

The Irish Environmental Network

SDG 15: Life on Land

The Irish Environmental Network, or IEN, is a network of 34 nationally active environmental NGOs that work both individually and together to ensure the protection and enhancement of the natural environment in Ireland. The IEN's member groups represent a broad range of environmental issues covering everything from conservation to wildlife protection, from waste reduction to climate change.

The IEN works to secure core funding for the valuable work done by its member organisations, as well as providing networking, training and capacity building opportunities for its groups. As a network, the IEN seeks to promote the interlinked principles of environmental, social and economic sustainability in all of its work.

One of the IEN's key initiatives is Ireland's **National Biodiversity Week** which is held each year in May. Over the course of National Biodiversity Week, over 50 free events take place right across Ireland encouraging people young and old to get outdoors, connect with their natural surroundings and witness first hand Ireland's rich and unique biodiversity. From bat walks to urban bee-keeping, whale-watching to fossil hunts, Biodiversity Week aims to inform, engage and educate people from all walks of life about the diversity of life on land in Ireland. For more, see <http://biodiversityweek.ie/>

Goal 15, 'Life On Land' covers the sustainable management of forest, the reversing of land degradation, the protection of natural habitats and the halting of biodiversity loss. Through National Biodiversity Week, and by continuing to support the conservation, advocacy and educational work of its 34 environmental member NGOs, the IEN is committed to playing its part in working towards the achievement of Goal 15 by 2030.

For further information please see: <https://ien.ie>

