



About

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Participants are invited to join the IUCN European Otter Workshop 2013 (April 24th to 26th) at the Trident Hotel, Kinsale, Co. Cork, Ireland <http://tridenthotel.com/>. This workshop will discuss the following topics (1-9) related to the study, management and conservation of the European otter (*Lutra lutra*) population.

1. Coastal Otters
2. Spraint/Dietary analysis
3. Population estimates
4. Tracking otters
5. Recolonisation, Recovery and Re-introductions
6. Conservation threats and conflicts
7. Roads and otters
8. Non-invasive monitoring

The conference is co-organised by Waterford Institute of Technology <http://www.wit.ie/>, Ireland, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Ireland <http://www.npws.ie/> and the IUCN Otter specialist Group <http://www.otterspecialistgroup.org/>. The workshop will include themed sessions as outlined above covering oral and poster presentations from postgraduate students, researchers and conservation practitioners working in this field.

This workshop is intended as a forum to deepen our understanding of the issues concerning the study, conservation and management of the species and target key issues which may be better resolved with wider research and international collaborations. We encourage participants who are currently starting projects that may only have preliminary data to present their findings, and to use the forum to discuss issues encountered with current methods and hypotheses.

Social events include Irish music and dancing on April 24th, conference dinner on April 25th and an optional group dinner (€40/person) after the conference on April 26th at the renowned Fishy Fishy Restaurant (<http://www.fishyfishy.ie/>). The workshop will offer



participants a great opportunity to network with colleagues from across Europe (and beyond perhaps!) in the beautiful setting of the historic coastal town of Kinsale (<http://kinsale.ie/>).

Following the two day workshop in Kinsale, participants have the option of joining a two day field trip to one of Ireland's premier SAC sites at Roaringwater Bay, West Cork (April 27th to 29th). We will base ourselves on Sherkin Island. Further information [here](#) and <http://www.sherkinisland.ie/>. It is planned to carry out a volunteer based otter survey as part of the Mammals in a Sustainable Environment (MISE) project (<http://www.miseproject.ie/>). Spraints collected will be used as part of an on-going non-invasive genetic study at Waterford Institute of Technology.

Alternatively people are free to enjoy the wonderful natural environment or to go whale and dolphin watching (at additional cost). Further details will be posted shortly. The additional cost of this trip is expected to be €150 for 2 nights hotel accommodation and 1 evening meal. Transport will be arranged at no extra cost from Kinsale to Baltimore. Transport back to Cork airport and city centre will also be arranged for Monday 29th April, 2013. Numbers will be strictly limited due to limited accommodation on Sherkin Island so book early!

Organising Committee

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