



Glasbhealach Shligigh
The Sligo Greenway
 Collooney to Bellaghy



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Public Consultation No. 2

Proposed Options



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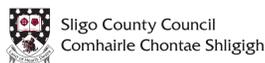
Sligo County Council values the opinion of the public regarding the project and welcomes any comments or feedback from interested parties.

The closing date for submissions is 4pm on 16th February 2024.



If you wish to receive Email updates from the Sligo Greenway Project Team please scan QR code or use link below.

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Introduction

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Sligo County Council through the Sligo Regional Design Office are in the early stages of planning for a Greenway project entitled, 'The Sligo Greenway' from Collooney to Bellaghy. This project which is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) will provide a public walking / cycling trail from Collooney to Bellaghy Co. Sligo. Arup has been appointed by Sligo County Council to provide multi-disciplinary engineering and other specialist consultancy services to progress the project through Phases 1-4 of the TII Project Management Guidelines.

Project Background

This project is proposing to provide a public walking / cycling trail which links Bellaghy with Collooney, County Sligo. The project will investigate providing links to the National Mountain Bike Centre at Coolaney. The project would also eventually link to Sligo Town and Enniskillen, County Fermanagh via the planned cross border Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway.

What is a Greenway?

Transport Infrastructure Ireland - defines a Greenway as

"...a cycleway that caters for people walking, wheeling and cycling in a mainly recreational environment." Where a cycleway is "...an offline public road reserved for the exclusive use of people cycling or people walking, wheeling, and cycling. All mechanically propelled vehicles, other than mechanically propelled wheelchairs and electric bikes, are prohibited from entering except for the purpose of maintenance and access."



Project Specific Need

The need for the Sligo Greenway is underpinned by the necessity to provide facilities which enable physical activity in a safe environment for all, together with the need to connect rural communities using sustainable modes for short trips and strengthen rural economies and communities, whilst enhancing amenity and heritage. The surrounding areas contain attractive scenery and an opportunity for users to interact with nature whilst benefitting from outdoor activity.

The development of the Sligo Greenway will increase the region's outdoor recreation infrastructure and boost its reputation as a destination for adventure activity and tourism. In doing so, the Greenway will offer a significant opportunity to increase visitor numbers, which will have a positive impact upon rural communities and economies and will encourage the development of a tourism-based industry in the area.

It will aid connectivity to local attractions and cultural heritage sites such as the Sligo Way, Knocknashee Megalithic Site, Markree Castle, Banada Abbey and Peace Park, Sligo Folk Park, and the National Mountain Bike Centre at Coolaney.

How will the route of the Greenway be decided?

The Project will be developed in line with TII Project Management Guidelines Phases 1-4 and the Code of Best Practice for National and Regional Greenways (CBPN&RG).

"The emerging preferred route corridor will be identified based on the respective advantages and disadvantages of the various options, as well as consideration of the various route corridor options in relation to the scheme objectives and Five S criteria (Scenic, Sustainable, Strategic, Segregated and lots to See and do)." [CBPN&RG]

An appropriate Study Area and list of route options was identified at **Phase 1 Concept and Feasibility**. These were reviewed in terms of their feasibility, practicality, and alignment with the Project Objectives. During **Phase 2 Options Selection** the viable options will be evaluated by undertaking an appraisal of the quantifiable and non-quantifiable impacts. Following this appraisal, a preferred option will be identified.



Study Area Update

The Study Area presented as part of the Phase 1 Public Consultation has been updated slightly to include a 500m buffer from the proposed route corridor centrelines. This has been included to accommodate the environmental appraisal of the proposed route corridors. This has resulted in the project Study Area increasing from 142 km² to 148 km². The updates can be seen in the Proposed Options Plans on boards 03 and 04.





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What's Happening Now Project Phasing & Timeline

What's Happening Now

Following the conclusion of the **Phase 1 Concept and Feasibility**, the Project has progressed to **Phase 2 Options Selection**. During Phase 2, all reasonable / feasible options are examined and their costs, benefits and effects on the environment are interrogated to identify a Preferred Option, if any, that will progress to **Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation**.

Full details of the proposed route corridor options will be available to view on the Project Website (www.slilogreenway.ie) from 9am on Monday 22nd January 2024.

Please note that these corridors vary in width (over 200m in places) whereas the final design for the proposed Greenway will be significantly less than this (typically of the order of 10m). Accordingly, there is significant scope within each corridor to vary the alignment of the proposed Greenway.



Project Phasing & Timeline

Phase 1

Concept and Feasibility

We identified a suitable study area to engage stakeholders to undertake constraints mapping and development and assessment of route options.



Phase 2

Options Selection

We will identify key constraints to the project development and develop and assess feasible solutions in line with the project objectives so as to select a preferred option.



Phase 3

Design & Environmental Evaluation

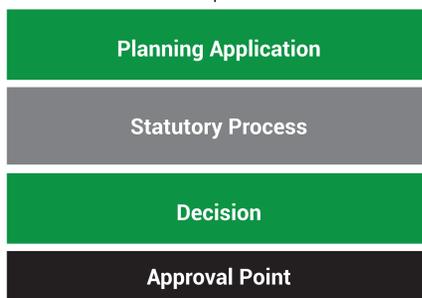
We will develop the design of the preferred solution to a sufficient level of detail to establish land take requirements and undertake environmental evaluation so as to identify and mitigate impacts.



Phase 4

Statutory Process

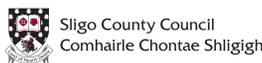
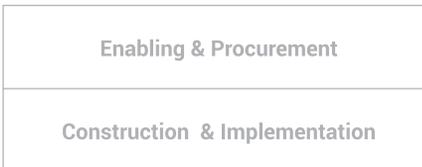
We will advance the project through the Statutory Process to ensure that the project is developed in accordance with planning, environmental and other relevant legislation.



Phase 5 & 6

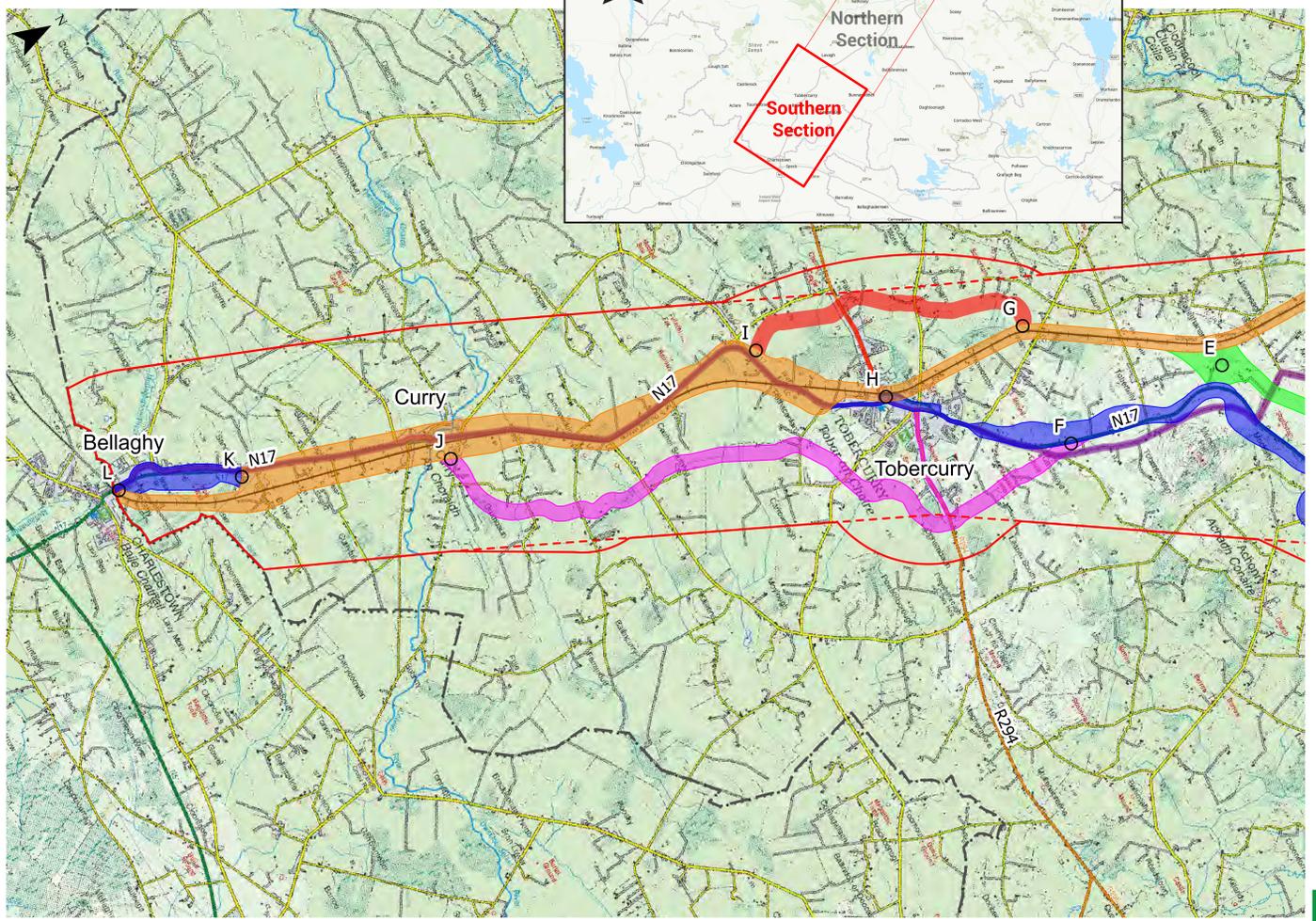
Enabling & Procurement Construction & Implementation

Phases 5 & 6 will be subject to planning approval and funding for the project to proceed.



Phase 2 Options Selection Southern Section

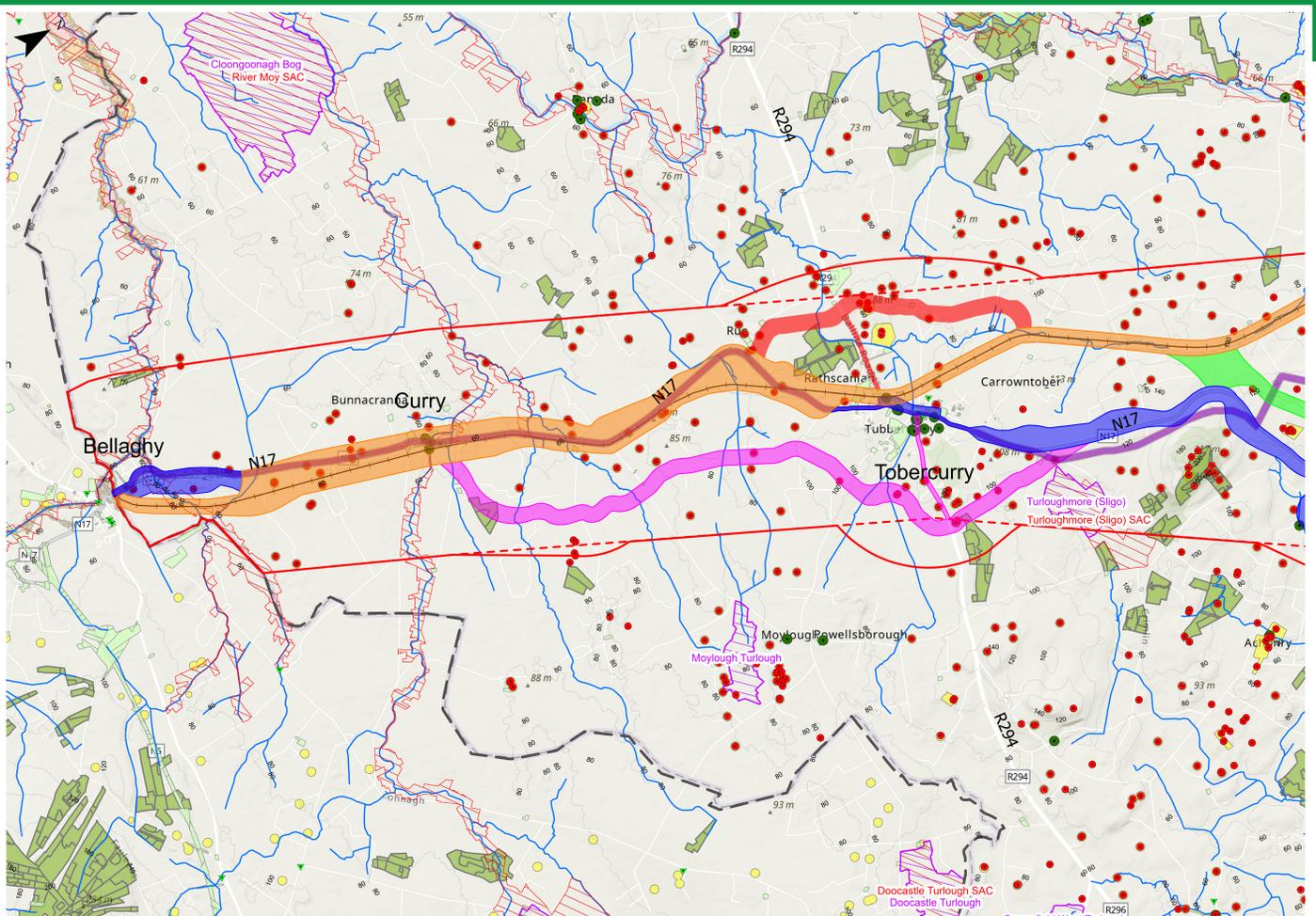
Corridor Options - Southern Section



Legend

- Study Area Boundary (Phase 1)
- Study Area Boundary (Phase 2)
- Orange Corridor
- Blue Corridor
- Green Corridor
- Management Corridor
- Pink Corridor
- Red Corridor
- Possible Corridor Switchover Nodes
- Disused Railway
- County Boundaries
- National Monument Service - SMR Site
- Protected Structures
- ▲ National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (ASIH)
- Biological Natura Reserves
- Natural Heritage Areas
- Potential Natural Heritage Areas
- Special Area of Conservation SAC
- Special Protection Areas SPA
- River Water Bodies
- Lakes
- SMR Zone of Notification
- Collite Forest Inventory
- Property Registration Authority (PRA) State Assets
- Fluvial Flood 1 in 10 year
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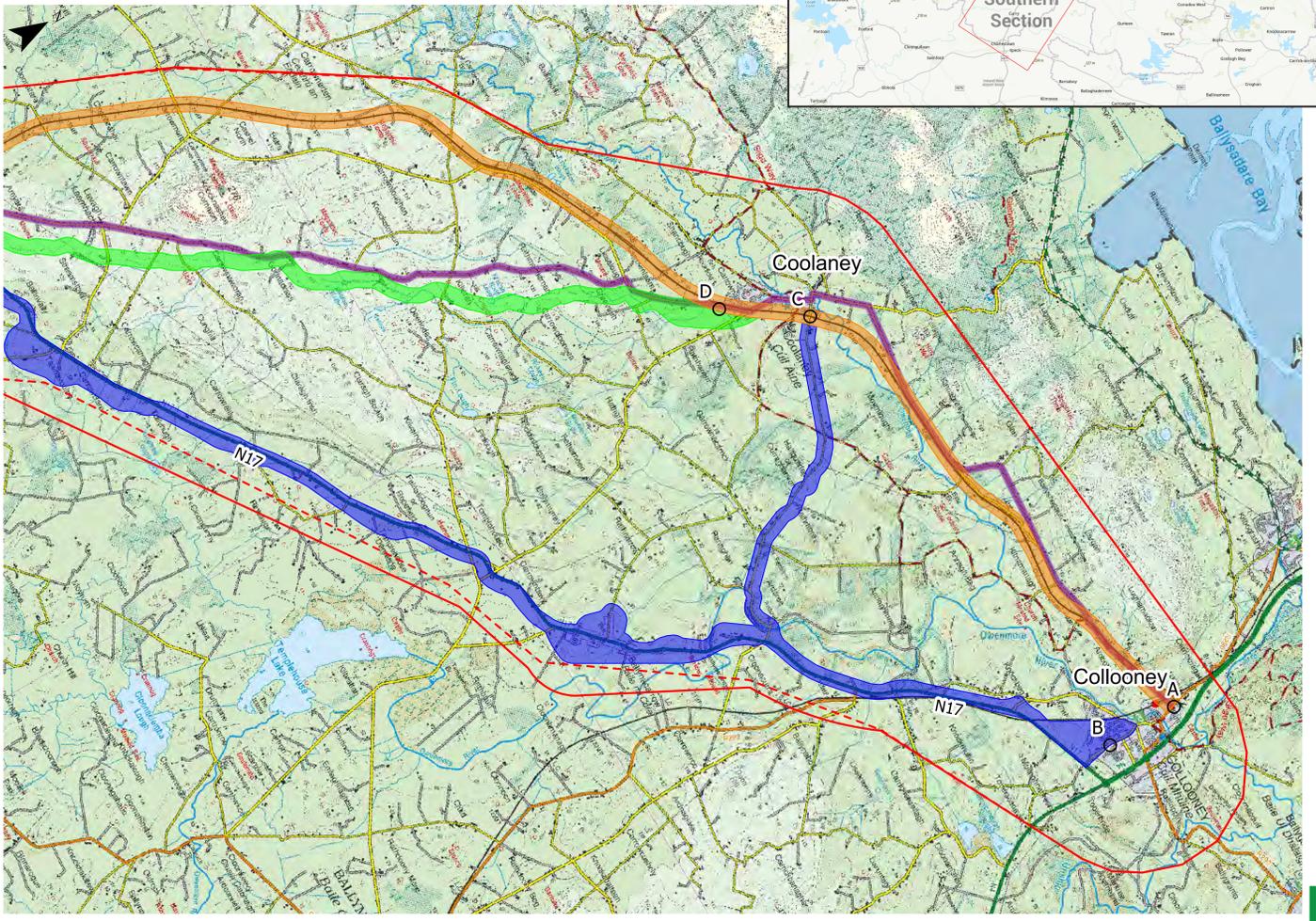


Proposed Options Plans Showing Key Constraints

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Phase 2 Options Selection Northern Section

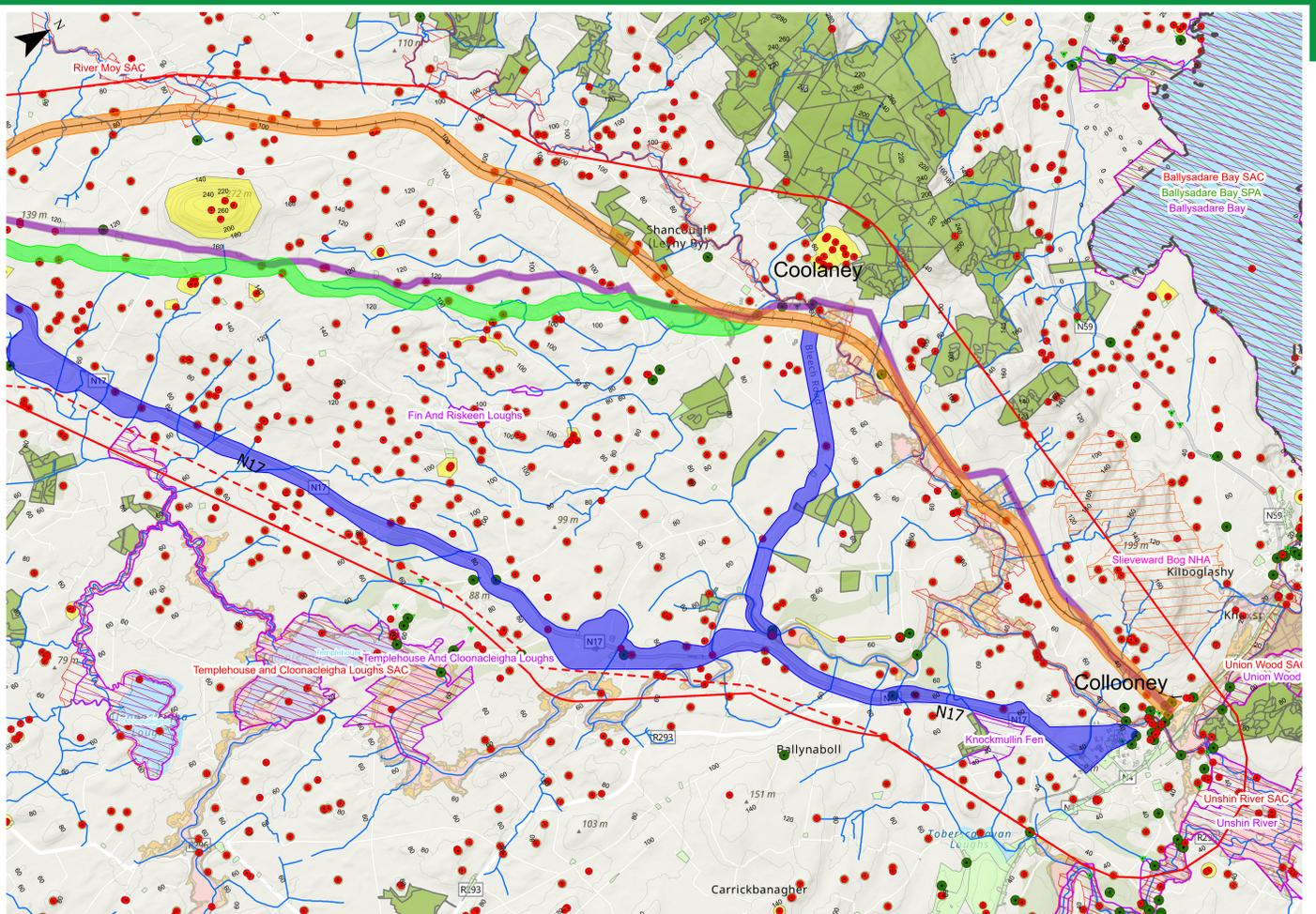
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Blue Corridor	Protected Structures	Lakes	
Green Corridor	National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (ASIH NIAH)	SMR Zone of Notification	
Management Corridor	Biological Natura Reserves	Coillte Forest Inventory	
Pink Corridor	Natural Heritage Areas	Property Registration Authority (PRA) State Assets	
Red Corridor	Potential Natural Heritage Areas		
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