

Dear Mr. Brown,

Since 1979 we have had a holiday on ^{Amran} every year staying for a month, 3 weeks or more after 2 weeks. Firstly we were with daughters, then added their husbands, followed by grand-children and various other relatives and friends. The most popular activity during these years was scuba-diving. From the very first year we were captivated by the richness of the underwater life. We have spent hours identifying fish, weed, crustaceans etc.

However as the years passed by we were aware of changes. There were less species, and smaller numbers of those that remained. There was evidence

of the ² destruction of the sea-
had - great areas scraped clean
of life. (We looked in vain for
the lovely dogfish off Sandstone
Quay at Corrie!!) Small trawlers,
working round the coast as we
were to find out, appeared to
be responsible. On coastal walks
we were amazed at how close
these boats came to the shore.

As a family we strongly
support the setting up of a No
Take Zone - we agree with the
proposal of a marine reserve in
Lambach Bay. We can only see
positive ~~restoration~~ implications
in the restoration of the once
very rich sea life even if only
in that one small area - what
a shame this could not be
implemented all round Aran's coast!!
Perhaps one day 8 yr old grand-daughter
might one day see the wonderful
sea-life that we once enjoyed!

Yours sincerely

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