

CONSERVATION GRANT REPORT

Supporting Small Conservation Projects in the
community that strive for protecting Biodiversity
and connecting People and the Sea

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The Sea Collective

Along with their partners Oilean na nÓg and Ionad Mhachaire Rabhartaigh their project, the Coastal Custodians, Machaire Rabhartaigh will be based in Co. Donegal.

It aims to provide an innovative and engaging opportunity for youth from a coastal area to study marine biodiversity on their home shores – and pass their new-found knowledge on to their younger counterparts through creative and fun activities, acting as role models!

**Community
Enterprise run
by David &
Cat McCann**



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Scoil Chaitriona Renmore

Project entitled 'Looking After Our Oceans', Aquarium support allowed children to travel to Dublin to preform their musical for pre-service teachers at Marino Institute of Education.

Lead by teachers Jane McLoughlin, Fiona Kavanagh and Laura Coade, the project aims to use the creative art forms of paintings, stop motion animation and producing a musical to promote and spread the idea that each of us must take responsibility for our local marine environment.



**Included 1st,
2nd and
hearing-
impaired
classes**



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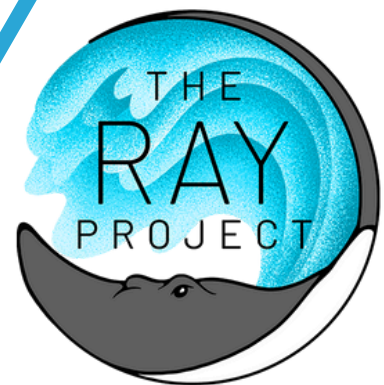
The Ray Project

Funding for the Native Irish Lay Site Project, which will conduct research into species of Native Irish skate. Working together with the community, the team aims to identify active egg laying sites and nurseries for vulnerable species of skate.

They hope their project can help spread awareness about skates and rays in Ireland and help increase their population by protect important areas for juveniles.



**Dedicated to
Conservation
and Research
of Skates &
Rays**



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Fenit Seagrass Project

The Flowering Plants of the Black Rock Pool Seagrass Project will be lead by the Fenit Coast Conservation (Ed Sheldon, Trisha O'Halloran, John Walsh, Sarah O'Malley & Gosia Horajska-Shaikh).

Citizen science volunteers from Banna, Fenit and the Maharees will take a careful look at the eelgrass growing in one of Tralee Bay's limestone pools. The group will study underwater seagrass flowers and the way in which their seeds mature.



**Goal of
producing a
Guide to
flowering
Stages in
Seagrass**



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Sea Synergy Oyster Project

The work will aim to establish the feasibility of an European oyster (*Ostrea edulis*) reef restoration within the Portmagee Channel Co. Kerry Ireland. This grant from Galway Atlantaquaria will support the fieldwork of one of our summer interns to begin assessing the distribution of *Ostrea edulis* and associated biodiversity in the Channel. The information collected will provide baseline data on the marine species currently living in the channel and be used to assess the future feasibility of restoring *Ostrea edulis* reefs in the channel.



**Establish the
feasibility of
Oyster Reef
Restoration in
the local area**

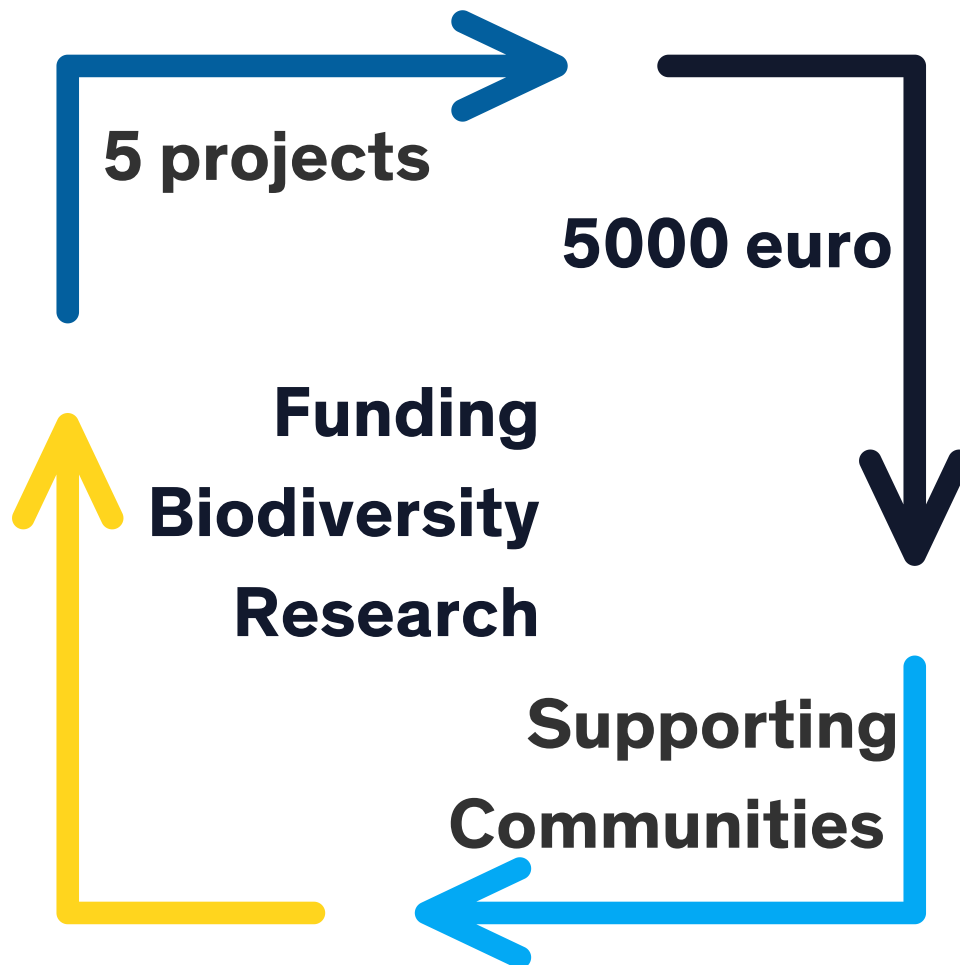


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Further Info at

- The Sea Collective <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100084104088138>
- Scoil Caitriona Renmore <http://junior.renmoreschool.com/>
- Sea Synergy <https://www.seasynergy.org/>
- The Ray Project <https://www.therayproject.org/projects>
- Fenit Coast Conservation <https://www.facebook.com/fenitcoastconservation/>