

Job Description
Irish Breeding Curlew EIP
Project Manager

Full Job Title

Project Manager for the European Innovation Partnership (EIP): Conservation of the breeding Curlew in southern Lough Corrib and south Co. Leitrim.

A Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) funded project of the European Innovation Partnerships (EIP) Initiative.

Employer

Birdwatch Ireland, on behalf of the Curlew EIP Operational Group (OG), the members of which are BirdWatch Ireland (the Lead Partner), the Irish Natura and Hill Farmers Association (INHFA), Irish Grey Partridge Trust (IGPT) and Teagasc.

Duration

Nov 2018 –December 2021, Full time.

Background

The Irish Breeding Curlew OG was granted just over €1m of funding from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Marine (DAFM) EIP fund for an innovative project to address factors contributing to the decline of breeding Curlew in Ireland. The project will operate in two focus areas, southern Lough Corrib in County Galway, and the bogs important for Curlew in south Co. Leitrim. New, innovative programs will be initiated in these areas to improve nesting outcomes through various measures, including training farmers in predator control and nest protection, agri-environment measures and capital works programs.

The Project Manager (PM) will oversee the work of the project which has already commenced in the South Lough Corrib area and establish the project in the South Leitrim area for operation in 2019.

Key Aspects of the Role

1. Management of all aspects of the Curlew EIP Project.
2. Work with Predator Control staff to develop training in Predator Control and other nest protection measures, for farmers and landowners.
3. Development of an Agri-Environment measure, which is likely to include a results-based element, specifically for Curlew in the two focus areas.
4. Preparation of Project Reports, including progress Reports and financial reporting for DAFM.
5. Dissemination activity, including website and social media (in line with BirdWatch Ireland communication guidelines).

Essential Qualifications

- A degree in a relevant scientific discipline, e.g., ecology, zoology, environmental science or similar.
- Project management experience.
 - Experience in countryside management and conservation.
 - Habitat assessment and mapping skills.

- Knowledge of Irish farming and the various schemes available to farmers.
- Demonstrated ability to develop strong collaborative relationships with a wide range of stakeholders.
- Possess a full valid driving license and have access to own transport.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Excellent IT skills and good working knowledge of GIS.
- Ability to work effectively under pressure and to achieve objectives in a timely manner.

Desirable qualifications

- Knowledge of and preferably, experience of results-based schemes.
- Practical experience of predator control and a good understanding of predator control techniques.
- Experience of training farmers in management of habitats for biodiversity.
- Knowledge of funding procedures, experience in budget management and financial procedures.

Salary

€38,000 per annum.

BirdWatch Department:

Conservation & Policy

Application forms can be emailed to adonaghy@birdwatchireland.ie by the closing date.

Closing date for applications: Monday 8th Oct 2018 17:00.

Interviews will be held the following week at the Teagasc Office in Tuam, Co. Galway (subject to final confirmation).