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## **AGGREGATE SECTOR IN IRELAND PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ISSUES**

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## **IRISH CONCRETE FEDERATION (ICF)**

- **National trade organisation  
representing the Aggregate & Concrete  
Products Industry at Local, National &  
European level**
- **A proactive organisation for the Irish  
aggregates and concrete industry  
which plays a pivotal role in the  
development of Ireland's Built  
Environment**

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# IRISH CONCRETE FEDERATION (ICF)

ICF established 1995 - on agenda

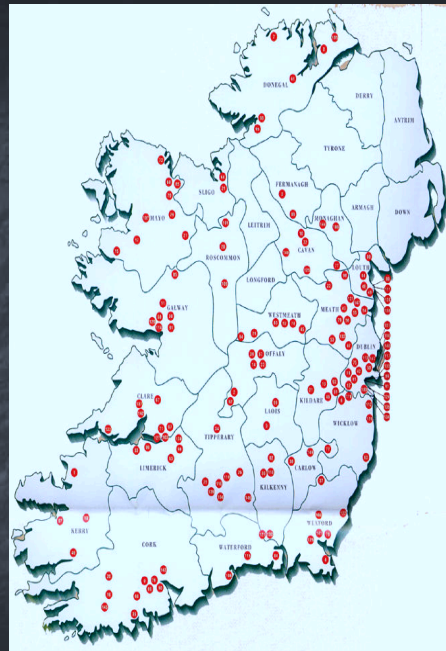
- Environment & Planning
- Health & Safety
- Education & Business Development
- Technology /Quality Standards
- Marketing



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## ICF LOCATIONS

- 200 Production Locations
- €2.0 Billion Industry Value
- 110 Million Tonnes of Aggregates
- 15,000 people employed



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# AGGREGATE SECTOR IN IRELAND

- Sand & Gravel
- Rock Quarrying
  - Crushed Rock
  - Construction Aggregates
  - Dimension Stone

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Industry Contribution  
to the Built  
Environment....



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## NATIONAL AGGREGATE DEMAND

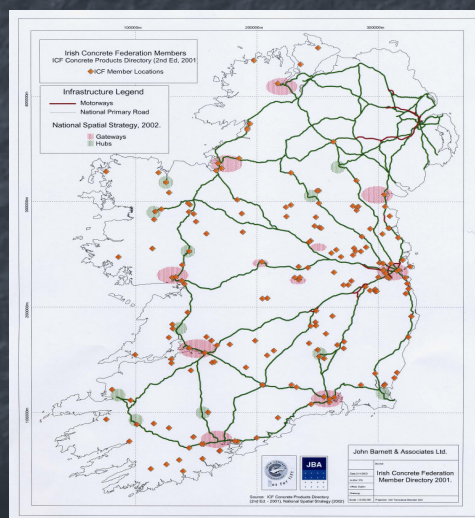
- Increase of 300% in last 10 years
- From 36 m.t. in 1993 to 110 m.t. in 2002
- National Development Plan (2001-2006)  
Government to spend €63 billion
- Anticipate Aggregate demand > 110 m.t./yr  
to continue with steady increase over next  
10 years

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## AGGREGATE DEMAND

- *Figure 1* shows the location of ICF members, the principle economic markets in the Republic of Ireland, as indicated by the gateways and hubs (National Spatial Strategy, 2002) and also the national primary road network and the more limited motorway network.



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## **KEY PLANNING ISSUES**

- Given the unprecedented increase in demand for aggregates , it is critical to ensure that both existing & future reserves are recognised, protected & secured by Local Authorities
- Need 20-25 year rolling protection programme
- ICF Liaison with Local Authorities during County Development Plan Review Process
- Seek Meeting with each Local Authority & Submit ICF Planning Policy document

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## **ICF PLANNING POLICY - SUMMARY**

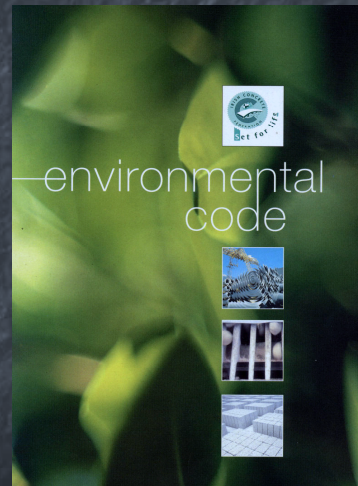
- Recognition of the significant contribution of our Industry to the economic development of the local & national economy.
- Recognition that the need for these essential building materials is dependant on a continued supply of aggregates and concrete products.
- Need to safeguard valuable, unworked deposits for future extraction.
- Developments must be carried out in a manner which minimises adverse effects upon the environment.
- Preference given to developments operating to the ICF Environmental Code of Practice.
- Site should be left in a satisfactory state and be of beneficial after-use on completion of operations

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## ICF ENVIRONMENTAL CODE

- Minimise Environmental Impact
- Comply with Standards
- Educate staff to ensure they are aware of their environmental responsibilities
- Foster good community relations
- Adopt good environmental mgt practices

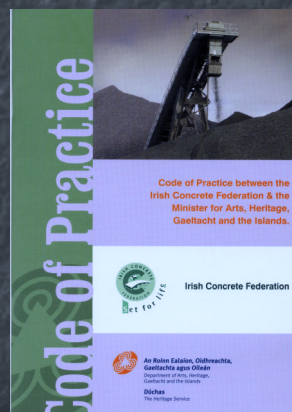


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## ICF/DUCHAS ARCHAEOLOGICAL CODE

- Provides framework within existing legislation & policies for members to expand their operations whilst carrying out appropriate archaeological mitigation

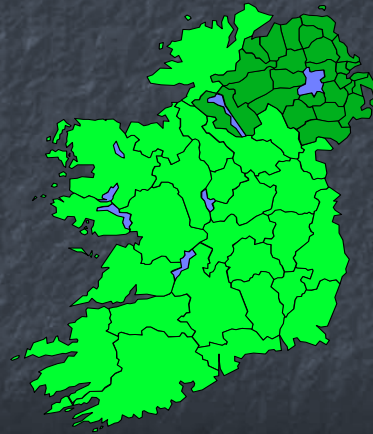


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## ICF/ LOCAL AUTHORITY LIAISON

- > 20 Local Authorities met to-date
- In 2002 met with:
  - Mayo
  - Kerry
  - Tipperary South
  - Carlow
  - Louth
  - Sligo
  - Offaly
  - Longford
  - Leitrim



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## PLANNING ISSUES – AN INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE

- Planning Authorities lack of resources
- Lack of clarity & certainty in the planning process
- Need clear standard national planning policies for our sector
- Lack of enforcement action against Unauthorised Operators – Need a level playing field

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## **FUTURE LEGISLATIVE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL FRAMEWORK**

- Section 261 of Planning Act 2000 & the Registration Process
- Planning Guidelines
- Environmental Guidelines
- Updated ICF Environmental Code
- ICF/ Dúchas Archaeological Code

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## **FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

- Uniform application by all Local Authorities of the Registration Process and the Planning & Environmental Guidelines
- Need for Industry/ Local Authorities to carry out raw materials needs assessments in each county to ensure at least a 25 year supply reserve
- Carry out every 5 years in line with County Development Plan Review

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# A SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRY FUTURE



- Aggregate & Concrete products provide for everyday essentials
- To operate we need consent, consensus, understanding & local community confidence
- The ICF is committed to achieving these principals in co-operation with the statutory bodies & local communities