

This Map of the River Ilen Catchment and Coastal Zone is included as an insert with the Book, "StreamScapes Ilen". It is for the use of StreamScapes Ilen Project participants, as well as the wider community, to help achieve a greater understanding of the various elements which make up our local River and Marine areas. These lands and waters are the source of our health and wealth, and they also support a rich and wide Biodiversity. Where is your home on this map? What is the nearest river or stream? What is upstream from my home? What lies downstream? For further information see www.streamscapes.ie/ilen



'Ilen' comes from the Irish, An Aighlinn, related to the female name 'Eileen'; it can mean "the way that moonlight reflects on water."



Thriving commercial forestry in Glandart and elsewhere



Drimoleague Heritage Walkway Committee have developed the Drimoleague Heritage and the Deelish Cascades Walks.
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Proud villages and towns



What is a Catchment? A Catchment defines a Community related by Water!



The world-class and highly competitive Skibbereen Rowing Club



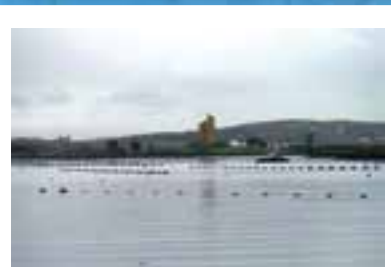
The River Ilen is an important Salmon & Sea Trout River. Ilen salmon have helped restock the River Rhine



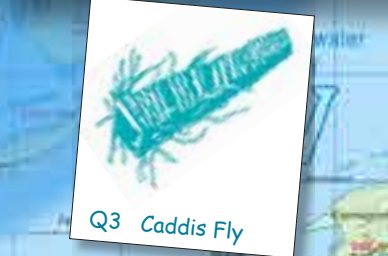
Egret



The 'Ilen' Ketch, currently being restored at Hegarty's Boatyard, Old Court (see www.ilen.ie)
Photo © Kevin O'Farrell



Active sea-fishing (Baltimore) and aquaculture industry (Roaring Water Bay)



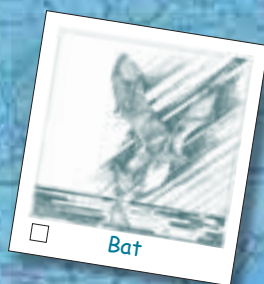
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Rich archaeological heritage, such as Castledonovan and megalithic sites



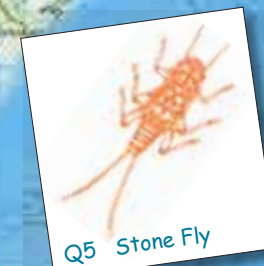
Productive Dairy Farming, fostered by the historically important Drinagh Co-op, and the innovative Glenilen Dairies enterprise near Drimoleague village.



Bat



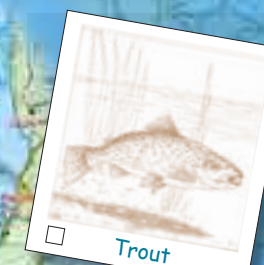
Kingfisher



Q5 Stone Fly



The Catchment is home to many proud Community & Voluntary Organisations, including several prominent GAA & other Sports Clubs.



Trout



Otter



Climate Change: There are concerns about Floods in the lower River Ilen. Why do we have bigger & more frequent floods than previously?



We are the stewards of our Catchment's water quality and wildlife habitats!



Skibbereen, An Sciobairín, used to have a series of Quays along the river bank to receive light craft travelling up and down the tide, to and from Baltimore.



The River Ilen Coastal Zone contributes important habitat to the Irish Whale & Dolphin Sanctuary
Photo © Dave Wall/IWDG



Flourishing Arts in the Catchment including Skibbereen Arts Centre & Arts Degree Programme on Sherkin Island
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The unique marine environment of Lough Hyne, Ireland's first Marine Nature Reserve



Rich cultural traditions of Cape Clear, Sherkin, and Heir Islands



Dipper