Case Study





Irish Distillers is Ireland's leading supplier of spirits and wines and producer of some of the world's most well-known and successful Irish whiskeys. The company exports to over 130 markets and employs over 950+ people across operations in Cork, Dublin and Belfast.

Irish Distillers was formed in 1966, with a merger between John Power & Son, John Jameson & Son and Cork Distilleries Company. It joined Pernod Ricard in 1988, gaining access to investment and an extensive global distribution network.





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At IDL Dungourney orders placed are now incoming for planting season 2024 to plant 6,200 native trees (including pollinator-friendly species) and 2,400 native shrubs. This will be framed by the existing 75,000sq/m of wildflower and clover meadows. We are making additional efforts to facilitate the regeneration of the natural Heather groundcover. In addition to the supply of nursery grown Calluna vulgaris, we are continuing to gather and sow seed annually from locally growing Heather.

Louise Murphy, Environmental & Energy Co-ordinator, Irish Distillers Ltd.

Future Plans:

Our aim is to further increase the natural water attenuation zones by 400 sq/m with filter grasslands and wetlands, creating an additional type of habitat to the woodlands and wildflower meadows.









In line with the AIPP evidence-based 'Businesses: actions to help pollinators' guidelines, Irish Distillers Ltd. has delivered the following actions:	Evidence-based Action delivered:
IDL planted its most trees ever, in 2023 installing 18,007 trees at the Dungourney site. Additionally, 3,475 native shrubs were installed to complement this new woodland.	Action 8 Plant native, local provenance, pollinator-friendly trees and shrubs
IDL increased wetland habitat with a new 800 sq/ m filter and attenuation basin to enhance biodiversity near new woodland.	Action I Develop a plan to protect existing sources of food and shelter
IDL planted 11,400 sq/ m of clover meadows for soil rehabilitation and pollinator benefit which will be managed moving forwards on a reduced mowing regime.	Action 5 Create a short- flowering meadow Action 6 Create a long- flowering meadow (reduced mowing)
At the more urban site in Midleton, a small orchard and new Oak trees were installed.	Action 8 Plant native, local provenance, pollinator-friendly trees and shrubs Action 9 Plant an orchard of flowering fruit trees
The Midleton site already has a large number of early pollinator bulbs. This has been supplemented with 600 no. later blooming Hyacinths with high nectar value.	Action 12 Plant pollinator- friendly bulbs
Our bee lodges installed in 2021 in both Midleton and Dungourney have proven to be a great success.	Action 16 Provide nesting habitat for cavity-nesting solitary bees
The Environmental & Energy department in Midleton has communicated the newsletter both electronically and on notice boards and engaged a consultant landscape architect and ecologist to contribute with articles.	Action 26 Promote the All- Ireland Pollinator Plan to em- ployees



AIPP Page Reference: <u>Resources for Business » All-Ireland Pollinator Plan</u>
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