



B3 Conservation Management Proposal

Aim: To develop the skills base of all stakeholders in the understanding, management and conservation of natural and cultural heritage and to reinforce Actions B1 and B2.

Target Group	Modules/Case Studies	Potential Outcome	Potential Partners	Budgets	Priority (1= highest / 6= lowest)
All Partners	<u>Continuous Professional Development:</u> Meetings, field trips, webinars, facilitated group planning and reviews.	Successful delivery of GeoparkLIFE through shared vision, increased knowledge, increased capacity, increased clarity of roles in balancing tourism and conservation	All partners	Direct Personnel	
Potential trainers in Action B1; within Burren business community	<u>Training the Trainers programme</u>	Trained cohort of trainers for all aspects of Code of Practice for Tourism Enterprises; increasing future capacity and sustainability in balancing tourism and conservation	CCC and FI NUIG?	External Experts (Transfer of budget in FI may be required)	
Individuals, businesses, community groups, schools.	<u>Community Knowledge Programme:</u> A combination of programmes and case studies. Focus on field trips, projects, exhibitions and events. Suggested Case studies: 1. Pilgrimage (Clare Pilgrim Group & XPO) 2. Water (Lisdoonvarna Transition Year	Increase in knowledge and awareness leading to confidence in conserving and interpreting the Burren and development of community and business initiatives	CCC/HC/ GSI/FI/Burren beo /NMS/NPWS	Direct Personnel External Experts (Transfer of budget in FI/HC may be required)	

	Programme) 3. Biodiversity (Ballyvaughan Tidy Towns))				
Landowners, Coach Drivers, Visitor Centres, Accommodation	<p><u>Communicating the LIFE programme</u> Using consultation, surveys, tailored materials and incentives to improve visitor engagement with the objectives of GeoparkLIFE through the key people whom visitors glean information from.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Surveys at visitor centres 2. Tailored materials and incentives for Coach Drivers 3. Utilising farm infrastructure to act as message medium 4. Tailored materials for accommodation providers 	Increased engagement with visitors on conservation in a <u>positive</u> way; reinforcing local knowledge, pride and care of the Burren.	CCC/HC/FI/GSI /BFC/COM/ RRO	Direct Personnel External Experts (Transfer of budget in FI/HC may be required)	
Guides, Landowners	<p><u>Guiding and Visitor Management</u> Using training and field work to underpin expertise in guiding and managing visitors in the landscape</p>	Increased understanding of rights and obligations, First Aid, safety, group management; Leave No Trace and universal access should underpin this element	FI/HC/BOEC/L NT/RRO/CCC	Direct Personnel External Experts (Transfer of budget in FI/HC may be required)	
Landowners, BCV, BEN, individuals, community groups	<p><u>Conservation Management Skills</u> Using the B2 demonstration sites and B3 case studies to develop core skills in conservation management and communication</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winterage 'Meitheal' 2. Adopt a Road/Monument 	Increased skills in understanding legislation, recording, analysis, conservation practice, monitoring and long term management. Utilising existing expertise (eg. FMA Michael Lynch)	All partners plus EPA	Direct Personnel External Experts	

Current Budget Details for Action B3 Monuments and Habitats

	Direct Personnel	T&S	External Assistance	Consumables	Other	TOTAL
Overall	235,650	55,055	85,310	4,000		380,015
CCC	32,240	15,055	55,310			
UCD	97,460	13,000				
GSI	23,450	5,000	30,000	4,000		
NUIG	82,500	22,000				