

# Action for Bogs

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Learn how **YOU** can Join the  
Save the Bogs Campaign Today  
\* See inside for more details \*



Photo: Common Frog. © E. Delaney





## A Voice For Peatlands - IPCC's New Action Plan



IPCC staff are developing policies on peatlands in our new Peatlands and Climate Action Plan. We are committed to protect and conserve all Irish peatlands and fight against the impacts of climate change on these unique and wonderful habitats. The new Action Plan to be published in 2020 will contain a series of actions aimed at reducing the impact that peatland exploitation and the lack of restoration are having on climate change. These actions will be supported by facts and figures, case studies and site distribution maps.

If we continue to exploit the bogs for peat to heat our homes and for the horticultural industry, we will surely be on our way to dramatically changing the climate beyond repair.

**GIVE  
PEATLANDS  
YOUR VOICE**

**Join IPCC as we fight to  
protect peatlands**

You can make a donation to the Peatland and Climate Change Action Plan (see [www.ipcc.ie/nature-shop](http://www.ipcc.ie/nature-shop)).

## Humble Bees



Bees pollinate flowers so that they set seed or develop fruit. They provide a free service to us and can travel as far as 2km for food. WOW!

## Return of the Curlew



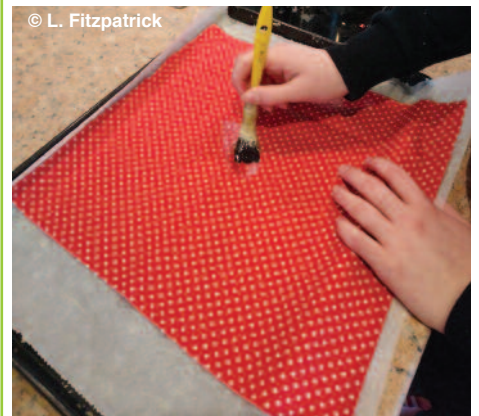
Volunteers are helping IPCC to monitor the Curlew in 2020. We are working with the National Parks and Wildlife Service Curlew Advisor for Kildare, Dave O'Brien.

## Species Focus



The tadpole that hatches from frog spawn is the second stage in the frog life cycle and is completely aquatic. The length of this stage varies greatly from as little as two weeks to a year or more depending on water temperature and food available such as algae. They use gills to breathe underwater but develop lungs as they transition into froglets. Take part in IPCC's **Hop To It Frog Survey** and submit your sightings in our online survey at [www.ipcc.ie](http://www.ipcc.ie).

## Crafty Ideas - Make Your Own Beeswax Food Wrap



Beeswraps are a reusable alternative to wrapping food items with clingfilm or tinfoil. Simply wipe the beeswrap with cool water to clean. When the beeswrap is worn and no longer usable, you can cut it up into strips and place it into your compost bin. It is 100% biodegradable.

### You will need (Makes 3 wraps)

- 100% cotton fabric measuring 36cm x 36cm
- Pure Beeswax (half bowl full/50g)
- Food grade coconut oil (1 tsp)
- Greaseproof Paper

### What to do

1. Melt the beeswax and coconut oil in a bowl over a saucepan of boiling water.
  2. Place the cotton fabric on a sheet of greaseproof paper.
  3. Paint the melted beeswax onto the square piece of fabric.
  4. Place a second piece of greaseproof paper on top of the painted fabric and iron on a medium heat.
  5. While the wax is still warm, pull off the greaseproof paper and leave the beeswrap to dry.
- **Written by L. Fitzpatrick**



## You can take Action for Bogs by taking any of these steps



Save an Acre of Bogland Support IPCC's mission to purchase endangered and unique peatlands. Purchase a symbolic share in 1/16th acre of bog and receive a certificate to commemorate your work in saving Irish bogs. €45 (PC116)



Help Repair a Bog. Your donation will purchase a 2m length of Geoflex drain piling which can be used to build a dam across a drain in a bog. The water table then rises in the bog bringing it back to life. €32 (PC1137)



**STOP EMIGRATION OF WILDLIFE**  
**Save Our Irish Boglands**

Donation to the Save the Bogs Campaign. Donations to the campaign are used to make a planning observation in favour of bogs or to train volunteers. €20 (PC10)



Offset Your Carbon Footprint the Bog Way. Stop damaged bogs leaking greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Your donation will be used to block drains, monitor water levels in bogs and undertake *Sphagnum* moss transplantation. €50 (PC161)



Bog of Allen Nature Centre Visitor Pass. Receive unlimited access to the Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Gardens and Nature Reserves in Kildare. Pass valid for 1 year, for either 5 adults or a family of 2 adults and 4 children €25 (PC1138)



Peatlands and Climate Change Action Plan. Help IPCC to prepare and print the Peatlands and Climate Change Action Plan for 2020-2030. €50 (PCCAP)



## A Love of Bogs Lasts Longer than a Lifetime



### Giving in memory

a tribute to someone you love

For a free copy of our guide to leaving a legacy, please call Catherine O'Connell on 045-860133, or write to IPCC, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare or e-mail a request to us at [bogs@ipcc.ie](mailto:bogs@ipcc.ie)



**DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT....**  
Be an IPCC Volunteer



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Take your first step to a career in conservation by working on one of our nature reserves as a volunteer doing bird and butterfly surveys, litter pick-ups, water table monitoring, scrub removal and peat free gardening. Be part of the climate change brigade and get involved in IPCC's conservation projects such as *Sphagnum* moss transfer. E-mail [bogs@ipcc.ie](mailto:bogs@ipcc.ie) or phone 045-860133 to get your name on our volunteer list.

## Bog of Allen Nature Centre

In the heart of the bog and with bogs in our hearts

**Enjoy**  
a trip down memory lane  
Tea in the Gardens

**Discover** Wildlife Gardens  
Folk Kitchen  
Bog Museum

**Explore**  
Bog of Allen Nature Trail

Guided tours and tea in the gardens for groups year round €10 per person.  
Group Discounts Available

Located on the R414 between Allenwood & Rathangan in Lullymore, Co. Kildare Tel: 045-860133  
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## Help Save Our Boglands JOIN IPCC NOW!



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I would like to join as a Friend of the Bog (tick category)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single               | €40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joint/Family/Teacher | €45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unwaged              | €27 |

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