

Dear Ireland,

In a world filled with <u>challenges (1)</u>, it's heartening to see <u>progress</u> being made towards a <u>brighter future</u>. Here's a roundup of <u>recent</u> <u>developments</u>:

Save Our Freshwater Fish!: At COP28, the IUCN Red List revealed that 25% of the world's freshwater fish, including beloved species like the Atlantic Salmon, face extinction (3). However, WWF's call for urgent action through the EU Nature Restoration Law offers hope for their preservation (3).

EU Takes On Environmental Crime: A significant victory was achieved with the EU finalizing negotiations on the revised Environmental Crime Directive. This step strengthens legal (4) responses, marking progress in protecting our environment (5) and communities.

Monitoring Forest Health: The proposal for an EU Forest Monitoring Law acknowledges the critical role forests play in our ecosystem. This initiative aims to safeguard their health (6) and resilience amidst climate and biodiversity challenges.

Let's celebrate these positive (7) steps forward and remain committed to building (8) a sustainable future (9) together (10)!

Best regards



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