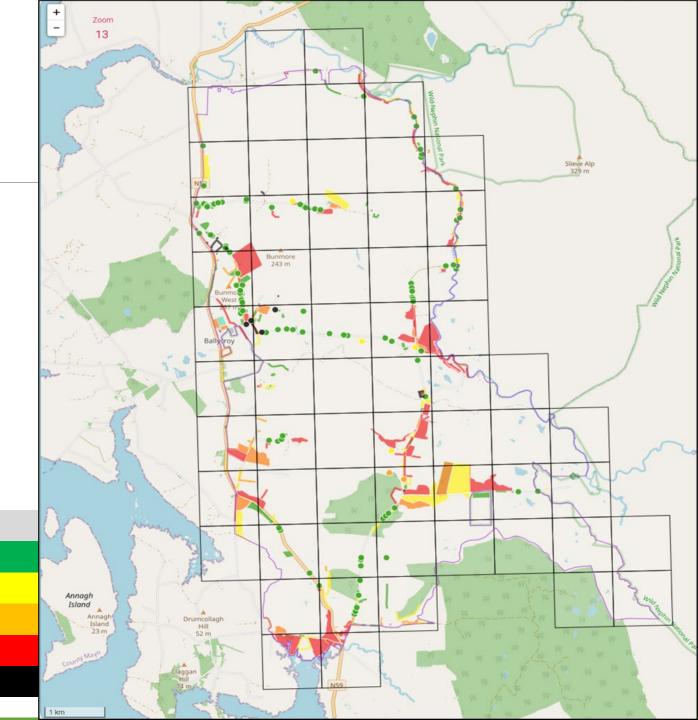


SURVEY SAMPLE RESULTS COLOUR-CODED CATEGORISATION INDICATING SEVERITY OF INFESTATION



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- ight Green Colour Categorisation
- Ioderate Yellow Colour Categorisation
- evere Orange Colour Categorisation
- ery Severe Red Colour categorisation
- Black represents other invasive species.



PEATLAND RESTORATION ELEMENT

PEAT DEPTH SURVEYS

PEATLAND FEATURES MAPPING & ASSESSMENT

RESTORATION ACTION PLANS

ON-SITE IMPLEMENTATION (Dams, Reprofiling, etc)

CURRENT CONTRACTS

A pilot community-led peatland restoration programme with a particular focus on Rhododendron relating to Carrowmore Lake Complex (000476) and Owenduff/Nephin Complex (000534) Special Areas of Conservation in County Mayo

Contracting Authority: Wild Atlantic Nature LIFE IP and the National Parks and Wildlife Services

Project Deliverables

Establishment of a Steering Group Community led training programme Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Promotion & publicity Obtaining consents and other regulatory requirements Rhododendron mapping - the distribution and scale of Rhododendron infestation and identifying target areas Draft Action plan following mapping Rhododendron training Rhododendron Pilot Control Project Develop peatland restoration training programme Reporting Rhododendron clearance at Owenduff/Nephin Complex SAC IE000534 (23-062) - Vary's/ Letterkeen loop

Contracting Authority: Wild Nephin National Park and the National Parks and Wildlife Services

Project Deliverables

NATURA IMPACT STATEMENT for rhododendron control measures at Vary's Loop trail

- Photographic Drone Survey of Site on an ongoing basis
- Treatment by stump treatment of approximately 27 Hectares of severe Rhododendron with 1:7 Glyphosate (Roundup Flex).

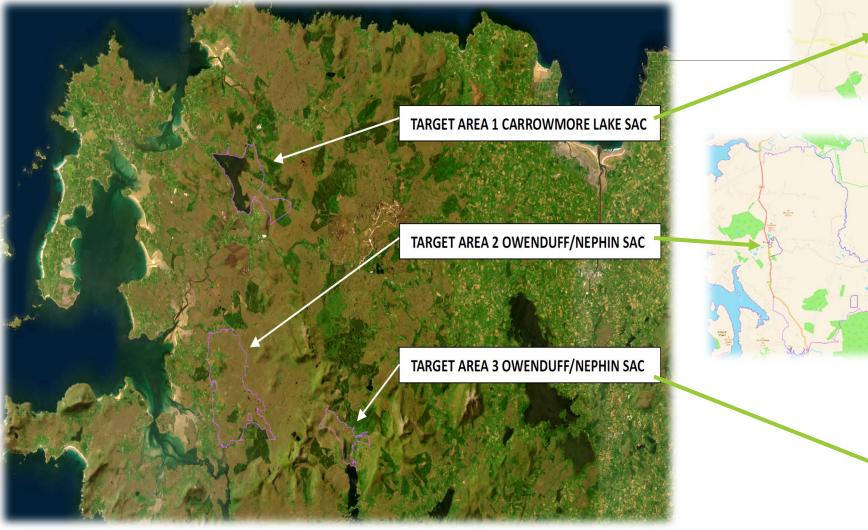
Natura Communities Seed Fund

Contracting Authority: Wild Atlantic Nature LIFE IP and the National Parks and Wildlife Services

Project Deliverables

Proposal for Achill Natura 2000 Network SAC Rhododendron Survey, Mapping, Control,

PROJECT TARGET AREAS within SPECIAL AREAS OF CONSERVATION (SACs)







LETTERKEEN LOOP WALK RHODODENDRON TREATMENT



THANK YOU



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