



SLIABH LIAG DISTILLERS
RECLAIMING THE DISTILLING HERITAGE OF DONEGAL



Gold Member Driogairí Shliabh Liag CGA

About the Company

Formed in 2104, Sliabh Liag Distillers is the first legal distilling company in Donegal in 175 years. Established by two ‘scatterlings’, James & Moira Doherty, who returned to the Sliabh Liag peninsula to create opportunity in the area by building an international spirits business that enhances tourism and employment through reclaiming the distilling heritage of Donegal. The team are driven by a passion for creating soft-drinking hard spirits and celebrate Donegal “terroir”, its rugged landscape, its wild Atlantic climate and rich regional traditions in everything they do. The focus is championing the Donegal Gaeltacht and taking contrary positions in the world of Irish spirits through their core brands - the savoury An Dúlámán Irish Maritime Gin, made using 5 locally harvested seaweeds and a return to pre-independence smoky Irish whiskeys with the Legendary Silkie Irish whiskeys. In 2020 they distilled the first legal whiskey in Donegal since 1841 and have more recently scaled up production at the new Ardara Distillery. Exporting to 40 countries and 41 states of the USA the team has now grown to almost 30. Sliabh Liag Distillers use as many locally sourced raw materials and resources as feasible and create a mutually beneficial partnership with local farmers who will profit from its by-products. With a milestone set to reduce energy consumption by 2% each year per unit output, Sliabh Liag Distillers has significantly overachieved on this target, cutting its energy usage per unit of alcohol produced by 79% since 2018, an outstanding achievement.

Spotlight Target Area: Supplier Certification/Energy

When it comes to actions, strategies, and objectives, Sliabh Liag Distillers passionately believes in the significance of sustainability, in its broadest sense. Everything from the construction of the new whiskey distillery to the employment of locals. Sliabh Liag Distillers has reached a target of working with 80% of suppliers that hold sustainability certification including the Rainforest Alliance, Irish Organic and Origin Green.

Membership Tier 4

Minimum Origin Green Targets Required Annually = 5

Exemplary Performance Target Areas

Raw Material Sourcing	Raw Materials & Suppliers	★
	Packaging	
Manufacturing Process	Energy/Emissions	★
	Water	★
	Waste	
Social Sustainability	Product Health and Nutrition	
	Employee Wellbeing	
	Community Engagement	
	Diversity & Inclusion	
Additional Targets	Biodiversity	
	Approved Sector Specific Target	



Sustainability Programme
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2022

“The whole team at Sliabh Liag Distillers understands and believes in our desire to build for the very long term in a sustainable and responsible manner. It is something for which we all feel personally accountable. As a growing distiller with highly distinctive brands, we know that our customers’ value the independent recognition that the Origin Green Gold status gives us and we are delighted to have achieved Gold status within Origin Green for the second successive year in 2022.”

James Doherty, Managing Director