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Corncrake/Traonach Conservation Programme (CTCP)-NPWS

Tender-Contract for Services

Provision of services for Predation Risk Management Officers

6th of March 2023- 1st of March 2024

Contracts - Areas of operation:

1. Donegal Malin Head (125 days)-As directed by CTCP
2. Donegal Fanad Head-Falcarragh (125 days) - As directed by CTCP
3. Donegal (West Donegal and islands) (250 days) - As directed by CTCP
4. North Mayo (Mullet Peninsula) (250 days) - As directed by CTCP
5. Galway (Inishbofin, Turbot and Omev Islands) and South Mayo (125 days)- As directed by CTCP

General description

Suitable person to protect breeding sites for Corncrake (*Crex crex*) within eight areas across Donegal, Mayo and Galway

Protection methods include: control of predators, habitat management, bird recording, local engagement, education and awareness, working as part of the LIFE Team to deliver its objectives.

All or one area can be tendered for, however tender must demonstrate capacity to provide dedicated coverage within each area.

The closing time and date for receipt of quotes is:

Friday February 20th 2023



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Introduction

The Predation Risk Management Officers will work under the auspices of the Corncrake/Traonach LIFE project and in conjunction with the National Parks and Wildlife Service Corncrake/Traonach Conservation Programme. The overall objective of Corncrake/Traonach LIFE is to improve the conservation status in Ireland of the corncrake by the enhancement of the Special Protection Area (SPA) network and surrounding farmland. The Corncrake is listed on Annex I of the Birds Directive (2009/147/EC); is classed as 'Least Concern' by the IUCN Red List criteria. However, in Ireland, on account of the large decreases in both numbers and range, it is on the Red List of Conservation Concern. The most recent assessment of Corncrakes in Ireland, submitted in Ireland's report to the EU under Article 12 of the Birds Directive, notes an 85% decrease in population since 1978 and a 92% decrease in range. The birds are now only regularly found in coastal area of north and west Donegal, including several islands, the Mullet peninsula in Co. Mayo and the Connemara islands in west Co. Galway.

Changes in agricultural practices, particularly a shift to mechanised grass harvesting and early summer cutting of meadows for silage, has been a key factor in the decline of the species. Coastal corncrake populations are also reliant on habitat mosaics which incorporate areas of early and late cover (ELC) to provide refuge to the birds when growth is slow in the spring and when meadows are harvested later in the summer. A lack of ELC is a major limiting factor in the bird's ability to breed in more coastal areas as landscapes have become increasingly homogenised.

This project will take place on 8 project sites (in 9 SPAs and adjacent supporting farmland). Adjacent supporting farmland is critical to the project as circa 85% of the population occurs within the SPAs and associated hinterland. All these areas (referred to as "Corncrake catchments") will be targeted in the project. Detailed maps are available on the project website: <https://www.corncrakelife.ie/rbps-target-areas>

The project aims to deliver actions across a total of 1,000ha of its total target area of 4,300 hectares, subject to landowner agreement. It is envisioned that 50 hectares of this area will be managed as early and late cover plots which are essential for coastal corncrake populations. Habitat management will be achieved through a combination of the development and implementation of a pilot results-based payment scheme for farmers (RBPS), habitat management agreements for non-farmers, land leasing, and strategic land purchases. Conservation measures will take place on all lands within the programme managed via one of these four strategies.

The Corncrake/Traonach Conservation Programme works on behalf of the NPWS (and under the auspices of the Corncrake/Traonach LIFE project) to undertake:

- A national census of the corncrake population in the republic of Ireland
- Habitat management works to improve the status of the corncrake

- A grant scheme to reward farmers/landowners who manage grass harvesting at dates to align with the birds breeding cycle
- Research and outreach to improve knowledge of corncrake ecology
- Gather information of bird locations and habitat condition

Background

Project area and land use objectives of Corncrake/Traonach LIFE

The overall objective of Corncrake/Traonach LIFE is to improve the conservation status in Ireland of the Corncrake by the enhancement of the Special Protection Area (SPA) network and surrounding farmland. This project will take place on 8 project sites (in 9 SPAs and adjacent supporting farmland). Adjacent supporting farmland is critical to the project as circa 85% of the population occurs within the SPAs and associated hinterland. All these areas (referred to as "Corncrake catchments") will be targeted in the project.

The specific component objectives of the project are:

- securing landowner cooperation and local community involvement and support;
- improving targeting and delivery of effective conservation measures, underpinned by science;
- improving management regimes for Corncrake in project sites;
- creation and maintenance of Early and Late Cover (ELC);
- improving knowledge exchange with farmers and planners in project sites;
- promoting the Corncrake as an asset for local areas and communities

The achievement of the objectives is expected to lead to an improvement in habitat condition conducive to Corncrake population increase in the medium term. While the creation of improved habitat condition cannot in itself guarantee an increase in population, the project will strive to achieve a 20% increase in calling males across the project sites over the course of the project.

The primary driver behind the reduction in population and range of the corncrake is pressure from land uses, particularly intensification, but also land abandonment in some instances which reduces habitat quality for the birds. Damaging activities on the ground are diverse and include inappropriate grazing regimes, early season mowing, and lack of wildlife friendly mowing, grassland intensification and/or abandonment, and loss of habitat mosaics which incorporate early and late cover plots. Predation is a secondary factor but prevalent in some areas and exacerbated by sub-optimal habitat quality. These activities arise as a result of divergent messages from our broader agriculture, nature, water and climate policies. A lack of specialist knowledge and support for farmers at local level has also lead to poor outcomes from existing corncrake conservation strategies.

Key to addressing the decline of the corncrake is a comprehensive annual survey to identify bird locations and initiate measures to protect the birds.

Terms

- Contract will run annually, with 3-month probationary period at the start of each year.
- Necessary equipment (shotgun, suitable calibre centre fire bolt-action rifle, night-vision optics [where fox control is a priority], ammunition, bait etc.) and phone capable of operating the project data collection app to be provided by the tenderer.
- Traps, selected materials and the necessary licences for trapping will be provided by the Project.
- Vouched expenses related to boat travel will be covered by the project.

The CTCP-NPWS/Corncrake/Traonach LIFE currently seek contractors to deliver the following services:

- Working with Corncrake/Traonach LIFE team, NPWS CTCP team and local links.
- Predator Risk Assessment.
- Targeted predator control effort.
- Support to deliver Habitat Management works and the establishment of ELC
- Information and awareness.
- Integrated LIFE team member

Working with Corncrake/Traonach LIFE team, NPWS CTCP team and local links

- To work with the NPWS/Corncrake/Traonach LIFE Team in the management and monitoring of bird location using a standardised protocol (corncrake census)
- To work with the NPWS/Corncrake/Traonach LIFE team to administer habitat management Agreements and grant schemes relevant to the protection of habitats.
- Visit sites with Project Team and NPWS Ranger to review areas used by corncrakes and existing knowledge of predator pressure (fox dens, hooded crow roosts as well as other non-target predator pressures e.g. otter, Raven)
- Work with existing predator control efforts (LIFE on Machair, any wider NPWS effort, ACRES, other ground nesting bird focussed projects – BWI or NPWS)
- Work with local gun clubs
- Contact farmers in target areas (they will have been contacted in advance to let them know about the project).
- Attend induction with rest of LIFE Team and other project teams involved in similar work – ensuring consistency in approach, network for learning and support.

Predator Risk Assessment

- To assist the NPWS/Corncrake/Traonach LIFE Team and their associates on predation risk management, research and other tasks related to the day-to-day needs of the project. Review sites in terms of predator risk (cover, roost sites, den sites, corvid roost and nest sites) and feed into the project's overall predation risk management strategy
- Discuss with rest of LIFE team local predator control strategy (e.g. habitat management actions, survey actions, direct trapping and control actions).
- Work with the team to draft and review the predation risk management strategy.

Targeted predator control effort.

- Officers will obtain permission from landowners for access, the Corncrake/Traonach LIFE team and other contractors working with the project as well as NPWS staff will assist in this work. No operations or entry onto land is permitted without landowner consent.
- No trapping or hunting may be done by any other method than those approved by the Minister.
- For each day of the contract the contractor will visit each traps and will remove and humanely kill any target species as specified in the predation risk management strategy for the area found. Other species will be released unharmed.
- The successful candidate will be asked to work with local gun clubs, giving training and advice.
- The contractor will operate under the instructions of the LIFE Project Team. In particular they will specify routes of access, sites for traps and methods of access in order to eliminate disturbance to nesting birds.
- As part of the Corncrake/Traonach LIFE Project (LIFE18 NAT/IE/000090), the Corncrake/Traonach LIFE– Predation Risk Management Officer must liaise with local landowners, in particular to gain approval for land access, provide training, up skilling and advice to landowners in predator control.
- The Corncrake/Traonach LIFE– Predation Risk Management Officer must assist in the development a strategy/programme in their work area and specifically within target areas for the Corncrake/Traonach LIFE Project (LIFE18 NAT/IE/000090), for the control of rabbits, where there is conflict between introduced rabbit populations and habitat restoration/management for the breeding Corncrakes at Corncrake/Traonach LIFE project sites.
- The Minister reserves the right to terminate the trapping/predation control or to alter the locations of operations, or any method of trapping or humane killing.
- The contractor shall dispose of carcasses legally, and will make them available for research study if requested.
- The Successful Tenderer must provide a licensed shot gun & suitable calibre centre-fire bolt action rifle and all associated Licenses.

- Officers will work under the day-to-day supervision of the LIFE Project Team & CTCP, who will certify attendance and results. Maintain daily contact with the LIFE & CTCP Team. Names and contact details will be provided.
- The work of the officers will be assisted by NPWS staff and other contractors.
- The Minister reserves the right to terminate the trapping/control of species or to alter the locations of traps/operational areas.
- This contract is for one operative who will be working on the project from 27/02/23 - 26/02/24 with provision for an extension for a further year up to a maximum of two years subject to agreement including costs. In some instances, it will not be possible to keep to a five-day week, and unsocial hours may be involved.
- Normally an officer will work within a local area, returning home every night. It may be necessary occasionally for officers to stay overnight when working on islands or remote locations. The officer must provide their own vehicle, and incur all fuel, subsistence and running costs.
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- Discuss with rest of LIFE team local predator control strategy (e.g. habitat management actions, survey actions, direct trapping and control actions).
- Work with the team to draft and review the predation risk management strategy.

Only approved methods of predator control will be permitted; they are:

- Mink trapping by cage trap (or other project approved trap) and subsequent humane killing of the mink. Protected species (otter, pine marten, hedgehog, stoat) will be released.
- Corvid trapping by ladder trap; calling birds must be provided with food and water. Larsen traps may be used in some cases but only with the explicit permission of NPWS
- Fox shooting using suitable night-vision-assisted shooting.
- Grey crow shooting and nest destruction.
- Rat removal by project approved traps.
- **Fox control** - Officers must undertake to shoot foxes as and when encountered on trap rounds and also to regularly check for foxes at each control site using suitable night-vision optics subject to landowners' permission and safety considerations.

Disposal of captures

- Mink, rats, fox - These should be humanely killed and the carcasses removed to a suitable location. Advice on Humane killing will be provided by NPWS and every officer must satisfy NPWS staff that the proposed method is suitable.

- Pine marten, stoat & hedgehog - These should be removed in the trap and released under licence at least 5 km away from the colony. Any otter and lactating females of pine martin, stoat and hedgehog will be released at point of capture.
- Cats, dogs -_Keep in trap, make enquiries about owners. If none can be found the animal should be given to the local sanctuary.
- Grey Crows, magpies - These should be humanely killed and the carcasses removed to a suitable location.
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Support to deliver Habitat Management works and the establishment of ELC

- To gather relevant information on land use and habitat condition
- Predation Risk Management Officer will consult at all times with the LIFE team regarding habitat management works being considered for corncrake in their area
- Assist in the erection and removal of fences at habitat management locations
- Assist in the creation, monitoring and maintenance of breeding habitat throughout breeding season to ultimately reduction predation pressure
- Identify and assist with the removal of vegetation that may be considered a predation risk factor
- Assist with operations of the project, which may lead to increased vulnerability of the corncrakes e.g. mowing of fields etc.
- Work with census fieldworkers during night operations to locate calling male corncrakes and ensure adequate reporting and communication of records

Information and awareness.

- The Corncrake/Traonach LIFE– Predation Risk Management Officer must play an active role in community engagement and collaboration with local Gun Clubs as part of the Corncrake/Traonach LIFE Project (LIFE18 NAT/IE/000090). The Corncrake/Traonach LIFE– Predation Risk Management Officer must liaise with local Gun Clubs in relation to predator control, and involve them as much as possible in the control of target species, and especially as part of Corncrake/Traonach LIFE Project, provide training, workshops, information and advice to local Gun Clubs.
- Training of farmers about predators and control
- Available for additional information and awareness training (schools, local groups)
- Available to bring LIFE Team members along during predator control actions
- Advocate for the project and encourage participation within communities

Integrated LIFE team member

- Meet regularly with LIFE staff to discuss predation risk within those sites
- Submit weekly log of effort to standard template for predator control action following data capture specification from the project team and using the data collection app.
- Check in with LIFE Team weekly with regards sites and weekly plan
- The Corncrake/Traonach LIFE– Nest Protection Warden /Officer must liaise fully with the Corncrake/Traonach LIFE Project staff (LIFE18 NAT/IE/000090), in particular the Project Manager and Project Field Officers, to ensure proper implementation of a predator control programme throughout the Corncrake/Traonach LIFE network, and to ensure that all operations in the project target areas is co-ordinated with the Corncrake/Traonach LIFE Project Team.
- To abide by the project Predation Risk Management Officer code of conduct
- All successful applicants must use:
 - ❖ Corncrake LIFE Survey data Collector – Suitable for all types of smart phones
 - ❖ Keep records required by Corncrake LIFE & CTCP
 - ❖ Maintain daily timesheets – to be submitted monthly along with invoices
- Predation Risk Management Officers will work under the direction of the Corncrake LIFE Project Manager, Corncrake LIFE Field Officers in Donegal/Mayo/Galway and the Corncrake Census and Grant Scheme Coordinator CTCP.
- The successful candidate will at times be assigned work by the LIFE project team and will work as an integrated member of team during their service contract; this includes adherence to the projects data protection and privacy standards and code of conduct.
- Successful candidates will liaise at all times with the Corncrake/Traonach LIFE project team ensuring clear communication and data exchange.
- The tender is awarded based upon an assessment of the skills of one individual for each post; no substitution or delegation is permitted.
- Where organisations wish to apply on behalf of individual employees they must specify the individual who will conduct the work and relevant skills. Individuals who are on contract will be directly accountable to Corncrake LIFE project team and not through any intermediate third party.

Deliverables

Interim payments will be dependent on satisfactory progress with the following deliverables to Corncrake LIFE:

- Compliance with the work programme outlined by the project team.
- Regular update reports to Corncrake/Traonach LIFE Project Team.
- Adherence to data collection protocols
- Verification of signed timesheets
- Attendance at meetings with up to date summaries of progress, including attendance at Corncrake/Traonach LIFE meetings where required.
- Delivery of task in a timely, professional and efficient manner

Project specifics and details will be discussed at a contract kick-off stage with the successful contractor.

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) is seeking one supplier for the requirements of this RFT.

Timescale

It is envisaged that this contract would be awarded in March 2023.

Format of the proposal

For the RFT please provide:

- A cover letter outlining suitability, experience and relevant qualifications for the role (2 pages max.)
- Total cost (excluding VAT) in € (euro) for the provision of Contract for Services for Tenderer for Contract for Corncrake/Traonach LIFE – Predation Risk Management Officer as outlined above.
- Cost should be given as a daily rate with maximum cost calculated based on the delivery of days of service required for the contract:
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- Please provide two referees who may be contacted to confirm details within the application.
- Please note that tenderers may be called to interview to confirm their application details.
- Demonstrate experience of habitat surveys and mapping using GIS is desirable.

Award Criteria

The Contract for Services will be awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender. This will be evaluated based on the following:

- Demonstration of understanding of the contract requirement (30%)
- Applicants must demonstrate a good knowledge of Nest Protection & Predator Control (in particular with Corncrake), and they must also demonstrate a history of in the delivery of Nest Protection & Predator Control, and Habitat Management and (30%)
- Value for money (40%)

Services Contract

- Before the services contract can be awarded, the successful tenderer will be required to supply a Tax Clearance Access Number and Tax Reference Number. It is a condition that the successful tenderer shall, for the term of such contract, comply with all EU and domestic tax laws.
- Evidence of Public Liability and Employer Liability Insurance for the Consultant will be required before a contract is awarded.
- Successful contractors must provide a safe working method statement at the time of signing contracts.
- Successful contractors must also show proof of all necessary gun licences.

Instructions to the Supplier

Email:

julie.kearney@housing.gov.ie

Deadline

RFT must be received not later than **17th February 2023 at 15:00**. RFT that are received late will not be considered for this procurement.

Queries related to the tender should be made to julie.kearney@housing.gov.ie before **10th February 2023 at 15:00**. All RFTs must be clearly marked – subject line **Contract for Corncrake/Traonach LIFE – Predation Risk Management Officer**

Costs

All costs and expenses incurred by Tenderers relating to their participation in the procurement competition including, but not being limited to, site visits, field trails, demonstration and/or presentation shall be borne by and are a matter for discharge by the Tenderers exclusively.

All prices quoted must be all-inclusive (i.e. including but not being limited to all cost/expenses/indexation), be expressed in Euro only and exclusive of VAT. The VAT rate(s) where applicable should be indicated separately. Costs should be given as a daily rate – all inclusive.

Tenderers must confirm that all prices quoted in the Tender will remain valid for 3 months commencing from the closing date for the receipt of quotations.

Covid-19

Please note that the applicant must be compliant with the latest Government and HSE advice and guidelines on Covid-19, particularly in relation to social/physical distancing, hygiene and travel. The tenderer should consider and, where necessary, allow contingencies, for any potential impacts on project delivery of measures to control the spread of Covid-19. This should include the possibility of further restrictions on travel. Please note, this RFQ relates to entirely desk-based exercises and communications with the project team can be effectively conducted remotely. In the event that guidance or other rulings by Government around Covid-19 prevents any work related to the contract from proceeding for any period of time, then the Contractor must inform the Client, and in agreement between Contractor and Client, the deadline for submission of contractual outputs may be extended by an appropriate period of time. The Client shall not be liable for any costs arising from such a delay. If the contract cannot be completed before its expiry date owing to Covid-19 restrictions, and the contract is extended, the payment schedule will be adjusted accordingly; final payment will not be made until the new completion date agreed between the parties and all deliverables are satisfactorily received.

General Conditions of Tender

- This Request for Tender shall form part of the contract documents. The contract will not be concluded / take effect until 7 days after unsuccessful tenderers have been notified of the result of this tendering procedure.
- Corncrake/Traonach LIFE will use its best efforts to hold confidential any information provided by tenderers subject to their obligation under law, including the Freedom of Information Act which came into force on 21 April, 1998. Tenderers should indicate, when tendering, what parts of their tenders are commercially sensitive and which they consider should be kept confidential should an FOI request be received. Corncrake/Traonach LIFE will consult with tenderers about any such sensitive information before making a decision on any FOI request received. Similarly, Corncrake/Traonach LIFE requires that all information provided pursuant to this invitation to tender will be treated in strict confidence by tenderers.
- Tenderers should be aware that national legislation applies in other matters such as Official Secrets, Data Protection and Health and Safety.
- Tenderers must have regard to statutory terms relating to minimum pay and to legally binding industrial or sectoral agreements in preparing tenders.

- Information supplied by tenderers will be treated as contractually binding. However, Corncrake/Traonach LIFE reserves the right to seek clarification or verification of any such information.
- Any conflicts of interest involving a tenderer must be fully disclosed to Corncrake/Traonach LIFE particularly where there is a conflict of interest in relation to any recommendations or proposals put forward by the tenderer.
- Any registerable interest involving the tenderer and the Corncrake/Traonach LIFE members of the Government, members of the Oireachtas or their relatives must be fully disclosed in the response to this RFT, or should be communicated to Corncrake/Traonach LIFE immediately upon such information becoming known to the tenderer, in the event of this information only coming to their notice after the submission of a bid and prior to the award of the contract. The terms 'registerable interest' and 'relative' shall be interpreted as per section 2 of the Ethics in Public Office Act, 1994.
- The tender is awarded based upon an assessment of the skills of one individual for each post; no substitution or delegation is permitted. Where organisations wish to apply on behalf of individual employees they must specify the individual and skills. No substitution or delegation is permitted. Individuals who are on contract will be directly accountable to Corncrake/Traonach LIFE Project Team and not through any intermediate third party.
- Corncrake/Traonach LIFE will not be liable in respect of any costs incurred by tenderers in the preparation of tenders or any associated work effort.
- Responses to this RFT will be evaluated in their own right. No recognition will be given to information previously submitted.
- Corncrake/Traonach LIFE is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender submitted.
- Tenders must be completed in accordance with the format specified in **Section 3**. Tenders which are incomplete will not be evaluated.
- Any attempt by a tenderer to influence the process of tender evaluation and award of a contract through canvassing or other means shall result in that Tender being rejected. Tenderers are advised that the use of improper influence will also result in a Tender being automatically disqualified.
- During the evaluation period clarification may be sought in writing from tenderers. Responses to requests for clarification may not materially change any of the elements of the tenders submitted. No unsolicited communications from tenderers will be entertained during the evaluation period. (A number of the most competitive tenderers may be invited to make presentations on their proposals for the purpose of elaboration, clarification and/or aiding mutual understanding. Invited tenderers

must be in a position to make such a presentation if requested. Any proposed subcontractors may be required to participate in the presentation.)

- Tenderers will treat the details of all documents supplied in connection with this request for tender and evaluation as private and confidential.
- Corncrake/Traonach LIFE will use its best efforts to hold confidential any information provided by tenderers subject to its obligation under law, including the Freedom of Information Act which came into force on 21 April, 1998. Tenderers should indicate, when tendering, what parts of their tenders are commercially sensitive and which they consider should be kept confidential should an FOI request be received. Corncrake/Traonach LIFE will consult with tenderers about any such sensitive information before making a decision on any FOI request received. Similarly, the Corncrake/Traonach LIFE requires that all information provided pursuant to this invitation to tender will be treated in strict confidence by tenderers.
- Tenderers should be aware that national legislation applies in other matters such as Official Secrets, Data Protection and Health and Safety.
- Tenderers must have regard to statutory terms relating to minimum pay and to legally binding industrial or sectoral agreements in preparing tenders. Information supplied by tenderers will be treated as contractually binding. However, Corncrake/Traonach LIFE reserves the right to seek clarification or verification of any such information.
- Any conflicts of interest involving a tenderer must be fully disclosed to Corncrake/Traonach LIFE particularly where there is a conflict of interest in relation to any recommendations or proposals put forward by the tenderer. Corncrake/Traonach LIFE reserves the right to take whatever action it considers appropriate in the case of failure to disclose a conflict of interest or in a case of a mis-declaration of a conflict of interest.
- Any registrable interest involving the tenderer and Corncrake/Traonach LIFE, members of the Government, members of the Oireachtas or their relatives must be fully disclosed in the response to this RFT, or should be communicated to Corncrake/Traonach LIFE immediately upon such information becoming known to the tenderer, in the event of this information only coming to their notice after the submission of a bid and prior to the award of the contract. The terms 'registrable interest' and 'relative' shall be interpreted as per section 2 of the Ethics in Public Office Act, 1994.
- Before a contract is awarded the successful tenderer (and agent, where appropriate) will be required to promptly produce a Tax Clearance Certificate or in the case of a non-resident tenderer, a statement from the Revenue Commissioners confirming suitability on tax grounds. Non-residents should contact the Office of the Revenue

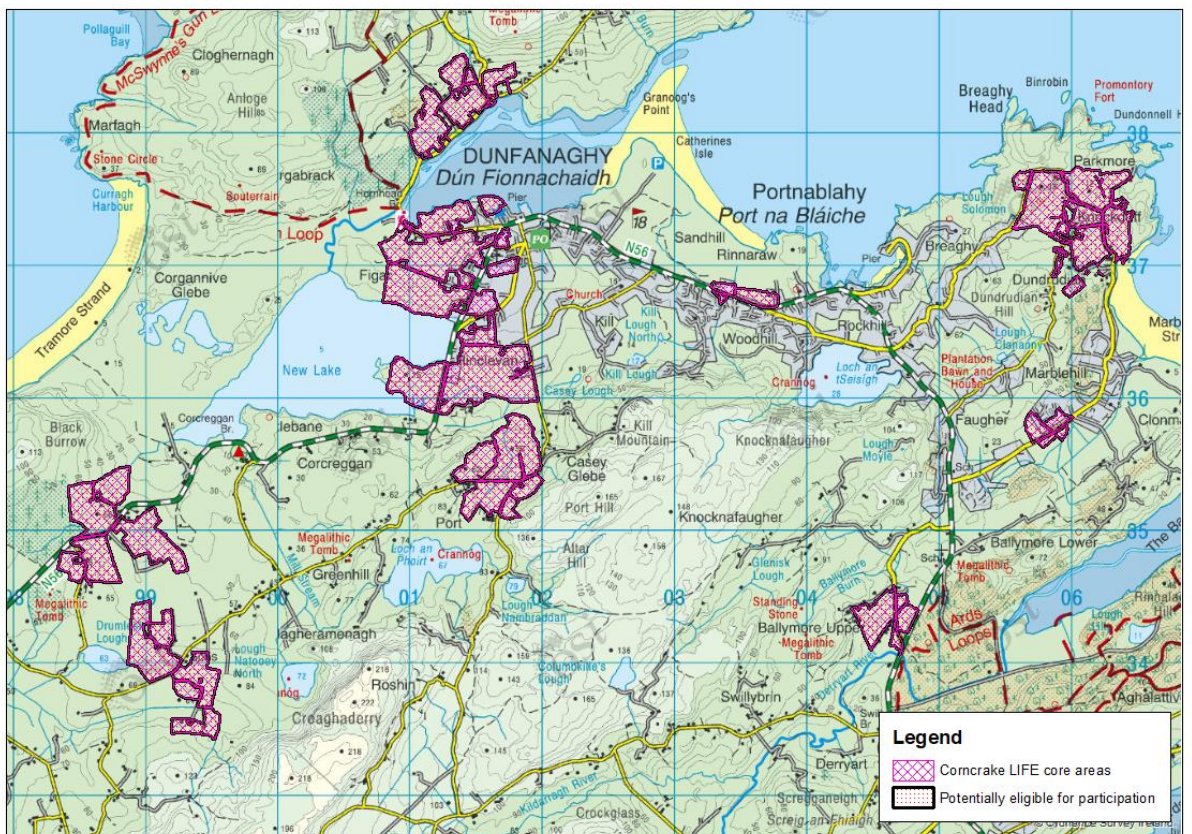
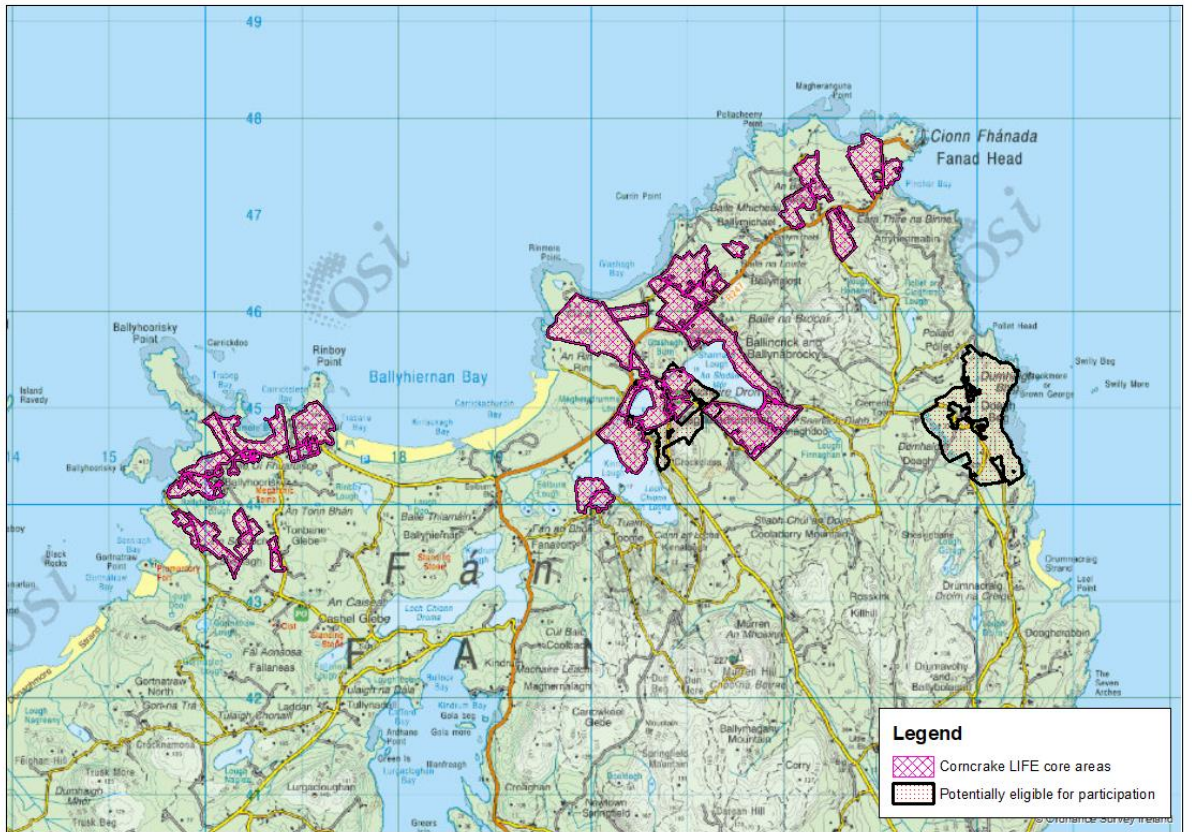
Commissioners, Revenue Residence Section, Government Offices, Nenagh Co. Tipperary. In addition, contractors must retain records of tax reference numbers for any subcontractors where payments exceed €650 (incl.VAT).

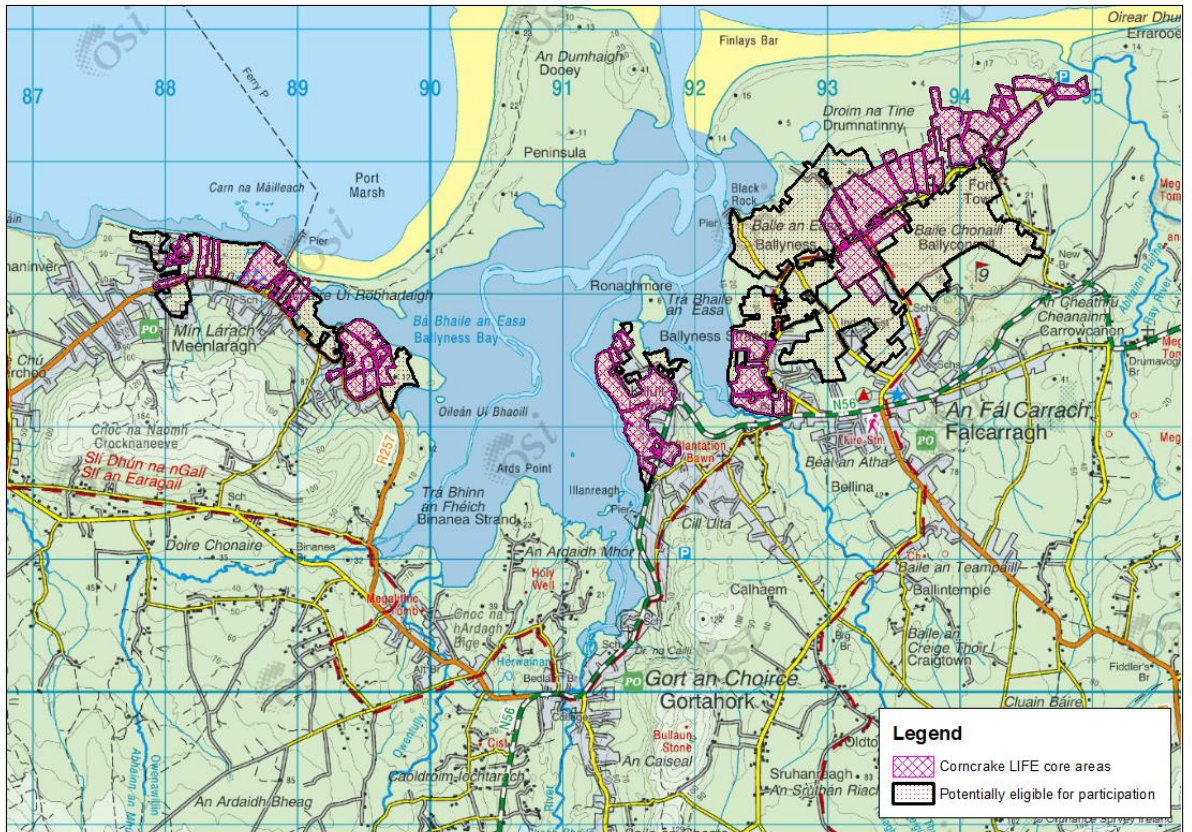
- Tenderers should note that the provisions of Department of Finance Circular 22/95 apply and Corncrake/Traonach LIFE, may require sight of Tax Clearance Certificates for any subcontractor where payments exceed €2,600. Forms are attainable from the following address: Office of the Revenue Commissioners, Sarsfield House, Limerick. Where a Tax Clearance Certificate expires within the course of the contract, Corncrake/Traonach LIFE reserves the right to seek a renewed certificate. All payments under the contract will be conditional on the contractor(s) being in possession of a valid certificate at all times.
- The successful tenderer shall be responsible for the delivery of all services provided for within the contract on the basis of a fixed price agreement set at the beginning of the contract. Prices quoted in the tender cannot be increased during the currency of the tender.
- Corncrake/Traonach LIFE retains the right to withhold payment where a contractor has failed to meet his/her contractual obligations in relation to the delivery of services to an acceptable level of quality.
- Corncrake/Traonach LIFE will not be liable in respect of any costs incurred by tenderers in the preparation of tenders or any associated work effort.
- The successful tenderer shall be responsible for the delivery of all services provided for within the contract on the basis of a fixed price agreement set at the beginning of the contract. Prices quoted in the tender cannot be increased during the currency of the tender. Similarly, terms and conditions cannot be altered.
- RFT is an invitation to tender and contains no contractual offer of any kind. Any submission will be regarded as an offer by the Tenderer and not as an acceptance by the Tenderer of an offer made by Corncrake/Traonach LIFE. No contractual relationship will exist except pursuant to a written contract signed by Corncrake/Traonach LIFE and any successful Tenderer for specific services. Corncrake/Traonach LIFE is under no obligation to appoint any Tenderer as a result of this competition. Tenderers should note that receipt of an offer does not guarantee appointment as a Service Provider even if that offer contains what appears to be an acceptable proposal. Submission of a proposal will not form a commitment on the part of Corncrake/Traonach LIFE to enter into a contract with any party.
- The successful Tenderer must abide by all Health and Safety requirements under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and any other Acts amending those Acts and with any Statutory Instruments or Regulations issued there under.

○ Appendix I: Maps of Areas

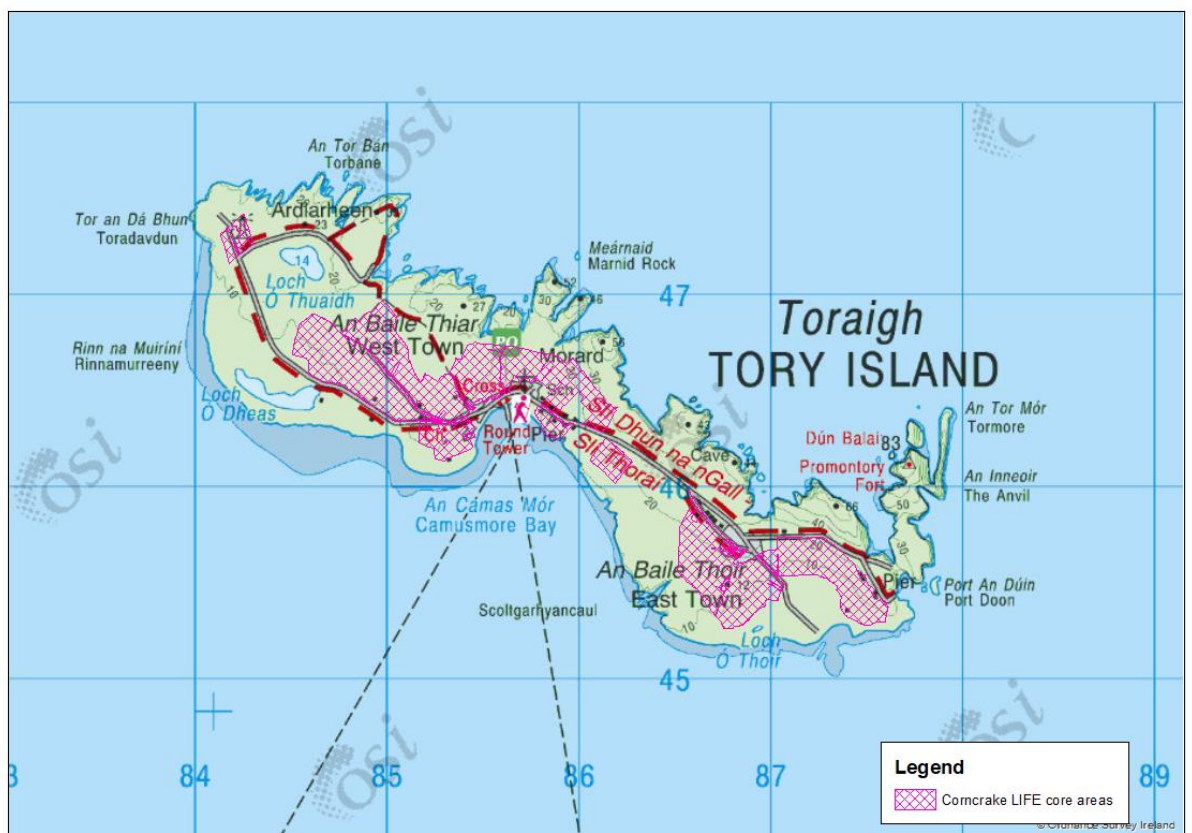
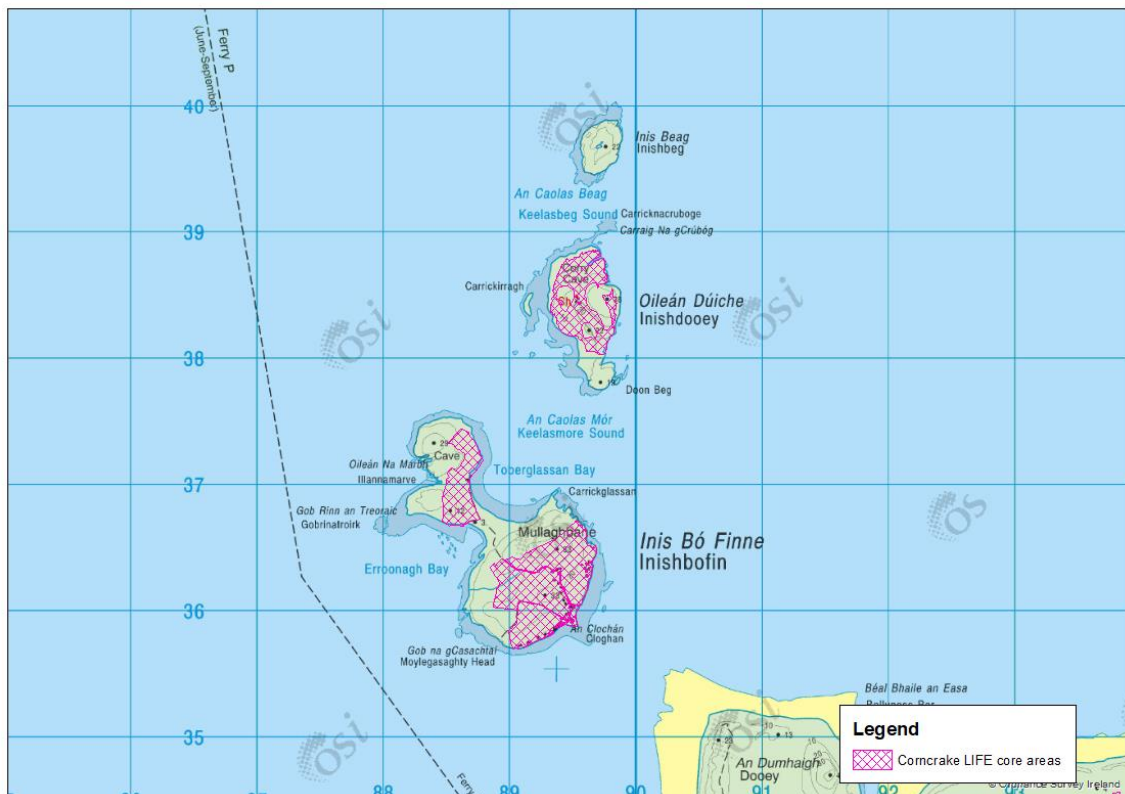
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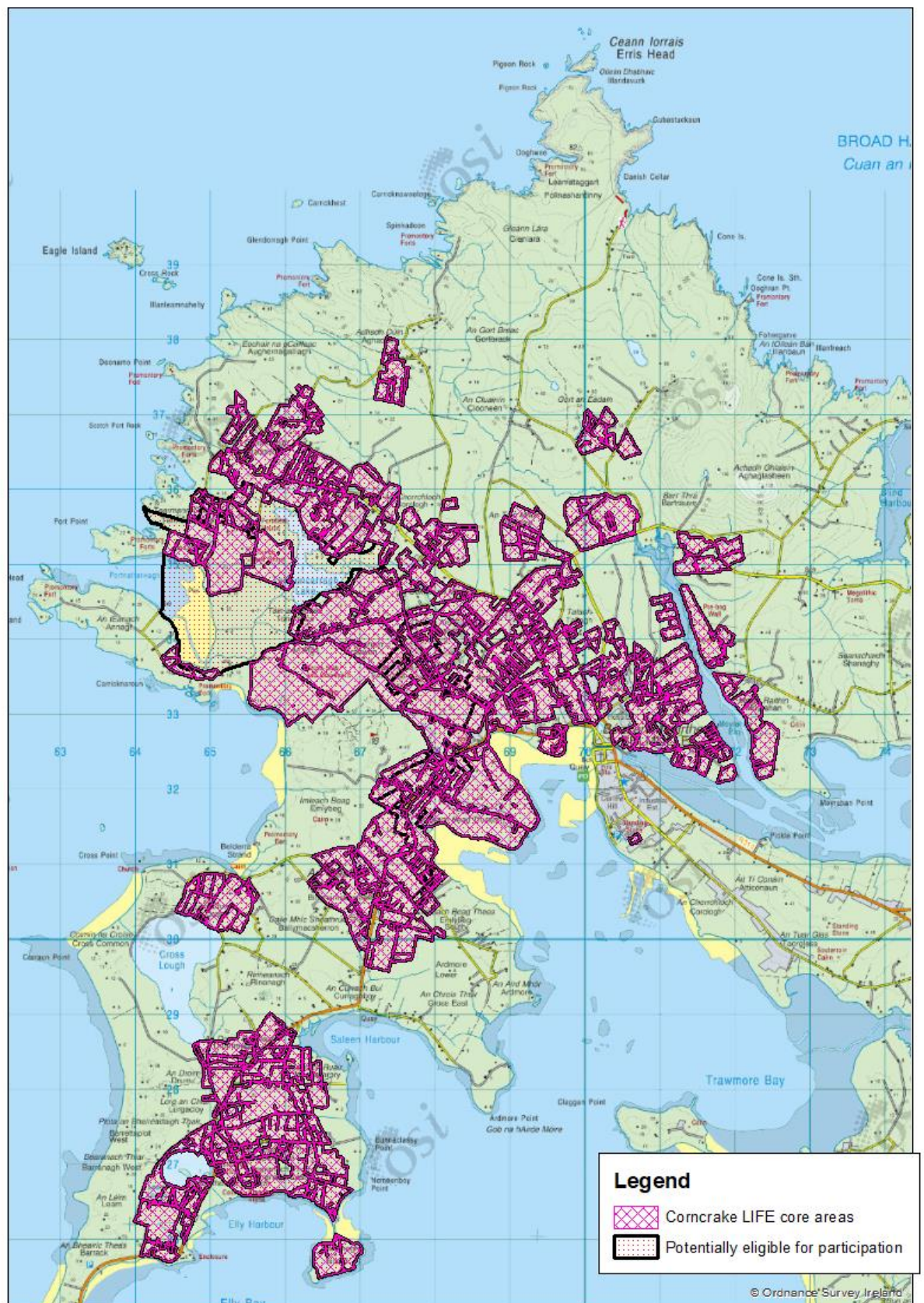


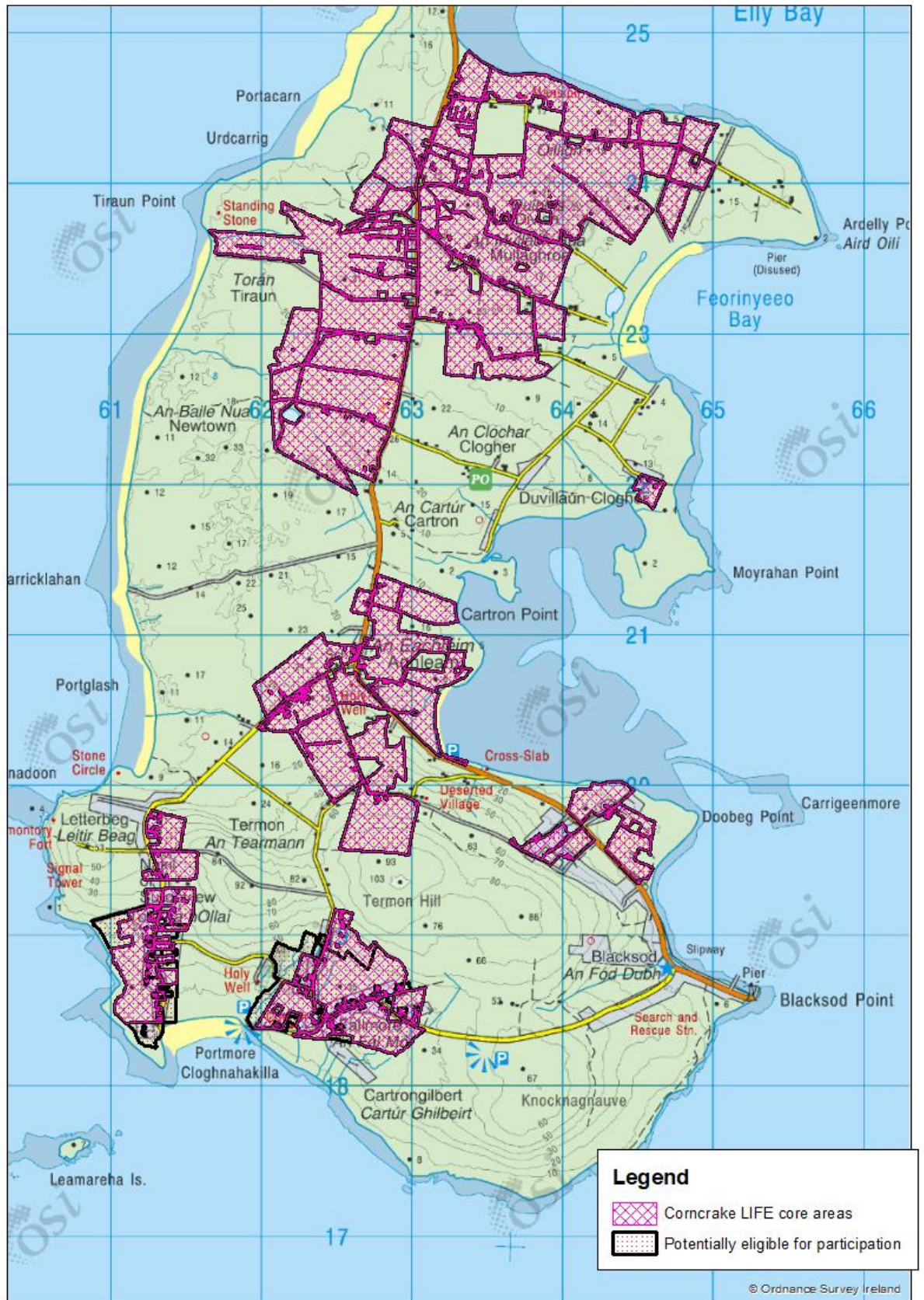
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- North Mayo (Mullet Peninsula)





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