

**EXAMINING THE PRACTICAL IMPACTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND LEGISLATION ON
IRELAND'S ECOLOGY**

IRISH CONFERENCE PROGRAMME – 17TH APRIL 2024

SESSION 1 Chair: Aebhin Cawley, Ireland Section Vice-President Elect	
8:30	Registration Open
9:30	Welcome and Introduction
9.35	Opening address: Senator Pippa Hackett, Minister of State for Land Use and Biodiversity
9.50	An outline of Ireland's Planning and Environment Court- Mr Justice Richard Humphreys, Judge of the High Court of Ireland for Planning and Environment
10.20	The role of the Office for Environmental Protection in protecting and improving Northern Ireland's environment - Richard Greenhous, Office for Environmental Protection (OEP)
10.45	The 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan: Implications and Opportunities - Paul Scott CEcol CEnv MCIEEM, National Parks and Wildlife Service
11:10	Break
SESSION 2 Chair: David Kelleghan, Ireland Committee Convenor	
11.35	Protecting our Shared Environment: Navigating the conditions for all-island cooperation post-Brexit - Aoife Ní Lochlainn, Irish Environmental Network (IEN)
12.00	Transitioning to a Nature Positive Economy - Thomas Ball, Sustainable Futures, KPMG
12:25	Accelerating Renewables and the Rebuttable IROPI Presumption – Alice Whittaker, Philip Lee LLP
12:50	Lunch
13.35	CIEEM Ireland Section Annual Members Meeting
SESSION 3 Chair: Richard Handley, CIEEM President	
14:05	The Dutch Nitrogen Ruling and an Evolving Approach to Air Pollution Assessment for European Sites in Ireland – Caroline Chapman FCIEEM, DTA Ecology
14:30	Beyond the 100/36 Standard: An Evidence-Based Review of Wind Energy Ornithological Guidance – Tom Gittings MCIEEM, Ecological Consultant
14:55	Navigating Legal Landscapes and Best Practices: Addressing Challenges in Bat Surveying and Mitigation Implementation in Ireland - Colm Clarke MCIEEM, Scott Cawley
15:20	Break
SESSION 4 Panel Discussion	
15.45	A National Approach to Nature Restoration Chair: Maryann Harris, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage - Planning Division Participants: Áinle Ní Bhriain, National Parks & Wildlife Service Gerry Clabby, Department of Environment, Climate and Communications Alma Walsh, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
16.50	Summary and Close
17.00	Finish