

Coastwatch Autumn Survey 2022 Results Highlights Launch and Follow up Action Workshops

A public event for anyone interested in citizen science and the health of our coast and seas.

PROGRAMME

Mon 5th Dec 2022

[Simon Perry Building Demo Room, Trinity College Dublin](#)

10.00 am Registration and coffee

10.15 am Zoom room opens. If attending remotely you are invited in and given advice how to participate actively – Kevin Lynch, Coastwatch Tech Coordinator

10.30 Session 1: Coastwatch Autumn 2022 Survey first Results

Chair Michael Walsh Coastwatch

Presentations by Coastwatch coordination Team

Kevin Lynch – survey units covered and context

Karin Dubsy – Shore character and Biodiversity

Bernie Connolly – Water Carson Gibbons -

Marine litter Q and A.

11.00 am Official Launch of First Results by Éanna Ní Lamhna

TCD Out doors weather permitting

11.30 am Workshop 1: Biodiversity and homing in on three topics for action

Facilitator: Dr Michael Gunn, vet, virologist with Coastwatch and BirdWatch links

Seagrass Finds and health - Ed Sheldon Kerry, Tom Hannigan L Foyle and from the floor.

Dead birds and avian flu *Ailbha Flynn* and *Patrick Veal* with bird experts from the floor

Discussion and recommendations for action

Honeycomb reef and Christmas proposal for Wexford exhibition Mick Berry Coastwatch team

12.10 am Workshop 2: Designated coastal waters: Designation purpose, monitoring and how to make and keep them healthy. Role of the public and the 3rd River Basin Management Plan.

Facilitator: *Dr Matt Crowe, National Water Forum with Expert Panellists*

The latest EPA Water Report and designated coastal waters - *Dr Robert Wilkes* EPA

Designated shellfish Waters *Gary McCoy* and *Peter Mc Groary*, SFPA Proposals for action.

1.00 pm Close and walk to Lunch in the Pavilion Trinity College

1.15 – 2.00 pm Lunch and celebration of our coast and citizens engaged in citizen science

2.15 to 3.00 pm Coastwatcher closed planning session: seagrass and possibly one other.

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Surveyors

We would like to thank our many volunteer citizen scientists for their time, effort and keen observations in surveying and reporting. Names of lead surveyor in each team where publication was permitted are provided in the draft report today. Please help us correct omissions and misspellings.

Regional Coordinators

A big thank you to our regional coordinator team from Coastwatch groups, universities and local authorities who informed others, went out to survey themselves, trained newcomers, answered the widest range of questions and helped verify and analyse select results listed here from Louth to Donegal: Brendan Mcsherry, Declan Collins, Michael Walsh, Rita Hagan, Carson Gibbons, Roslyn Shaw, Deidre Burns, Mick Berry, Andrew Cox, Brian Jacobs, Bernie Connolly, Dolf D'Hondt, Ed Sheldon, Frances Galloway, Jane Kelleher, Sabine Springer, Kevin Lynch Galway, Aisa Cooper, Trish Murphy and Tom Hannigan.

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