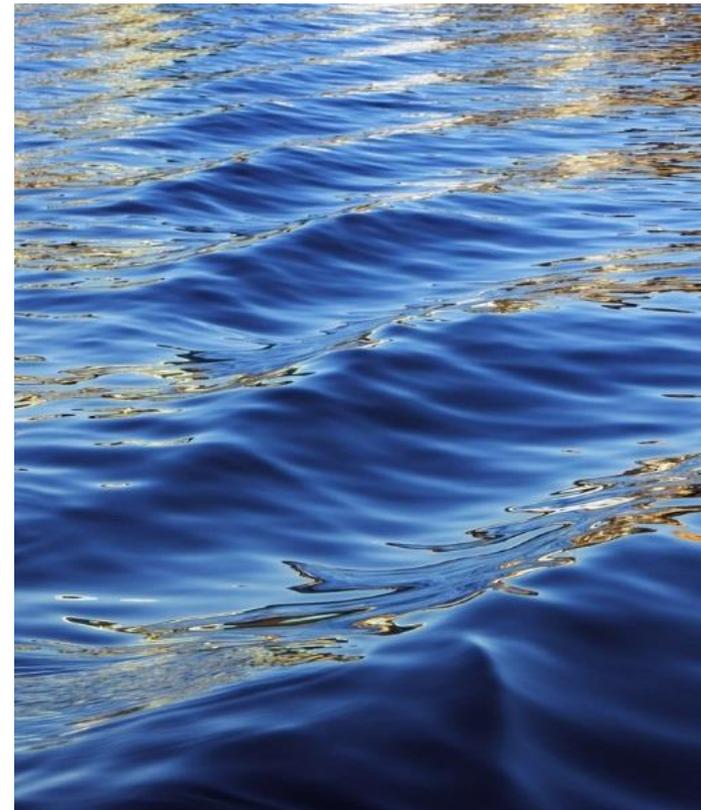




# Bees

Why are Bees so important?



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## The importance of bees

Bees are an essential pollinator of crops and plants. Globally, bees are the most important pollinators because they visit flowers to collect pollen for their larvae, as well as feeding exclusively on the nectar of flowers as adults.

One third of the food we eat would not be available without pollinators.

Livestock are dependent on bee-pollinated forage plants such as clover.

30% of Irelands 98 wild bee species are threatened with extinction from Ireland.



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### What can we do to help bees?

The [All-Ireland Pollinator Plan](#) (AIPP) for 2021-2025 is a new five-year road map that aims to help bees, other pollinating insects and our wider biodiversity.

The AIPP has 186 actions spread across 6 objectives



## The 6 objectives of the AIPP include:

### **Objective 1: [Making farmland pollinator friendly.](#)**

*- By working together with the farming community, we want to achieve an increased awareness of pollinators and the resources they need in order to survive on farmland.*

### **Objective 2: [Making public land pollinator friendly.](#)**

*- By working together with Councils, Transport Authorities, Local Communities and others, we want to better coexist with biodiversity and help return food and shelter for pollinators to our island.*

### **Objective 3: [Making private land pollinator friendly.](#)**

*- From gardens, to businesses, faith communities and sports clubs, we want to work together to create networks of biodiversity-friendly habitat across our landscape.*

### **Objective 4: [All-Ireland Honeybee Strategy.](#)**

*- By supporting beekeepers, we want to achieve healthy, sustainable populations, and for honeybees to be part of a cohesive pollinator message that balances managed and wild pollinator populations.*

### **Objective 5: [Conserving rare pollinators.](#)**

*- By improving our knowledge on rare pollinators, and by raising awareness through dedicated initiatives, we want to achieve a Plan that protects as much wild pollinator diversity as possible.*

### **Objective 6: [Strategic coordination of the Plan.](#)**

*- By continually raising awareness; addressing gaps in our knowledge through research; and by tracking where pollinators occur and how populations are changing, we want to work from an evidence base that enables us to coordinate a dynamic plan that is targeted and effective.*

