

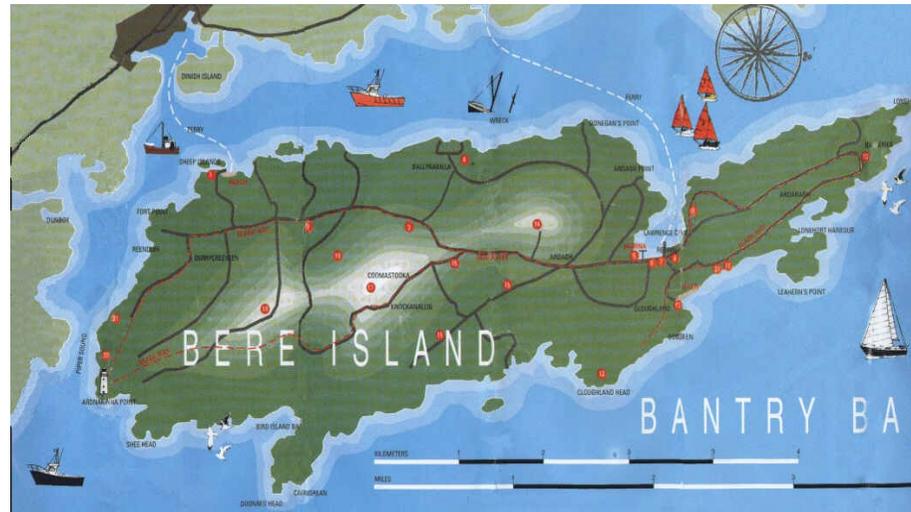
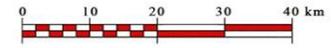
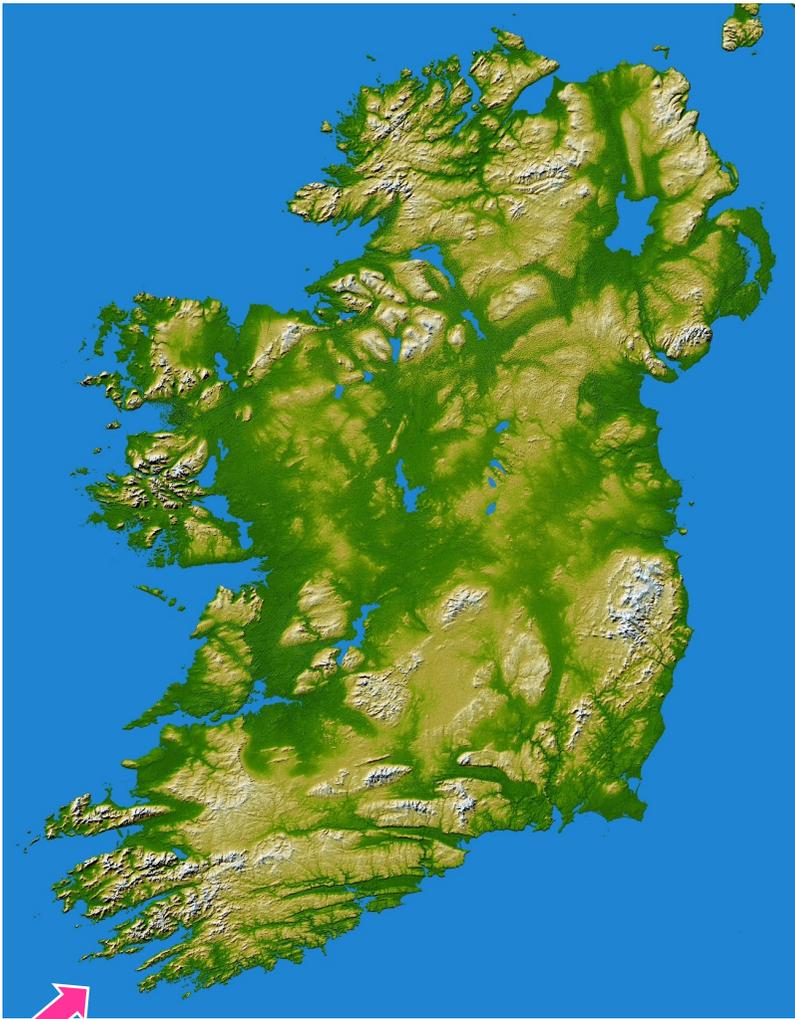


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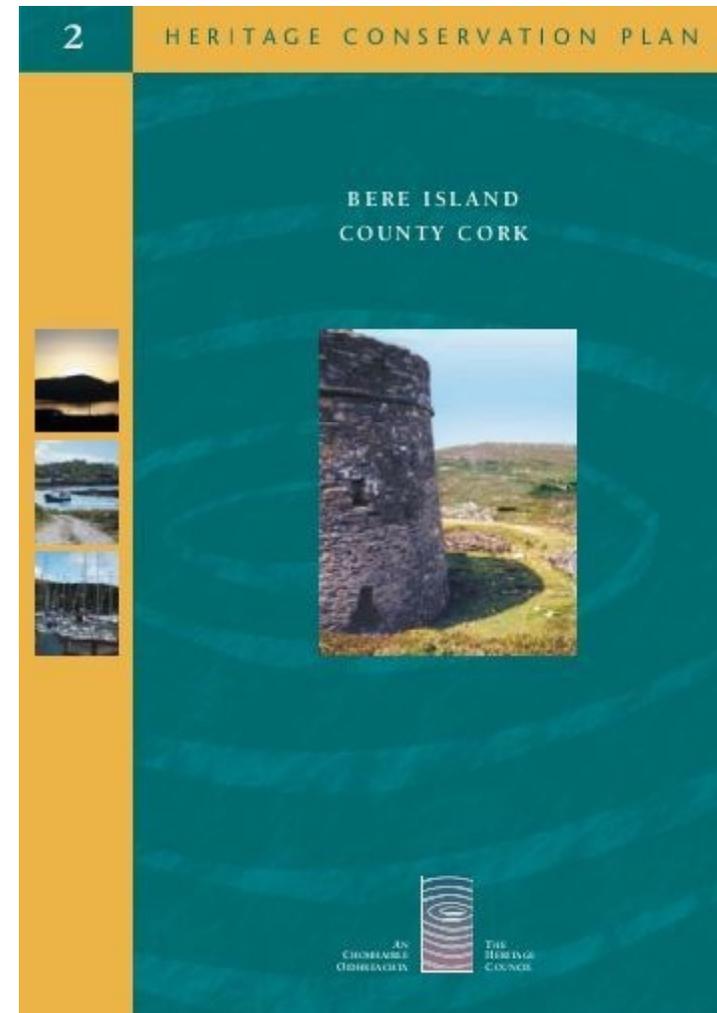
BERE ISLAND CONSERVATION PLAN





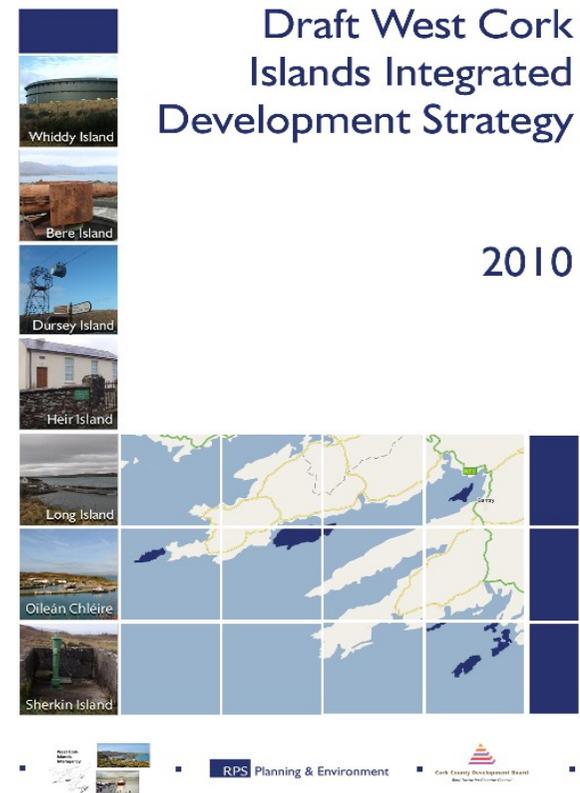
CONSERVATION PLAN

- Conserve Bere Island's heritage.
- Planning a sustainable future for Bere Island.
- Create work opportunities for islanders.
- Build on traditional skills.
- Protect Bere Island's environment.
- Deliver the islanders vision of the island's future.



West Cork Islands Interagency Group

- BIPG role expanded
- West Cork Islands community council
- Interagency group
- Strategy
- Working groups
- Seven Islands working



Military History

- Vikings
- Martello Towers built in 1805 to defend against the French.
- Construction started in 1897 to defend Fort Berehaven.
- Potential to be a major tourist attraction in West Cork.



ARCHIVE PHOTOS

- Over 700 old photos were collected as part of Culture 2000 project.
- These are added to on an ongoing basis.
- Priority now is to source old military photos.
- Plans to publish a photographic book.
- Ed White film of island life in 1950s & 1960s.



ARTEFACTS & HERITAGE

- Heritage Centre – regular exhibitions to promote island heritage, artifact collection.
- Architectural collection
- Bere Island lace collection.
- Schools Folklore Collection
- Shipwreck database
- Genealogy & Graveyard database.
- Rubicon work



AQUACULTURE

- 3 licenses granted in 2011 to cultivate oysters, seaweed & scallops.
- First crop of 60000 juvenile oysters purchased in 2012.
- Working with commercial seaweed enterprise on island.
- Commercial Mussel farm
- Scallops are famous



AGRICULTURE

- 4 islanders passed their beekeeping exams.
- Pig rearing is back.
- Sheep and cattle
- Rare Breeds
- Plans for commercial food production unit.
- EIP application



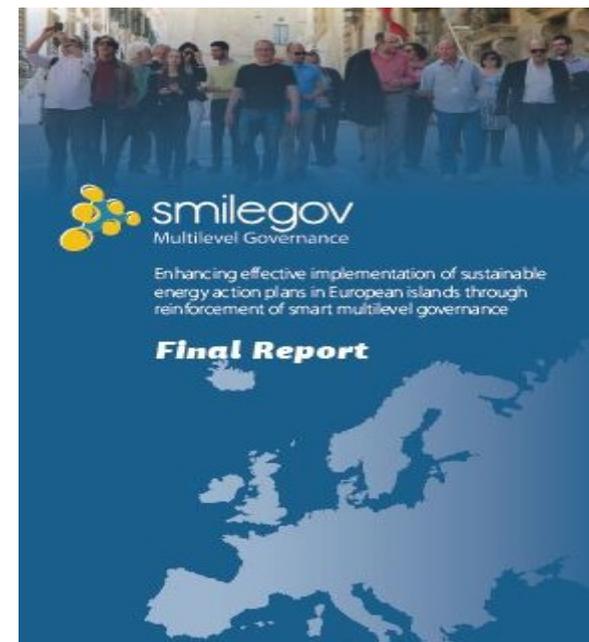
FOOD PRODUCTION

- Cookery lessons.
- Food production courses – bread making, fish smoking, fish filleting & butchery.
- Plans for a unique Island brand.
- Farm tours



ENERGY

- In 2011 a survey found Bere Island used 110,000 litres of heating oil, 65,000kg of coal, 150,000 litres of fuel for vehicles, 140,000 litres of fuel for ferries, 95 households & 19 businesses.
- IRDA project with Denmark
- Smilegov Project
- Master plan developed



ENERGY - cont

- Short term (1-5 yrs):
Increase of domestic solar hot water. Insulate houses.
Small scale wind installations
Increase usage of wood & pellet fuel & plant biomass
- Medium Term (5-10yrs)
Install 500kW wind turbine
Increase biomass planting
Investigate electric vehicle usage
- Long Term (10-20yrs)
Increase wind production
Install tidal/wave production
Export to national grid



WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Recycling Centre.
- Waste collection.
- Island school – Green Flags
- Island has won the Tidy Island Award for 11 consecutive years.
- Plans to power centre with renewable energy .



LANDSCAPE

- Annual tree planting initiative.
- Native Irish trees encouraged ash, alder, oak, rowan, whitethorn.
- Winner of European Landscape Award from the Council of Europe in 2013.
- Eradication of Gunnera & Japanese knotweed & Rhododendron



WORKING WITH YOUTH

- Annual summer camps, swim week & sailing/ Kayaking week.
- School produced a book “We Are Writers”.
- Heritage events for schools in Beara.
- Nature walks and seashore walks
- Annual Islands soccer and football
- Entrepreneurship in school



TOURISM

- Developing experiences
- Promoting islands online & social media.
- Developing packages: cultural, historical package breaks.
- Beara Way walks
- Cruise tourism
- Sea Safari
- A Taste of West Cork



CULTURE ARTS & CRAFT

- Classes run in traditional crafts: knitting, crochet, basketry, lace making.
- Theatre troupe
- Encourage visitors to travel to island for classes.
- Artists in Residency project.
- Art, music & photo projects



Festivals and events



Bere Island
— WEST CORK —

EVENTS 2017

Sat Mar 25th - Sun Mar 26th: West Cork Stone Symposium
 Fri Mar 31st - Sat Apr 1st: Performances of Tom Crean:
 Antarctic Explorer

Sun 9th Apr - Sun 16th Apr: WCCM Easter Retreat
 Sat 17th Jun - Sun 18th Jun: Wildlife Festival
 Sat 1st Jul - Sun 2nd Jul: US Navy in Berehaven
 Centenary Event

Sat 8th Jul: Midsummer Run
 Tue 11th Jul - Thur 13th Jul: Summer Camp
 Mon 17th Jul - Sat 22nd Jul: Swim Week
 Mon 31st Jul - Fri 4th Aug: Sailing Week

Tue 1st Aug - Thur 3rd Aug: Summer Camp
 Tue 8th Aug - Sun 13th Aug: Bere Island Festival
 Tue 8th Aug - Thur 10th Aug: Summer Camp
 Sat 19th Aug - Sun 27th Aug: Heritage Week
 Fri 22nd Sept - Sun 24th Sept: Music & Silence Festival
 Sat 7th Oct - Sun 8th Oct: Walking Festival

Bere Island parkrun every Saturday at 9:30am

www.bereisland.net



**NATIONAL
HERITAGE
WEEK 2017**
19-27 AUG




Summer on the
Islands Festival



Fit-UP
Theatre
festival



A TASTE OF
WEST CORK
FOOD FESTIVAL



BioBlitz
Celebrating Ireland's Wildlife



The World Community
for Christian Meditation



Marine Industry



An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
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Oiliúna Chorcaí
Cork Education and
Training Board



IRISH ISLANDS MARINE RESOURCE ORGANISATION



An Roinn
Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta
Department of
Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Comhdháil
Oileáin
na



hÉireann
Irish Islands Federation



COUNCIL OF EUROPE



CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE



Cork
Sports Partnership
**Compháirtíocht
Spóirt Chorcaí**
An Irish Sports Council Initiative



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

GOING FORWARD

- Encourage families to stay & move to the island
- Build on our military and maritime heritage
- Fibre Broadband
- Support marine & tourism industry
- Develop Interagency working
- Island policies
- Continue EU work
- Build Network



European Heritage Days

- Link visitors to the local community.
- Focus on a people centred activity by creating a great experience,
- Link heritage, history and culture.
- We know our Island cultural & heritage is a resource
- Develop resources & capacity from within.
- Include young people in the work.



European Heritage Days

Journées européennes
du patrimoine

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Thank You