



An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

**Memorandum of Understanding between the Irish Breeding Curlew EIP and
the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
for the exchange of Curlew satellite tracking data.**

- 1. This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into by**
 - (i) The Irish Breeding Curlew European Innovation Partnership project, comprising BirdWatch Ireland (the lead partner), the Irish Grey Partridge Conservation Trust (IGPCT), the Irish Natura and Hill Farmers Association (INHFA) and Teagasc, collectively the Operational Group (OG), (hereafter “Curlew EIP”), and funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM),
and**
 - (ii) the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage, (hereafter “NPWS/DHLGH”),
hereafter “the Parties”.**
- 2. The purpose of this MOU is to support the sharing of information between NPWS/DHLGH and the Curlew EIP relating to satellite tracking data for breeding Curlew in Ireland, specifically for the purposes of a Masters Research Project (hereafter “the Project”) which is a collaboration between NPWS/DHLGH (led by Dr Séan Kelly) with University College Dublin.**
- 3. This Agreement should be executed in two copies with one original returned to each Party for their files.**
- 4. This MOU may not be amended without the agreement of both Parties.**

5. This MOU does not affect the statutory responsibilities of, or between, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The parties will each provide the MSc project with data from Curlew satellite tracking collected in 2021 by each of the Parties, as well as data collected in additional years of 2022 and 2023 where applicable. The Intellectual Property Rights for the Data will remain with the Data Originator (i.e. that Party from whom the data originated).
6. This MoU will remain in place until one or both parties decide to terminate the MoU.
7. NPWS/DHLGH agrees to appoint a representative from the Curlew EIP, by default from the lead partner (or a deputy from the OG), to an advisory group that will be established to assist oversee the Project.
8. The Data Originator is acknowledged as being either the Curlew EIP or NPWS/DHLGH. Co-authorship will be offered where the Data Originator has contributed intellectually to the publication.
9. Any use or publication of either party's data must be subject to prior discussion and written agreement of the other Party.
10. Data must not be shared with a third Party without the permission of the other Party, to be provided in writing.
11. Freedom of Information: any information held by or for the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage is subject to the FOI Act and the AIE regulations and may be released in response to a request under those regimes.
12. Copyright: This MOU is intended to generate knowledge for public good purposes and as such, NPWS/DHGLG expects that outputs/findings should be widely disseminated and made publicly available.
13. Declarations of interests: Ethics in Public Office - Any registrable interest involving VUW and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, members of the Government, members of the Oireachtas or employees of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage or their relatives must be fully disclosed. The terms "registrable interest" and "relative" shall be interpreted as per Section 2 of the Ethics in Public Office Act, 1995.

Signatories

Representatives of the Parties to sign this document agree in spirit and fact the contents as outlined above.

Signed on behalf of BirdWatch Ireland:



(Name, Position)

Date 13/12/21

Signed on behalf of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage,



Date 24th November 2011

CLIONA O'BRIEN, Grade 1 Wildlife Inspector, NPWS, DHLGH