

### APPENDIX 6.4.1 – Surveyor Profile

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The October 2020 – August 2022 field surveys were undertaken by the following competent personnel.

Team Role	Name and Qualifications
Consultant senior ornithologist	John Murphy (Consultant Senior Ornithologist, Dip.)
Managing and co-ordinating surveys	Ciara Barry-Hannon (Ecologist, BSc. Wildlife Biology)
	John Murphy (Consultant Senior Ornithologist, Dip.)
Field Surveyor	Austin Cooney (Ornithologist)

#### John Murphy

John Murphy is a consultant senior ornithologist with Malachy Walsh and Partners. He is very experienced having worked in the field of ornithology and ecology since 1982 and has extensive knowledge of the Irish landscape with regard to bird populations. He collaborates regularly with NPWS on different projects throughout the country. John is one of the country's foremost ornithologists and is a licensed bird ringer. He has always had an interest in wildlife photography and his work has been published in many magazines and books. As a 'Heritage in the Schools Specialist', he has travelled the country lecturing in schools and colleges, and to various clubs and organizations. He was the Biodiversity Officer with Clare County Council and has been working as part of the MWP Ecology team on a variety of projects nationwide since 2010. He spends as much time in the field as possible as a bird observer.

**Role:** Consultant senior ornithologist

#### Ciara Barry-Hannon

Ciara Barry-Hannon is an Ecologist who has been working with Malachy Walsh and Partners for almost two years on a part-time and full-time basis. She qualified with an Honours Degree in Wildlife Biology from Munster Technological University (MTU), formerly I.T. Tralee, in 2020. Over the last two years she has contributed and helped complete numerous reports for bird survey work and is experienced in the collation of data and in field ecology survey techniques.

**Role:** Managing and co-ordinating surveys

#### Austin Cooney

Austin has more than 35 years of bird surveying experience both in Ireland and abroad and is an active member of the Clare branch of Birdwatch Ireland. Austin has worked on a variety of projects in many locations around Ireland. He is proficient in Vantage Point surveys, Transect Surveys, Point Count surveys, Hinterland surveys, Merlin surveys and Red grouse surveys. Austin has over 10 years IWeBS survey experience and is co-author of the book "Shannon Airport Lagoon – A Unique Irish Habitat".

**Role:** Field surveyor