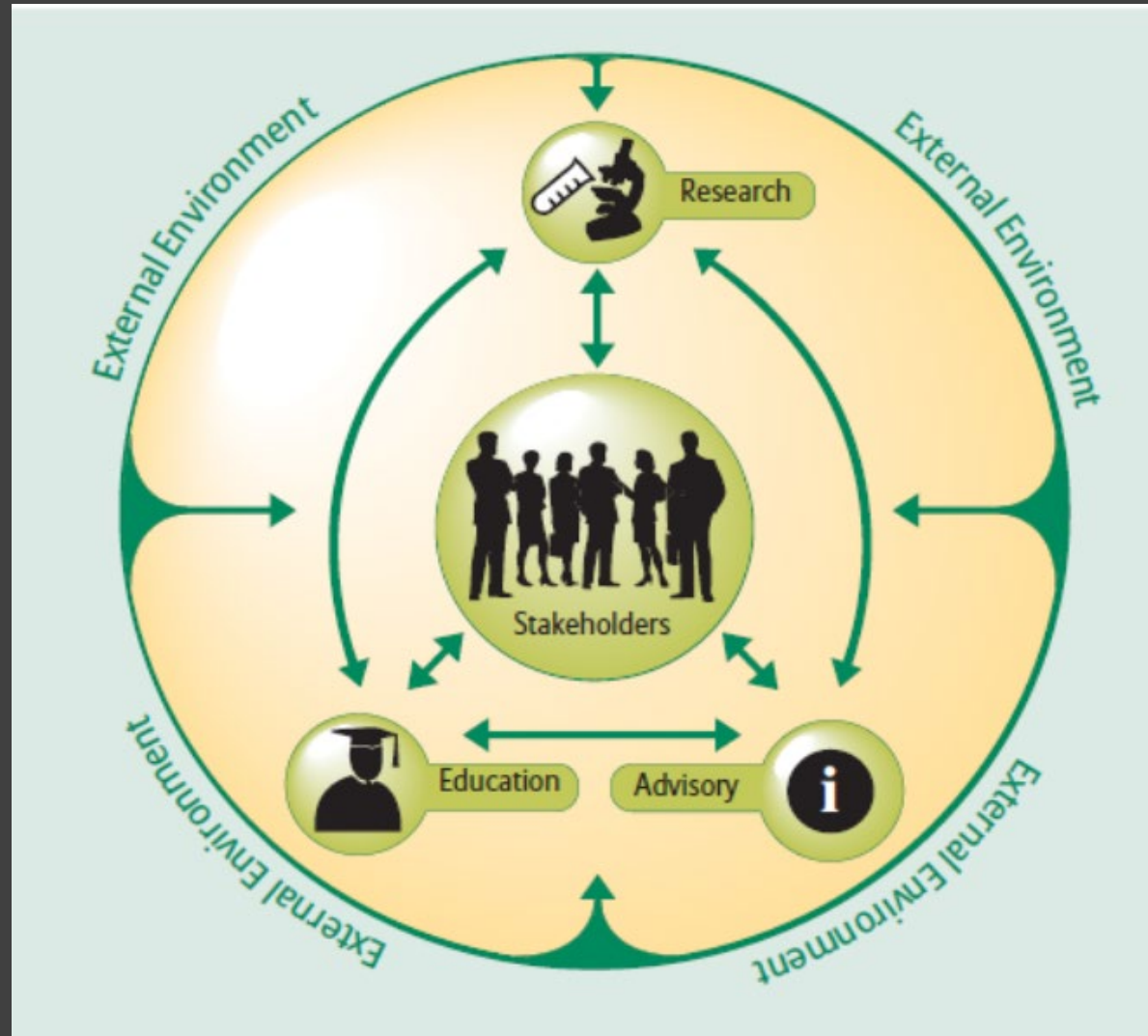


# The Irish marteloscope training network

*Exploring integrated management potential with forest owners, foresters, forestry students and ecologists. Jonathan Spazzi, June 2022*



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# Irish forests history: from deforestation to reforestation



770,020 ha, or  
11% of the total land area of Ireland



# Irish forestry current evolution

- Growing interest amongst forest owners and foresters on integrated management options
- Hands-on owners with high level of engagement
- Production, personal satisfaction, biodiversity and legacy mix
- Opportunity to diversify silviculture but also to foster a new forest-use culture
- Successful roll out of the DAFM CCF and NW schemes
- Project Woodland
- *“We need to develop a ‘Close to Nature’ model of forestry which also recognises the significant downstream benefits of forestry for the rural economy and the increasing role which timber can play as a climate friendly construction material”. Press Release 13 October 2021, Minister Pippa Hackett*
- **Recognised training-need for owners, foresters and contractors**



▪ First phase of new training network development 2019-2021



chase  
centre

Curraghchase Caravan  
& Camping Park

# The Curragh Chase marteloscope plot



De Vere Cafe

Toilets

Curragh Chase  
Forest Park

Playground


Curragh Chase House

# The Curragh Chase marteloscope plot



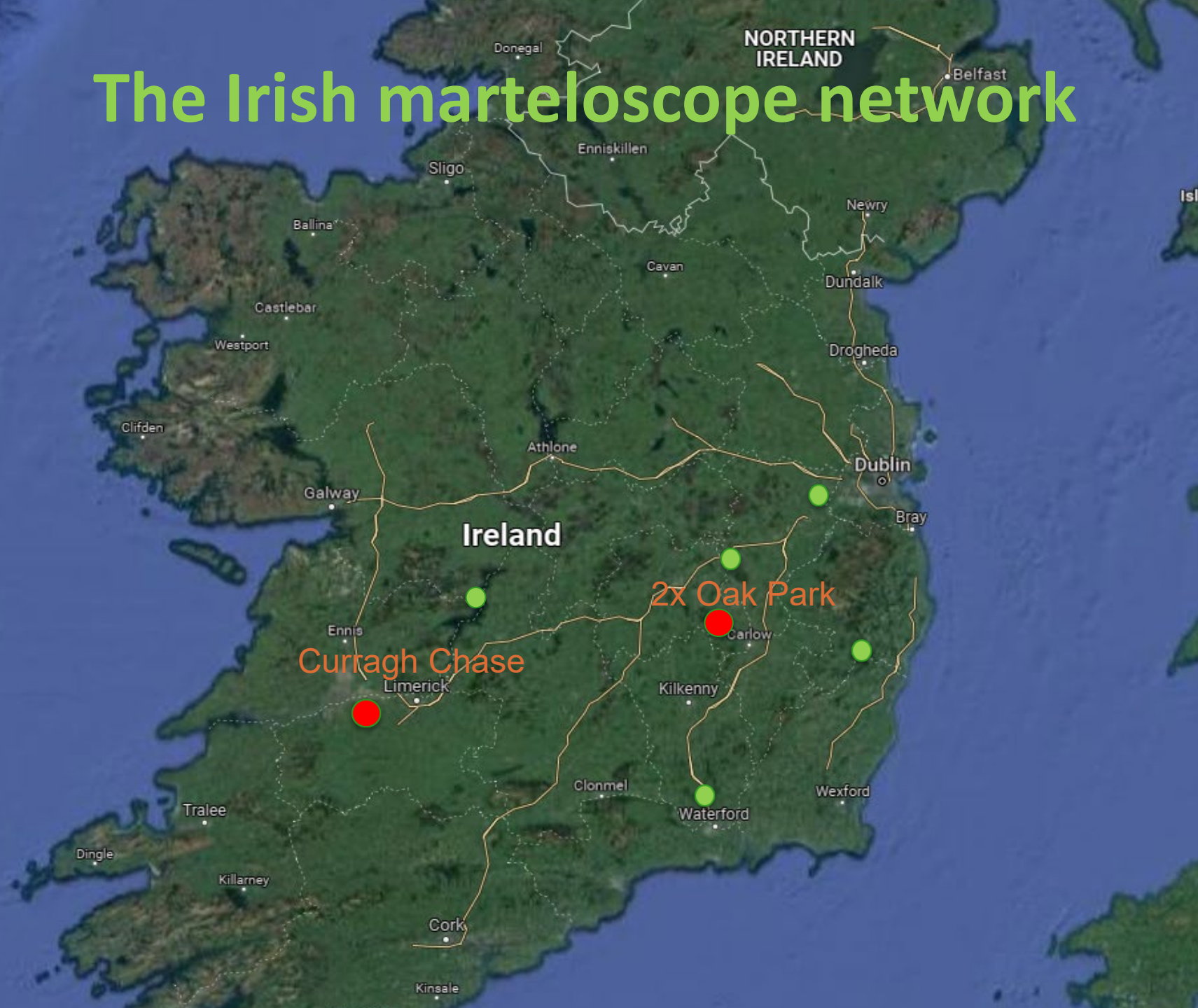
# The Oak Park marteloscope plots



Rewuip   
Temporarily closed



# The Irish marteloscope network





## Teagasc marteloscope workshops-2022

- Ten workshops so far this year-over 100 participants
- Each workshop-10/12 participants .
- Content and the level of interaction tailored to each user group
- All day workshops: 3 for forest owners/ 1 for forestry students/ 3 for foresters plus 3 short intro workshop for a range of organisations

# Forest owners workshops

- Launched by the Minister of State Senator Pippa Hackett in Oak Park in February
- To Inform on different forest management scenarios
- To practice the key skill of selecting trees by their quality-vigour and biodiversity value
- To demonstrate in practice integrated management potential



# Forestry students workshops

- Similar structure to forest owner workshop but more in depth
- Discussion on silviculture systems



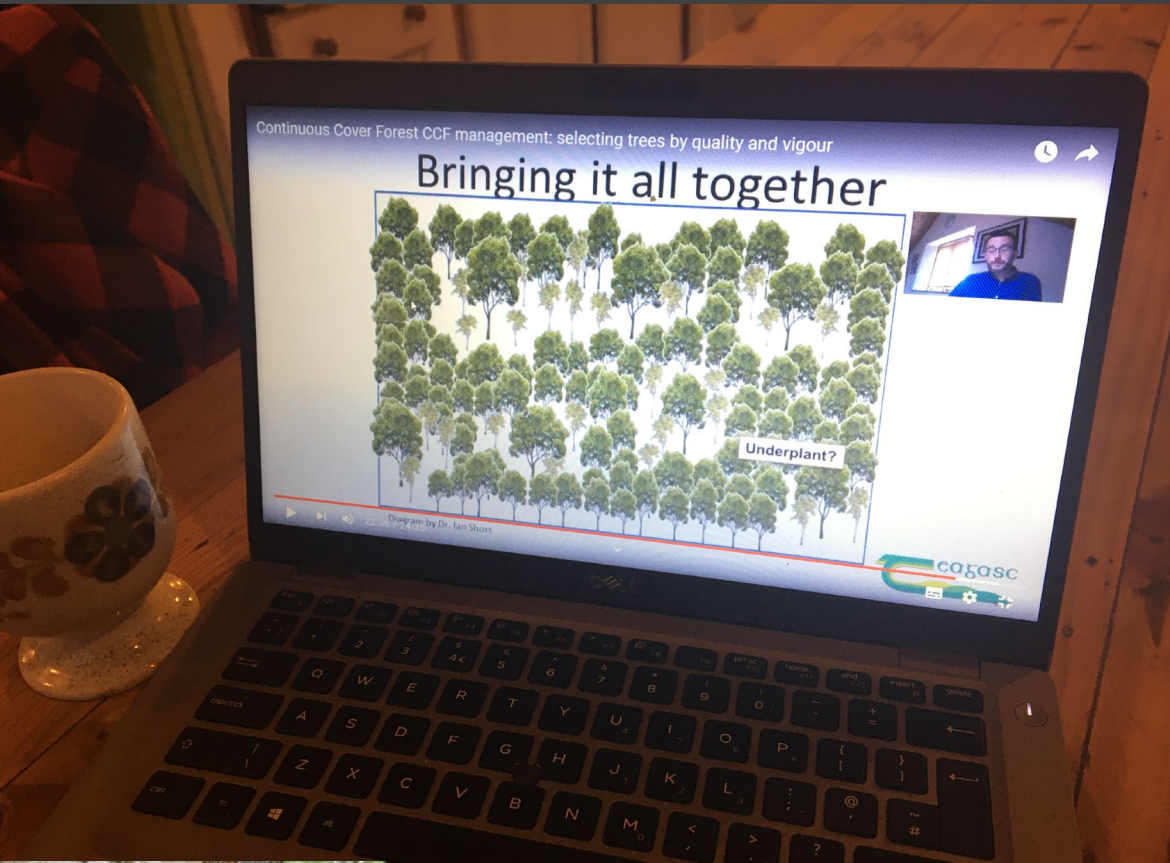
# Foresters workshops

- Integrating hardwood production with ecosystem services, forest resilience and with relevance to the CCF scheme funding
- Exercises in young plantation and in a more advanced marteloscope plot
- Explores tree-focused silviculture and close to nature management



# Virtual classroom pilot

- Four weeks online programme: facilitation-style virtual meetings, video tutorials and interactive exercises
- Owners are to explore their woodland, carry out practical exercises and share results with their peer group through a forum
- The video tutorials allows participants to join in remotely in the comfort of their home and get stuck into the subject matter
- Marteloscope workshop as end of the course validation
- Led to new Erasmus+ (MOOC-For-Change) : design and deliver state of the art interactive video material on CTN management to reach 10000 forest users in 3 languages in the next 3 years



# Future plans

- Process feedback from participants so far to update and improve workshops
- Continue to offer workshops for a range forest users
- Continue collaborations with Coillte Bio-forest ecologists and foresters re. marteloscope programme
- Continue interaction with EFI, the Integrate Network partners and other partners

Thank you for the attention

