

# The Angling Trust



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Fighting for Fish & Fishing

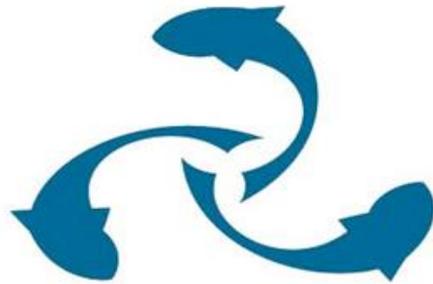
## Angling for the Environment

# Enforcement

- Legislation to protect fish stocks wide spread across Europe
- Enforcement commonly under resourced across Europe
- Increasingly angling volunteers used to support enforcement
- Examples from England, Poland & the Netherlands



# **VOLUNTARY BAILIFF SERVICE**



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# Poland

- Tradition of using volunteers to support the PSR
- Uniformed
- Accompany PSR on patrols
- Over 1,000 trained and many go on to full time service in PSR

# Netherlands

- All enforcement carried out by angling volunteers
- Except high risk – Police
- Angling body (Sportvisserij Nederland) train their Police forces in fisheries legislation

# Monitoring & Improvements

In England angling volunteers are closely involved in:

- Detecting and reporting pollution incidents
- Monitoring water quality through the River Fly Partnership in routinely monitoring the health of invertebrates
- Physical habitat improvements with the River Trusts
- Actively involved in tackling Invasive Alien Species





# Finland

## Finnish Federation of Recreational Fishing

- Monitors indicator fish species – grayling, roach & rudd
- Restores and protects: spawning areas, rivers & streams
- Example: restoration in one river by anglers has resulted in sea trout returning for the first time in many years







# Thank You

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