

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Biodiversity Actions
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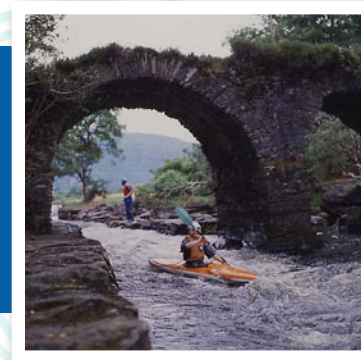
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KEY PERFORMANCE AREA	EDUCATION AND ACCESS
<p>Policy</p> <p>I</p> <p>II</p> <p>III</p> <p>IV</p>	<p>It is the policy of Kerry Local Authorities to:</p> <p>Work with local media to develop their Heritage and Biodiversity content.</p> <p>Promote Heritage Education Schemes and to assist the development of Heritage Education and Biodiversity awareness within County Kerry.</p> <p>Support community based projects which aim to raise awareness and promote best practise regarding Heritage and Biodiversity.</p> <p>Co-operate with national agencies in their efforts to increase public awareness regarding access to Heritage and Biodiversity.</p>
<p>Performance indicators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An average attendance of fifteen people at Local Authority assisted Heritage Week events by 2010. • Production of one Heritage Publication annually by the Heritage Office. • Formulation of a Heritage Education Network by 2009.

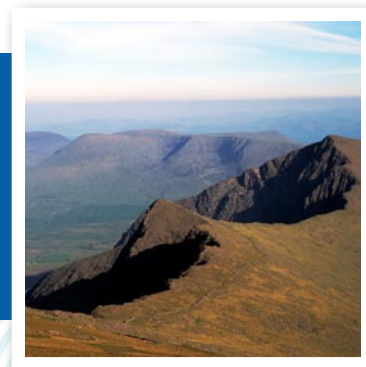
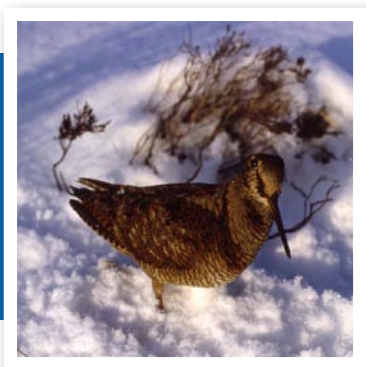
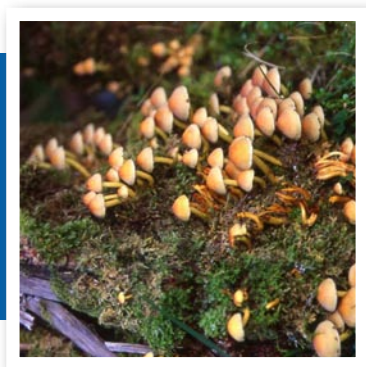


AIM:	I.1 To increase pride in our heritage resource through education programmes.				
	Action	Partners (pg 15 for abbreviations list)	Built	Natural & Biodiversity	Museums, Archives, Archaeology
I.1.1	Seek to create a countywide Heritage Education co-ordination working group.	HF, CDB, ITT, KLSP, KES, KAHS, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
I.1.2	Explore the creation of a County Heritage Awards Scheme.	HF, Com & Ent, SMT, KAHS, SWRFB	✓	✓	✓
I.1.3	Formulate regular press releases and Heritage input to local media.	HF, KCC, Corporate Services, THHS	✓	✓	✓
I.1.4	Develop a programme of events for Heritage Week and other nationally recognised Heritage Awareness Days.	HF, HC, CLS, Samhlaíocht Chiarraí, KAHS THHS	✓	✓	✓
I.1.5	Create a Heritage Events Calendar and web based register of heritage projects running in the county.	HF, KCC, Corporate Services, AO, CLS, KAHS, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
I.1.8	Support the INTO/Heritage Council Heritage in Schools scheme.	HC, HF, KEEP, KAHS	✓	✓	✓
I.1.9	Examine the possibility of developing Ballyseedy Woods as an educational resource.	FS, KEEP, HF, HC		✓	

AIM:	I.2 Increase awareness in relation to Heritage management and biodiversity conservation.				
	Action	Partners <i>(pg 15 for abbreviations list)</i>	Built	Natural & Biodiversity	Museums, Archives, Archaeology
I.2.1	Run two Heritage Conferences within the lifetime of this Heritage and Biodiversity Plan.	HF, NGO's, KAHS, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
I.2.2	Formulate a multi agency public awareness campaign regarding significant Habitats and Species in County Kerry including forestry, boglands, freshwater and marine habitats and species.	HF, HC, CLS, KCM, EAO, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
I.2.3	Publish county specific guides and information plaques regarding built heritage and significant habitats and species.	HF, HC, CLS, CO, EAO, KAHS, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
I.2.4	Provide training for Local Authority staff on aspects of heritage management relevant to their work.	HF, Training Dept., KCC, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
I.2.5	Examine the re-launching of the Golden Mile Hedgerow Conservation Scheme within County Kerry.	HF, EAO, HC, Teagasc, IFA, ICMSA, AE's, THHS, KEEP	✓	✓	✓

AIM:	I.3 To increase access, physical and intellectual, to heritage for all.				
	Action	Partners (pg 15 for abbreviations list)	Built	Natural & Biodiversity	Museums, Archives, Archaeology
I.3.1	Complete and maintain www.kerryheritage.ie and examine alternative methods for making Heritage information collected available to the public.	HF, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
I.3.2	Formulate thematic heritage trails within the county.	HF, HC, CLS, KLSP, AE's, KAHS, THHS, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
I.3.3	Seek to create a publicly accessible database of thematic sources relevant to all aspects of County Kerry's Heritage.	HF, HC, CLS	✓	✓	✓
I.3.4	Support existing and develop festivals and annual events with a significant Heritage content in co-operation with local groups.	AO, HF, CLS, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
I.3.5	Identify suitable sites for the provision of or improvement of access to and interpretation of our heritage.	HF, AE's, KAHS, THHS, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
I.3.6	Develop an acquisitions policy in respect of heritage material relevant to County Kerry.	CLS, KCM, HC, HF, A, CA, CO, KAHS, THHS	✓	✓	✓

Key Performance Area	Research
<p>Policies</p> <p style="text-align: center;">V</p>	<p><i>It is the policy of Kerry Local Authorities to:</i></p> <p>Collect information regarding County Kerry's Heritage & Biodiversity to facilitate sustainable development within the county and assist with heritage education programmes.</p>
<p>Performance indicators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of a Kerry Skills register by 2010. • Re launch www.kerryheritage.ie by 2010. • Compilation of a Heritage Research Deficit List by 2008.

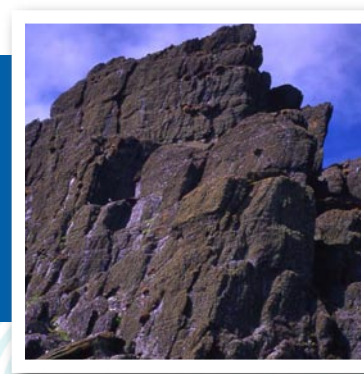


AIM:	2.1 Formulation of a Kerry Heritage Resource Directory.				
	Action	Partners (pg 15 for abbreviations list)	Built	Natural & Biodiversity	Museums, Archives, Archaeology
2.1.1	Formulate a skills register of built and natural heritage conservation practitioners.	HF, HC, CLS, CO, A, CA, EAO, RIAI, KAHS, THHS, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
2.1.2	Formulate a catalogue of Heritage projects that could be carried out to enhance towns and villages participating in Tidy Towns competitions.	HC, HF, Tidy Towns, KAHS	✓	✓	✓
2.1.4	Seek to create a register of heritage guides operating within the county.	CDB, KES, ITT	✓	✓	
2.1.5	Expand the existing register of clubs and societies who carry out heritage related activities.	CDB, HF, KEEP	✓	✓	✓

AIM:	2.2 Create a centralised database of Heritage records relating to Co. Kerry.				
	Action	Partners (pg 15 for abbreviations list)	Built	Natural & Biodiversity	Museums, Archives, Archaeology
2.2.1	Seek to provide in a format compatible with the GIS systems available to the Local Authority thematic mapping of significant habitats, species, pilgrim paths, walking routes as well as archaeological, historic and culturally significant landscapes and seascapes including historic designed landscapes and demesnes.	HF, HC, CLS, LGCSB, GIS, KAHS, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
2.2.2	Examine the inventory of sites of geological importance (appendix 5) with a view to having them designated within future County Development and Local Area Plans.	GSI, Planning		✓	
2.2.4	Quantify the Heritage Gardens and Parks asset within Kerry Local Authorities.	HF, HC, KEEP	✓	✓	

AIM:	2.3 Commission relevant research where there are information deficits.				
	Action	Partners (pg 15 for abbreviations list)	Built	Natural & Biodiversity	Museums, Archives, Archaeology
2.3.2	Seek to produce urban ecological surveys.	HF, Tidy Towns, KEEP		✓	
2.3.3	Formulate a register of non designated habitats (including native, semi natural woodlands & aquatic ecosystems) with a view to enhancing and protecting the counties biodiversity.	HF, NGO's, BSBI, HC, KEEP		✓	
2.3.4	Assist the identification and development of walking routes which would increase access and awareness where desirable to aspects of the counties heritage.	HF, HC, NTO, KLSP, KAHS, THHS, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
2.3.5	Commence a survey within the County to establish the extent, nature, condition, threats and management issues in relation to hedgerows.	HF, HC, AE's, THHS, KEEP		✓	
2.3.6	Assess the conservation and heritage management requirements of the Heritage Gardens and Parks within Kerry Local Authorities.	HF, HC, TTC, LTC, KTC, KEEP		✓	
2.3.8	Carry out a pilot habitat and species survey within graveyards in County Kerry.	HC, WS, HF, KEEP		✓	

Key Performance Area	Management
<p>Policies</p> <p>VI</p> <p>VII</p> <p>VIII</p>	<p><i>It is the policy of Kerry Local Authorities to:</i></p> <p>Support community based projects which promote best practise in heritage management.</p> <p>Incorporate the principals of best heritage practise to all its activities.</p> <p>Support the training of Local Authority staff in best practise in relation to heritage management.</p>
<p>Performance indicators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of best practise guidelines for developers by 2009. • The servicing of the roles of Biodiversity Officer and/or Conservation Officer within Kerry Local Authorities by 2010. • Formulation of thematic best practise heritage & biodiversity guidelines for Local Authority staff by 2009.



AIM:	3.1 Ensure the integration of heritage conservation into local authority activities.				
	Action	Partners <i>(pg 15 for abbreviations list)</i>	Built	Natural & Biodiversity	Museums, Archives, Archaeology
3.1.1	Review current consultation process between Kerry County Council and the prescribed bodies with a heritage remit in relation to all aspects of heritage.	HC, NMS, NPWS, NIAH, An Taisce, AC, KEEP, SWRFB, FI	✓	✓	✓
3.1.2.	Develop a policy in relation to hedgerow management for Kerry Local Authorities.	HF, HC, AE's, KEEP		✓	
3.1.3.	Formulate and adopt in collaboration with relevant stakeholders a policy in relation to invasive alien, naturalised and native flora and fauna.	HF, HC, KEEP, SWRFB		✓	✓
3.1.4	Formulate and publish best practise guidelines for developers in relation to archaeology, architecture, flora, fauna, landscapes/seascapes and biodiversity.	HF, HC, CLS, CA, Planning, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
3.1.5	Identify and implement methods to aid in the protection of all fish bearing watercourses and their floodplains to protect biodiversity, provide amenity development and aid in hydrological and environmental management of the water resource.	HF, EAO, Planning, THHS, SWRFB		✓	
3.1.6	Assist with the promotion care and management of built and natural heritage within all future developments through the planning process.	HC, HF, Planning, THHS, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
3.1.7	Develop and publish a graveyard maintenance policy and maintenance guidelines for Kerry Local Authorities.	HF, HC, CA, CO, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
3.1.8	Seek to protect from inappropriate development the scheduled list of geological sites in Appendix 5.	GSI, Planning		✓	

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AIM:	3.1 Ensure the integration of heritage conservation into local authority activities.				
	Action	Partners (pg 15 for abbreviations list)	Built	Natural & Biodiversity	Museums, Archives, Archaeology
3.1.9	Seek to have it specified that where trees are concerned, in relation to any development proposal, it should be a condition of planning permission that a felling license be obtained by the developer prior to commencement of felling works as required by the Forestry Act 1946.	FS, Planning, KEEP		✓	
3.1.10	Develop policy regarding development and recreation in relation to semi-natural woodland and forestry and seek to have it adopted within the County Development Plan.	HF, Planning, FS, KLSP, KEEP		✓	

AIM:	3.2 Seek to increase the level of Heritage expertise available to Kerry County Council.				
	Action	Partners (pg 15 for abbreviations list)	Built	Natural & Biodiversity	Museums, Archives, Archaeology
3.2.1	Examine methods to address the role of Local Authority Biodiversity officer within current staffing limits.	HF, SMT, KEEP		✓	
3.2.3	Seek to provide an adequately staffed and resourced Local Authority Heritage Office.	HF, HC, SMT, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
3.2.5	Seek to have only accredited (FETAC or equivalent) hedge cutting contractors engaged in hedge cutting operations.	SMT, Teagasc, HF, AE's		✓	

AIM:	3.3 Provide advice to Kerry Local Authorities on Heritage Conservation.				
	Action	Partners (pg 15 for abbreviations list)	Built	Natural & Biodiversity	Museums, Archives, Archaeology
3.3.1	Undertake a Heritage Appraisal of all development plans at pre public consultation draft stage that are forwarded to the Heritage Office (with appropriate mapping and text) for comment.	HC, Planning,	✓	✓	✓
3.3.2	Create a central index of datasets and sources on biodiversity, built and natural heritage as they relate to County Kerry.	HC, HF, CLS, CA, CO, A, KEEP,	✓	✓	✓
3.3.3	Provide regular updates to Senior Management regarding legislation, funding opportunities and national policy as they relate to heritage.	HF, CA, CO	✓	✓	✓
3.3.5	Seek to provide regular briefing sessions and training to relevant staff members on heritage policy, legislation and practical conservation works.	HF, NIAH, CA, A, Training, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
3.3.6	Provide a series of briefing documents and manuals on best practise in relation to heritage conservation, enhancement, policy and legislation for use by Kerry County Council staff.	HC, HF, KEEP,	✓	✓	✓
3.3.7	Continue to avail of training provided for Heritage Officers by the Heritage Council.	HC	✓	✓	✓
3.3.8	Seek formation of a heritage and planning committee who will devise mutually beneficial advice guidelines, training and commission relevant studies.	Planning, CA, CO, Training, KEEP	✓	✓	

AIM:	3.4 Capacity building within Local Communities.				
	Action	Partners (pg 15 for abbreviations list)	Built	Natural & Biodiversity	Museums, Archives, Archaeology
3.4.2	Encourage the use of Neighbour Wood and native woodland schemes within the county.	FS, KEEP		✓	
3.4.3	Support the development of Sneem Geopark in its efforts to become an internationally accredited geopark.	HC, HF, Planning, SMT, AE's, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
3.4.5	Investigate options in relation to conservation works at Akeragh Lough required to enhance the existing habitat.	HF, HC, Birdwatch Ireland		✓	
3.4.6	Form a review panel to assess, give technical assistance and financially support local heritage related publications and research initiatives.	HF, HC, CLS, CEB, KAHS, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
3.4.7	Continue to aid the collection of oral folklore relating to the county.	HF, HC, CLS, A, KAHS, THHS, KEEP	✓	✓	✓
3.4.8	Promote the Teagasc hedge cutters accreditation scheme.	Teagasc, HF, HC, AE's, SMT, EAO, KEEP		✓	
3.4.9	Support projects lead by community based groups aimed at increasing awareness, assisting biodiversity and increasing access to local heritage sites.	HF, HC, KAHS, KEEP	✓	✓	✓

Glossary

A	Archivist
AE's	Area Engineers
AO	Arts Office
AC	Arts Council
BSBI	Botanical Society of the British Isles
CA	County Archaeologist
CDB	County Development Board
CEB	County Enterprise Board
CLS	County Library Service
CO	Conservation Officer
Com & Ent	Community & Enterprise, KCC
DMNR	Dept Marine & Natural Resources
DOEHLG	Dept. Environment, Heritage & Local Government
D IRD	Duhallow IRD
EAO	Environmental Awareness Officer
FS	Forest Service
FI	Fáilte Ireland
GSI	Geological Survey of Ireland
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
HO	Heritage Officer
HF	Heritage Forum
IAI	Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland Ltd.
ICMSA	Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association
IGS	Irish Georgian Society
IMA	Irish Museums Association
IMAS	Irish Maritime Archaeological Society
IPA	Institute of Public Administration
IT	Information Technology
ITT	Institute of Technology Tralee
KAHS	Kerry Archaeology & Historical Society

KCC	Kerry County Council
KCM	Kerry County Museum
KEEP	Kerry Earth Education Project
KLSP	Kerry Local Sports Partnership
KES	Kerry Education Service
KTC	Killarney Town Council
LTC	Listowel Town Council
LGCSB	Local Government Computer Services Board
MCD	Músaem Chorca Dhuibhne
MH	Muckross House
NGO's	Non Government Organisations
NIAH	National Inventory of Architectural Heritage
NMI	National Museum of Ireland
NMS	National Monuments Service
NTO	National Trails Office (of the Irish Sports Council)
NPWS	National Parks & Wildlife Service
Planning	Forward Planning & Development Control, KCC
RIAI	Royal Institute of Architects in Ireland
SKDP	South Kerry Development Partnership
SMT	Senior Management Team, KCC
SPC	Strategic Policy Committee
SWRFB	South Western Regional Fisheries Board
TC	Tuatha Chiarraí
THHS	Tarbert Historical & Heritage Society
TTC	Tralee Town Council
VWT	Vincent Wildlife Trust
WS	Water Services