

Freshwater Pearl Mussel Survey Training Workshop

– August 14th 2019

Aims

To introduce surveyors to freshwater pearl mussel (*Margaritifera margaritifera*) survey techniques. Participants will develop

- An understanding of the species' ecology and its conservation
- An understanding of the methods used to survey for pearl mussels in shallow water
- Experience in monitoring glochidia development in female pearl mussels

Delivery

The workshop is delivered by Dr Iain Sime (Scottish Natural Heritage) and Chris Daphne (Ness & Beaully Fisheries Trust)

Programme

Start: 10:00 Great Glen House

Arrival, coffee available
Introduce ecology of freshwater pearl mussel, conservation issues and standard survey protocols

Field visit

- 12.00 Drive to field site
- 13.00 Lunch at field site (weather permitting)
- 13.30 Survey techniques: survey methods and identification, Glochidia development checks

Close: 16:00

Candidate Requirements

Candidates should bring suitable outdoor clothing, waders, and their own lifejackets. Candidates should also bring their own lunch (which we will eat in the field if weather permits). A survey bathyscope would be beneficial but some will be available for use.

Classroom venue

Scottish Natural Heritage, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NW

Fieldwork Venue

River Moriston SAC

Cost

Free of Charge

Tea and coffee are provided

